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Indexing offsets inflation

All pensions should be indexed to protect retirees from inflation, says a report released by the Ontario Economic Council.

The council also rejects the argument for an end to compulsory retirement.

Arguments untrue

The report says arguments that the economy can't afford indexed pensions are "fallacious." If pensions are fully indexed to inflation, retirees' claims on real economic output are simply maintained, not increased.

Income suffers

"If pensions are not indexed, inflation redistributes income away from pensioners to other economic

agents," according to J.E. Pesando, a University of Toronto professor and author of the 24-page paper.

The report adds that elimination of the compulsory retirement age is difficult to justify on economic grounds.

Costly measure

Banning compulsory retirement "would lead to both the creation of costly new productivity measurements and a new arrangement of work rules as well as the elimination of an effective dismissal procedure," said Pesando.

Independent body

The council is an independent, public policy institute of research.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION OFFICERS

A number of vacancies exist throughout B.C. for persons desiring to enter the field of industrial health and safety in our Prevention Services Division.

Applicants with grade 12 and 10 years work experience or university education and several years experience or applicants with specialized or advanced training in accident prevention, industrial hygiene or industrial processes will be considered.

The 1979 salary range is \$27,200 to \$31,700 annually, supplemented with a comprehensive benefits package including a fully paid dental plan, medical plan, extended health plan as well as a pension plan and three weeks annual vacation.

A detailed resume quoting File No. OP100 should be forwarded to:

The Employment Officer
Workers' Compensation Board
5255 Heather Street
Vancouver, B.C.
V5Z 3L8

Persons who have replied to previous advertisements are also being considered.



WORKERS COMPENSATION BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



John Stephens is pictured (3rd from left) recently presenting a wheelchair on behalf of the BC Branch to the local hospital in Smithers.



Maxine Marchenski, Tom Houston and friends are getting ready for a delicious steak on the barbeque.



Presentation Ceremony at the Ardmore Golf & Country Club in Saanich following the Golf Tournament.

Editors Comments: "A Publication"

Our resolution of the decade is "to improve communication throughout our Branch". That is not to say we haven't been more than adequate in the past. On the contrary we probably communicate better than most Branches. It is an area where we should continually try to do better. Every member should participate.

This newsletter is assembled as a supplement to be included in the envelope with your personal copy of the official Minutes of the last meeting.

We would appreciate your thoughts expressed on the following points:

1. The mast head "B.C. Page" was developed for another purpose. However we will continue to use it until something better is developed. Could you suggest a name?
2. Each Federal, Provincial or Municipal Health Unit (Zone) or other employing agency should appoint a reporter to supply appropriate news or "gossip".
3. Questions or answers (research papers) could be supplied for circulation on any matter that would advance our professional endeavours or affect our remuneration.
4. Bob Herbison, our Branch Secretary, would appreciate notification of any change of address of our members to keep his roster list current.

Since leaving the EHR we have taken on the publication of the Branch Newsletter from Tim Roark. We hope you will agree that the format of this Branch Newsletter should be informative – but also attempt to "brighten up" our working environment.

Cliff, Harsh & Karen, Editorial Team

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD



Tim Roark has been promoted to Chief Public Health Inspector in the Central Fraser Valley HU.



Bob Smith is now a Consultant in Victoria. He was the Chief PHI in the Central Van. Island HU.



Russell Seltenrich has been promoted to Chief Public Health Inspector for the Skeena HU. He is the first BCIT graduate elevated to such a lofty height.



Les Potter has been promoted to Senior Public Health Inspector for the Capital Health Region in Victoria.

GENERAL MEETING BC BRANCH SAANICH HEALTH UNIT

718 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, BC
23rd February 1980 – 11:00 A.M.

Call Tim Roark for information on transportation
for the 9:00 A.M. BC Ferry

AGENDA:

National Conference
Report of Proxy Votes
Committee Reports, etc.

Following Meeting – **HOSPITALITY HOUR** at the
Tally-Ho Travelodge – 3020 Douglas St.

Future Social Events!!!

Skiing At Whistler

We were very saddened to recently hear of the sudden passing of **John Stephens**. He was known throughout our association as a dedicated member from Smithers.

Larry Copeland has been promoted to Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for Boundary Health Unit in Surrey.

Alice Hendry is a recent graduate and has been appointed to a PHI position in Williams Lake.

Lorraine Kwitkoski is a recent graduate and has been hired by the Richmond Health Department as a PHI.

Jim Pannu is now working in the Port Moody office of the Simon Fraser Health Unit.

Larry Poole has recently been transferred to the Chilliwack office of the Upper Fraser Valley Health Unit.

Terry Preston was married in December. The happy couple honeymooned in the USA especially "The City". The PHIs won first prize (Numero Uno = Top Dogs) for their skit at the office Christmas Party.