





can compare their current plan with Johnson's to determine the outcome.  
Johnson's offers 'best friend' advice.

- o Spouse of a deceased BCRPVPA member can continue to be eligible for the plan as long as the spouse joins as an associate member of the BCRPVPA .
- o Dental Plan: There has been a tremendous growth lately, mainly from retirees who did not opt for this coverage at the time of retirement
- o Home Insurance: most purchases online nowadays
- o Please call or email Johnson Inc. with questions about your individual needs. (See Gerald's affinity report for contact information.)

**No-host lunch** at Rogue Restaurant after presentation

**Dates to Note**

Next General Meeting will be our AGM on **Thursday, May 3, 2018**  
(Buffet lunch provided) Dennis Ducklow will give a presentation on Travel Photography

Next Executive Meeting will be **Thursday, April 19, 2018**

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**Attachments (2) from the Meeting:**

Attachment 1

**AFFINITY REPORT MARCH 2018** – Gerald Soon

There are benefits to membership in the BC Retired Principals & Vice-Principals' Association.

Members have been offered discounts or offers for discounts through:

**Perkopolis** – which presents special offers to members on a regular basis. Members need to sign up with Perkopolis, using the code BCRPVPA. Most recently offers were for discounts on a wide variety of offerings: trips, car rentals, merchandise such as shoes, special events, etc. Monthly updates with new offerings continue to make this site attractive for BCRPVPA members.

**Enterprise/National Car/ and Alamo car rental companies** are all under ownership of Enterprise International. Members are offered free membership in the Emerald program.

**Avis Rental Cars:**

In the past, the offer for BCRPVPA members was a savings on Avis base rates when making a reservation with Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number **C358500**. Complete your reservation and receive instant online and email confirmation of your travel plans. Researching for our Affinity programs, I found that this discount was a minimal amount compared to other companies, and I will try to renegotiate the discount. In the meantime, members can go to Perkopolis, to try to secure better rates.

## **Travel benefits for BCRPVPA members**

The BC Retired Principals & Vice-Principals Association is pleased to partner with **Travel Agency Tribes** to offer our members a new Affinity benefit.

The beauty of our new partnership with Travel Agency Tribes is that it is at no cost to members. It is up to members to register for the monthly newsletter if you want to be kept apprised of new travel benefits. The affinity benefit can be found at: [bcrpvpa.mytravelbenefit.com](http://bcrpvpa.mytravelbenefit.com) . To register for the monthly newsletter, click on the box located at the bottom right of the website. Be assured that your personal information is not shared and you won't be inundated with unwanted emails! Currently 112 of your colleagues have signed up for savings!

Do you like cruising, adventure holidays, all-inclusive packages, traveling solo, or are you thinking of a multigenerational trip? These are some of the offerings on the initial website. You can also directly ask a question about what type of travel you would like to do, and you will receive a response in a timely manner. By the way, note that if you do take advantage of one of the offers being made to our association members, that accompanying folks on your trip receive the same benefit too – they don't have to be retired administrators!

In the past, the BCRPVPA has had affinity agreements with OTI and Collette Vacations. Tom MacLean of TravelAgency Tribes has told me that Collette will soon be affiliated with TravelAgency Tribes, and that he will be reaching out to OTI shortly.

## **Johnson Inc. Insurance**

BCRPVPA members are offered a new Extended Health and Travel insurance plan as an alternative choice to the Extended Health benefit plan that they may have with Pacific Blue Cross. The Prestige extended health care program includes a multi trip travel insurance plan (up to a maximum of 62 days per trip).

One of the best advantages for a member is that with Prestige, there is a no stability clause. With Medoc, there is a 90 day stability clause for pre-existing medical conditions. This means one must have no new treatment, or new medication, no new symptoms, or change in frequency of symptoms, no hospitalization or referral to a specialist for the 90 days prior to travel. The Prestige plan is less restrictive and covers sudden and unforeseen medical emergencies.

There is no obligation for a member to take advantage of this option for their health and travel insurance needs. The BCRVPA is endorsing it as an affinity benefit, and advises members to consider whether the Prestige program fits the need for their personal circumstances.

Should a member decide to move from Green Shield, it is a matter of notifying the Pension Corp as to their decision. Once a change in coverage is made, should a member decide to return to their Green Shield coverage, it is possible if they give a 90 day in advance application.

For more information, contact Lisa Hansen of Johnson Inc. at: 604-881-8840  
Toll free 1-866-799-0000.

### **Carter Auto Group**

Purchase **ANY** make or model of a brand new vehicle at a reduced price! One of the best Affinity benefits, is the Carter Auto Group offer for our members. Do your own research and decide on the make and model of the car you would like to consider purchasing. (You can even ask for the price on two different vehicles!) Know the colour choice and options you want. Then, contact LYNDEN BEST, Account manager. He can be reached at [lynden.best@carterauto.com](mailto:lynden.best@carterauto.com) or by calling (604) 292-3118

### **The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club (CPEAC)**

#### **Cellular plans**

I have been actively pursuing telecom companies to see if we can secure some cellular plans for our members. So far I have been unsuccessful, except, if you join CPEAC as a member, you will secure discounts on a number of goods and services.

The CPEAC is **The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club**. Open to all retired public and register. It is free. Go to <http://cpeac.org>. If you go to this link you will find where you sign up. <http://cpeac.org/register>. Currently there is a link to Rogers where you can secure a cellular phone and other services at 30% off.

Why pay by the minute when you can pay by the second!

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#### **30% PLAN FEE DISCOUNT**

- FREE Cellular devices
- FREE Call display Free
- FREE Voicemail
- FREE Evenings and weekends from 6 PM

The BCRPVPA is continuing to look for ways to benefit our members. Watch Yammer for updates!

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Attachment 2

**President's Report to the Membership**  
**Eileen Phillips**  
**March 13, 2018**

#### **Since the last General Meeting held on January 18, 2018:**

- Scholarship form updated to change BC to Canadian post-secondary accredited site; also to say that we will annually award up to 5 scholarships of \$1000 each.
- Chapter's Gift Cards

Mailed to John McLellan, Kamloops

Still waiting to hear from Steve who lives in Surrey, held but not sent.

- Attended Mentorship training session on Feb 2.
- Chapter Council attended, with Ted, Feb 23 & 24
- Emails continue mainly about joining Yammer, Green Shield problems, requesting we post a volunteer position or job posting, and inquiries re Travel Insurance.
- Discussion with members re possible speakers and speaker topics.
- President's message sent to Graham for inclusion in the newsletter Feb 17.
- Newsletter mailed to those members without email access on March 6. Thanks to Celina for joining me to do this. Amorim makes this work very easy - she prints them and does the postage.
- Book Sale - Harold donated a box of books; Don donated 9 boxes earlier; Richard will be posting a notice about making donations and coming to the sale in the BCPVPA weekly bulletin. Donations of education/leadership books are accepted at the BCPVPA office during May and June.
- Thank you to the executive for their efforts on our behalf.

**Planning:**

**2018-19 Executive Slate**

If you are interested in a position on the Executive, please speak to Vivian about these positions:

Treasurer  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Membership & Sunshine  
Program: Topics & Speakers  
Scholarships  
Pension & Affinity  
Communications/Technology  
Social/Refreshments  
President  
Past President  
(History Committee)

The election will be held at the AGM on May 3, 2018.

**Book Sale - will be held at UBC Short Course July 5**

**2018-19 Meeting Dates will be selected at our next Executive Meeting**