



## **PENSION AND RETIREMENT INCOME COMMITTEE 2025 AGM REPORT**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Chair: Gerry Tiede

Members: Bill Berryman, Gordon Cumming, Luc Handfield, Alan Laughlin, Jayesh Maniar, Michel Plamondon, Roger Regimbal

### **The terms of reference:**

- a) Respond to requests regarding matters pertaining to pension concerns;
- b) Make recommendations to the Executive on matters pertaining to pension concerns;
- c) Receive concerns and recommendations from member organizations;
- d) Prepare for the Executive proposals and position papers related to pension and retirement concerns with appropriate recommendations.

### **Report:**

Achieving full cost-of-living-provisions continues to be an issue of concern for the Pension and Retirement Income Committee. While inflation has somewhat abated this past year, many of our members do not receive full indexing and their pensions continue to lose purchasing power. Attached is our annual survey showing cost-of-living increases for our Members across Canada.

The committee was pleased to hear that the Nova Scotia Retired Teachers Organization was working with the active teachers' union to improve their cost-of-living arrangements.

The committee was pleased to participate in the writing of ACER-CART's Federal Election Booklet. The protection of defined benefit pension plans, like ours, continues to be the primary focus of the committee. While the major concerns were prioritized in the booklet, other issues continue to be of monitored for possible response: climate change, the lack of affordable housing and tax fairness.

Alberta's Premier appears to have pulled their consideration of a replacement pension plan to replace the Canadian Pension Plan off the table due to a lack of support within their province.

The unfair, unclear and complicated rules about eligibility for participation in the National Dental Plan continues to be a concern for our members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry Tiede, Chair