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# Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association The Group

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#### December 14, 2021

MINUTES/NEWSLETTER

### Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the December Quarterly General Meeting was Cancelled

Last Alarm	A silent thought for Members that have passed since the September 2021 Minutes/Newsletter: Doug Johnstone (November). Additionally, for Dick Walters, long time friend of Hamilton Fire Department at Union Gas and the Ministry of the Solicitor General (Fuel Safety Branch).
Correspondence:	Thank You note from Copetown Lions for the donation
President's Report:	The December meeting was cancelled due to the on-going closure of the Macassa Bay Yacht Club and the Executive's concern for any unwarranted risk to our members. A donation was given to the Copetown Lions Club from donations made by attendees at the BBQ.
Treasurer's Report:	Ken (Cozy) Cole has retired as the Treasurer. President Mike Jackson has appointed Chuck Wilson as the interim Treasurer. Memorial Donations were made on behalf of Clarence Ratkowski, Vince Di Federico, Stan Sutton, Ken Winning and Doug Johnstone.
Pensions	OMERS has announced a 2022 pension increase of 2.74 %. Pensioners enrolled in the HMRF plan will receive the same increase. The CPP pension increase, Jan 1/2022, will be 2.4%.
Unfinished Business	Changes to the Constitution & By-Laws are still outstanding at this time. A ratification vote will be held at a future Quarterly General Meeting.
New Business:	<ul> <li>Article 6.01: Nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, shall be made at the March Meeting;</li> <li>Article 8.02: Notice of any proposed changes or amendments to The Constitution and By-Laws shall be given in writing to The Secretary by the month of March and voted on at the June meeting.</li> </ul>
Good and Welfare:	I have phoned several of our retirees whom many of you have worked with. At this time of the year and Covid-19, it might be that some of these would a appreciate a phone call from you, just to say 'hi' and Season Greetings. I have not listed all the retirees but I suggest you might think of one of your fellow firefighters whom you could call. Phone numbers will all be (905) unless displayed otherwise: George Archibald, 549-5184; Bob Fyfe 381-4353; Earl Grice 385-8691; Nick Kir 385-5113; Clarke Wood 304-6781 X2108; Don Young 662-6536; John Simmons 560-0487; Paul Dickenson 388-8756; George Almas 701-4498; Reed Simpson 679-5855; Jim Cummings 574-2000 X236; John Naylor 574-2000 X203; Ted Anderson 679-3013; John Burjaw 387-5674; Bob Divinski 544-3066; If any of you would like to me to call one of our retirees my number is (905) 560-1963.
	I will be away from Dec, 23rd to Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> , (spoiling my grandkids in Thunder Bay).
	Stay well all Don Alford
Next meeting:	Tuesday, March 8, 2022. (tentative)

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# **"THE GROUP NEWSLETTER"**



# Douglas O. Johnstone

February 9, 1939 – November 16, 2021



## Retiring Members 2021 – January to present PLUS January 2022

Paul Croonen (Jan) Kim Murphy (Jan) Brent Guy (Feb) Tom Black (May) Dave Alliston (June) Jeff Weiler (Aug) Peter Becker (Oct) Gerry Melia (Nov) Joe Gergyek (Dec)

Steve Fraser (Jan) Gary Clark (Jan) Dave Harbottle (May) Derek Frantists (May) Darrell Hicks (July) Matt Kelley (Sept) Ryan Millard (Oct) Dan Santoli (Dec)

Gord Ritz (Jan) John Tonkovic (Jan) Rick Sennema (May) Mark Byrnes (June) William McBay (July) Ralph Urciuoli (Sept) Jim Whittle (Nov) John Stewart (Dec)

### **Retiring Members 2022**

Richard Sherwood (Jan)

Darrell Skuse (Jan)

Kathy Hamelin (Jan)

# **2022 Membership Dues**

The payment of membership dues for 2022 may be submitted anytime between now and March 31, 2022. An individual email has been sent out to those members that have accounts expiring by March 2022. To enquire about your status. send an email to info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca.

#### **INTERAC e-TRANSFER METHOD**

If you are a repeat user of Interac e-Transfers, you may use the same Payee information that is contained in the PAYEE list in the e-Transfer section of your banking application.

If you are a new e-Transfer user, please send an email to info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca, requesting instructions about how to send an Interac e-Transfer to the Hamilton Fire Department Pensioner's Association. PLEASE NOTE, if you are sending an Interac e-Transfer from an HMECU credit union account, you may be required to re-enter the PAYEE information as the result of an upgrade to the HMECU banking system software.

#### MAKING A PAYMENT BY MAIL

If you are paying by mail with a cheque, the new payment address for the Treasurer is:

Make cheques HFD Pensioner's Association: payable to: The Group; or, HFDPA (preferred). DO NOT MAIL CASH

#### MAIL TO:

HFD Pensioner's Association Attention: Chuck Wilson 16-1011 White Oak Dr Burlington, ON

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