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Vancouver Municipal & Regional Retirees' Association

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Newly retired

For those of you who have newly retired, congratulations and we wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement. You are extremely lucky to have retired with a defined pension plan which will ensure you have a pension for your lifetime. In addition to the pension, you are receiving today the plan reviews the Cost of Living each year in September and determines if a Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) will be added to your pension.

Although a COLA is not guaranteed once it has been added to your pension, it becomes a part of your permanent pension, so will never be removed.

COLA increases have been capped for the next three years at 2.1%. If the cost of living goes below 2.1%, you will receive less than that amount; however, if it goes above, your pension is still capped at 2.1%.

The Municipal Pension Retirees' Association (MPRA) was formed in 2003 and is involved in a significant amount of advocacy work on behalf of retirees. Anyone receiving a municipal pension is entitled to join the group and the first year is free. We currently have nearly 13,000 members across the province.

The more members we have, the louder our voice in the advocacy work we do with the federal, provincial, and municipal governments.

I would encourage you to log onto the website as there is lots of valuable information available. A recent addition is a wellness page which contains lots of important health information which is updated regularly.

There are district meetings around the Lower Mainland and across the province. Please feel free to contact me for more information or log onto the website at mpra.ca.

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July MPP pension payments

In 2026, changes were made to BC's provincial income tax deductions. The changes went into effect July 1, 2026.

Some retired members may notice that their pension payments will be lower than usual from July to December 2026. This is because additional BC income tax is being deducted to recover amounts that were not collected after the provincial tax changes earlier this year.

The catch-up adjustment ends in December 2026, and regular tax deductions will resume with January 2027 pension payments.

You can view your monthly payment details, including tax deductions, by signing in to **My Account** on the Municipal Pension Plan website: mpp.pensionsbc.ca

Increase in OAS Payment

Some of you have noticed a small increase on your June Old Age Security cheque. The federal government increased the payment by 1.2 percent until September when it will be reviewed again. OAS is reviewed quarterly to determine if an increase is appropriate. This increase does not apply to your CPP pension which is reviewed yearly. Any increase will be applied to your January cheque.

Next event

Halloween Luncheon. Keep an eye out for information on our upcoming Halloween event.

Hope you have a wonderful summer. Hope to see you at our next event.