

# **The Ultimate Retirement Planning Workshop**

## **"THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN MONEY"**

This is a workshop to help you plan for a successful transition to retirement. We will help you focus on important questions like:

**Can I afford to retire?**

**Am I ready to retire?**

Note: this is not a workshop on how the pension plans work.

This 2-½ hour workshop is co-sponsored by your local BCTF Association and the BC Retired Teachers' Association, and is facilitated by two trained retired teachers from your area.

### **Active Teachers**

Contact your local association office to have them request a workshop for your local.

### **BCTF Local Presidents**

The B.C. Retired Teachers' Association is pleased to announce a new workshop for teachers who are considering retirement within the next couple of years. The title of these workshops is

**THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN MONEY**

The pension seminars offered jointly by the Pension Corporation and the B. C. Teachers' Federation provides essential information about the pensions that teachers can expect to receive and the choices that must be made to achieve the optimum financial arrangement for each retiring educator. But there are two basic questions that must be answered when any individual is thinking about retirement:

Can I afford to retire?

AND

Am I ready to retire?

Hence the title of our workshop. Teachers need to consider the second question just as carefully as they consider the financial implications of retirement. We want to direct their attention to the many factors that go into the fashioning of a future that is a truly rewarding. We have conducted a number of workshops already and the response was enthusiastic. We are convinced that the need is there.

As you know, the Pension Corporation and the BCTF conduct seminars all around the province. It is our intention to follow a similar schedule, with our workshop occurring three or four weeks after the seminar. If you don't happen to have a Pension Corporation / BCTF pension seminar in your community we are still willing to facilitate our workshop for your members. Just follow the steps outlined below.

We do need to partner with your local association to make this plan work. Here is what we are asking you to do:

- Check when the pension seminar is scheduled for your area and then choose a workshop date a few weeks later. **To book a workshop, phone 604-871-2260, the B C Retired Teachers'**

Association office.

- Arrange a meeting room big enough to accommodate the group, with a strict maximum of 30 participants. Tables for six people per table are preferred. The workshop takes about 2 ½ hours. We also would appreciate a white board or chalkboard and an easel.
- Publicize the event in your schools. You may want to join with other nearby locals in sponsoring a workshop. A sample advertisement is enclosed with this letter.
- Register the participants. This is essential because of the group size limit.
- Provide any beverages and snacks you feel would be appreciated.
- Run off copies of the workshop materials that we will send you.

The BCRTA will provide two facilitators to conduct the workshop. There is no cost to your local for their expenses.

On behalf of the BCRTA and its branch in your area, we hope that you will find this new initiative worthwhile. We look forward to your participation.

### **BCRTA Members**

If you would like to be a workshop facilitator contact the BCRTA office for information on training.