ACER-CART Pensions and Retirement Income Committee Report – Nov. 23, 2023

1. The meet began with a discussion of ACER-CART’s future
	* 1. Executive meeting in January to update Bylaws and Constitution
		2. Need to focus on positives.
			1. What objectives do we share?
			2. Why do we exist?
			3. Who do we represent?
2. Review of our cost-of-living paper
	* 1. Gerry will write Directors to get updates for cost-of-living increases
		2. Updated document will be shared with Members.
3. Alberta’s proposal to leave CPP
	* 1. Gordon reported on Alberta situation. While it is popular with the Premier’s base it is not likely going anywhere.
4. We reviewed what is happening with pension issues in the provinces represented
5. Committee goal for this coming year
	1. Collect data on cost of living increases this past year and share at the coming AGM.
	2. Consideration of the effect of high inflation on OAS and low-income retirees – both teacher and other retirees. Committee members to collect information from their provinces on what is being said about guaranteed income, improvements to OAS, etc. to provide for low-income families in retirement. Some retired teachers have very small pensions.
	3. Support for ACER-CART work on a National Pharmacare plan.
6. Next meeting – 8:00 AM PST on March 28, 2024