



**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités
Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision

ACER-CART is a national organization, dedicated to providing leadership to its community of Members and to forging relationships with like-minded groups to promote objectives on behalf of retired **teachers**, **educational workers** and other seniors.

Mission Statement

ACER-CART is an engaging, inclusive and caring community accountable to its membership. It is the national voice for retired **teachers** and **educational workers**, responsive to the needs and concerns of its Members and committed to excellence.

Strategic Goals

Members are specific about the direction ACER-CART should take in terms of its priorities and goals. It is also evident that when these priorities and goals are very similar to those of other like-minded organizations, joint efforts are a possibility.

A. Political Advocacy

ACER-CART strives to ensure that the voice of retired **teachers** and **educational workers** is heard and that issues of concern are addressed.

ACER-CART will:

- ~~Monitor~~ **Advocate** the Federal Government's actions and pronouncements on health care, pensions, and other senior concerns.
- Put forth positions on the issues important to ACER-CART.
- ~~Continue our dialogue with like-minded groups.~~
- Continue to foster a multi-faceted advocacy strategy.

B. Health **Services**

ACER-CART seeks to promote the optimal health of retired teachers and seniors.

ACER-CART will:

- Expand Members' links to reliable information on health.
- Maintain collaboration with groups that share similar health objectives.
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does that?**

- ~~Continue to promote the McMaster University Optimal Aging Portal. Relevant websites an a variety of information Website health monitor and update expanding the list~~
- Continue to advocate for high national standards in health care, a National Pharmacare Plan and a National Formulary with affordable pharmaceutical prices.
- Lobby for a national seniors health care strategy to include home care, improved access to palliative care, and federal support for innovative thinking and improvements to long term care.
- ~~Advocate for a new and improved Health Accord.~~

C. Communications

ACER-CART believes in effective communication with and among its Members.

ACER-CART will:

- Continue regular communication through the ACER-CART website newsletters, publications, , and reports.
- Continue regular concise messages to our Members.
- Promote and facilitate collaborative communication among Members.

D. Pensions and Income Security

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ACER-CART will

- Continue to put forth positions on the provision of fair national pensions.
- Continue to promote and to protect defined benefit pension plans as the vehicle for retirement security.
- Monitor pension trends that potentially may affect its Members.

E. Conditions of Success **Relocate this section**

ACER-CART will promote conditions that :

- Continue to encourage involvement in ACER-CART committees.
- Focus on and continually revisit priorities.
- Continue to promote and model inclusiveness.
- Maintain co-operation and collaboration with other groups on issues of similar concern.
- Continue to work on being a respected voice of seniors at the national level.
- Continue to foster a positive relationship with Johnson, Inc. and the Canadian Teachers Federation.

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Received from Léonard Légère

Hello Roger

I tried to make an intervention this afternoon, but I think my microphone was closed.

So here is my comment.

I think that the theme of health, health care is being overused. The theme is important, but we are teachers, not retirees from the health care world. I would like to see the term well-being; it seems to me that it is a more encompassing theme, which touches on many more aspects of the reality of retired teachers.