



# HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



**December 2025**

## CALENDAR

December 7<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup>

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

January 1

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L288 Annual Christmas Party/Skating

HFDP Pensioners December Quarterly Meeting

**Merry Christmas**

**Happy New Year**

**NEW LAW – Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirement – All Levels**

Alternate Thursdays

Boomer's Social Thursdays – see website for schedule

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Next Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 10:30 am

#### Macassa Bay Yacht Club

80 Harbourfront Dr (just off Bayfront Park)

Doors open at 10:00 am. Come and chat with colleagues and have a coffee, courtesy of Bob Mueller, our MBYC host.

#### No Parking in the Compound – Boat Storage

Street Parking – Obey Signs  
Overflow Parking at Bayfront Park

#### Do Not Enter the Marine Police Compound

## 2025 Election of Officers

### Article 6

Nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be made at the March Meeting. All nominations must be received by the Secretary by the March 2025 Quarterly meeting. Full details may be found on the website

# Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws

**Article 8** 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Cunliffe has donated a number of smoke/CO alarms to HFDPA. They will be door prizes for members that attend the December quarterly meeting, on Tuesday, December 9th

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** HPFFA, Local 288 Annual Christmas Skating Party at the Mountain Arena, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

## OHEP

### OHEP Screening Program

Although the walk-in OHEP blood and urine screening has terminated, any HFDPA members that wish to participate in the program may contact Alison Moore at the OHEP office to request a Lifelabs screening requisition until the end of the year. Alison will contact anyone that has had screening done to arrange your consultation with Dr. Mike.

If you attended the “walk-in” program and have not received a consultation appointment, contact Alison Moore.

All retirees are welcome to participate, even if you have not participated in the past.

If you wish to have your blood/urine collected at a lab closer to you, please let Alison know and she will send you a Life Labs requisition by email or regular mail.

Alison Moore, OHEP Coordinator  
Email: [amoore@ohclinic.ca](mailto:amoore@ohclinic.ca)  
Phone/Text: 905-570-3971

## 2026 Pension Increases

**OMERS / HMRP**– Source – [omers.ca](http://omers.ca) The 2026 inflation adjustment is **2.00%**.

**C.P.P / O.A.S.** – Source: Unofficial: In 2026, the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) will increase by 2.0%, and Old Age Security (OAS) benefits will increase by 0.3% for the first quarter

# Last Alarm



**Bob Konkle**  
Former  
Ancaster Chief  
August 4



## Good and Welfare

If you have information about any of our retirees that are hospitalized, moved to a Long Term Care (LTC) residence or a rehabilitation facility, please notify us by email at

[info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca](mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca)



**Paul Marchese**  
Paul is residing at The Village of Wentworth Heights LTC, room 1235



**Walter Romachyk**  
Moved to Extendicare  
90 Chedmac Dr; Rm.  
1233  
Visitors very welcome



**Don Alford**  
Don has retired as the Good and Welfare Chair due to declining health issues.



**Norm Bush**  
During a recent phone call Norm indicated that he is doing relatively well.



**Lorna Rowell**  
Lorna is residing at home. Calls are always welcome.  
Email:  
[info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca](mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca)  
for her number.



**John Grimshaw**  
John is now residing at Isaac Brock Nursing and Senior Care, 353 Issac Brock Dr, Stoney Creek



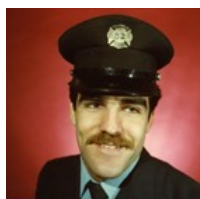
**Ed McGrane**  
Now at Edgewater Gardens  
428 Broad St W  
Dunville  
Welcomes Calls  
(905) 774-2242



**Ernie Mills**  
The Meadows  
Long Term Care  
12 Tranquility Ave  
Ancaster. Room 2227  
Visitors Welcome

### Dave Johnstone

Attempting to locate Dave he has been moved from his last known address



**Jim Steep**  
Jim is now back home  
Visitors are Welcome

## 2025 Retiring Local 288 Members

Ron Nordoff January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Melissa Summers January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Sadler-Harrison March 16th	Derek MacDonald March 28th
Samantha D'Angelo May 26th	Lloyd Brown May 31st	John Barry June 1st	Matthew Shaw July 19th
Mark Fingland August 1st	Carl Potvin August 8th	Jared Hutchinson September 2	Ralph Kerekesh September 30th
<b>Rob Taylor</b> December 24th	<b>Rob D'Amico</b> December 31 <sup>st</sup>		

### NEW LAW MANDATORY CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENT

**Effective January 1, 2026**

Changes to the Ontario Fire Code will now require "Working carbon monoxide alarms", on every level of the home; AND, outside all sleeping areas

Failure to comply with the Ontario Fire Code is an offence under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

**Special Note**

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	<b>Family Memorials</b>	
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luella Midwinter</b> , wife of the late <b>Bill Midwinter (2011)</b> Obituary: circle of life website: <a href="http://circleoflifecbc.com">circleoflifecbc.com</a>	
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stephen Arnold Kir</b> , son of the late <b>Nic Kir (2022)</b> Obituary: <a href="#">Cresmount Funeral Home</a>	
November 25	<b>Marilyn Di Labbio</b> , wife of late Wayne Di Labbio (1970s) Obituary: <a href="#">Cresmount Funeral Home</a>	
	<b>2026 Dues Payments</b>	
	Dues for the 2026 period will begin on December 15 <sup>th</sup> . Dues may be paid at the December or March quarterly meetings; or, by cheque or Interac e-Transfer methods.	
	Instructions for Interac e-Transfer will sent by email by mid-December.	
	For cheque payments, send \$10 for each year of payment requested to: HFDPA Attn: Chuck Wilson 16-1011 White Oak Dr Burlington, ON L7T 2L3	