



## **Report from the Eastern Canada Officer**

The Eastern provinces of ACER-CART have met formally twice. Both meetings were held on Zoom with many thanks to Alyson Hillier for hosting us. The third meeting will be in person at the ECRTTO conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our first meeting was dedicated to the memory of Ambrose White who passed away just as he was scheduled to be the incoming president of the retired teachers in Nova Scotia. This meeting was held on Zoom on October 23, 2024, and it was chaired by Katherine Snow. Joseph Lafitte of RTANL thoughtfully took the minutes.

The agenda was full. ACER/CART President Bill Berryman attended the meeting and was able to update us on the Canadian Dental Plan, the letter and situation with RTOERO as well as numerous other topics which were addressed under reports from the various ACER/CART committees.

One of the topics mentioned was the appreciation everyone had for Marilyn Bossert's posting of the one-page reports on the ACER/CART website.

Bill shared information about the SWOT analysis that the central organization is working on. This has encouraged various provincial organizations to do an analysis for themselves.

Each organization was able to share the successes of their groups. This was a positive interaction, and we learned some very good tips from each other.

The most exciting news that came from this meeting was the report about the progress on the Eastern Conference that will be at the Radisson Hotel in Fredericton. Lucy McLaghlan shared the information that she had, and she reported that the two organizations in New Brunswick are working very hard together to create a wonderful conference. Everyone is very excited to go.

The second meeting of the Eastern provinces was held on February 26, 2025. It was hosted once again by Alyson Hillier and chaired by Katherine Snow. Sharon Penney thoughtfully took Minutes.

We were updated again by Bill Berryman on the Dental Care Plan. We learned more about the extended meetings Bill Berryman and Lawrence Hrycan, chair of the Political Advocacy

Committee, had with members of the Friends of Medicare about lack of availability of the plan to some retired teachers due to an initial ability to have dental insurance.

There was continued concern about the situation with the Ontario retired teachers' organization. The group understood that there would be ongoing information on this topic. It is painful for everyone.

Each organization shared some of the challenges they are facing. We learned some of the ways they are working to meet these challenges.

As with the first meeting, the organizations were thrilled to hear the plans for the upcoming ECRTTO conference in June. People were very excited and looked forward to hearing more.

When the topic of the next meeting date came up, the consensus of the group was to meet in person at the end of the conference in New Brunswick. At this meeting the group would agree on meeting dates for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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