

# Retiree Profile

## VERNON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Tel 542-0456 email: [admin@vernonta.com](mailto:admin@vernonta.com)

This information may be used for the VTA & DISTRICT newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_

### Retiree's Initials Required

If you have already completed a 'Profile' for the District and indicated it may also be used for the VTA please check the box on the right and we will provide a copy to the Board office. Thank you!

I give my permission to pass on my name/address to the Vernon Retired Teachers' Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Initial

Current School/Worksite: \_\_\_\_\_ Retiree: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Below are some suggestions about what you may want to write about, please feel free to say whatever you'd like! If you are able to type out something in word or in an email and send it that way it's a huge help in compiling Voices. Thanks!!**

Teaching career has spanned \_\_\_\_\_ years and of those years, \_\_\_\_\_ have been in the Vernon School District.

Have taught at (name of schools, districts) \_\_\_\_\_

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Education highlights/anecdotes: (Please use sentences.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal information such as marriage, children, hobbies, other interests, sports, etc: (Please use sentences.)

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Retirement Plans Include \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments:

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Please send \$100 cheque to following address:

**Upload a photo to be used in the year end newsletter or email Desta a digital photo or alternatively call ahead to make arrangements to drop in at the VTA office and have a photo taken. Thanks.**

# Retiree Checklist

## **VERNON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

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### **Benefits in Retirement**

- When you retire, any extended health care or dental coverage you were receiving through your employer will stop. However, you can apply for extended health care and dental coverage when you apply for your pension.
- This optional coverage is provided through the Teachers' Pension Plan's insurance carrier, Green Shield Canada, and gives you access to competitive group rates. As a result, if you choose to apply for retirement health coverage through the plan, you may pay lower rates than if you purchased these benefits on your own.
- Your spouse and eligible dependants can also be covered under the extended health care and dental plans. See Green Shield Canada's My Benefit Plan booklet to learn more about eligibility requirements for dependants.
- If you do not enrol when you apply for your pension, you can only enrol later on if you've had continuous coverage in a different extended health care and/or dental plan since your retirement date.

### **Extended Health Care**

- This supplemental plan extends your medical coverage beyond what's provided by the Medical Services Plan of BC and other provincial health plans. It covers part of the cost of prescription drugs, vision care, hearing aids, medical aids and supplies, as well as some services.
- There are monthly premiums, yearly deductibles and lifetime limits associated with the extended health care plan.

### **Dental Care**

- The dental plan covers part of the costs associated with preventive and restorative dental services. There are two dental plans to choose from, with different monthly premiums and eligible services for each.

### **How premiums are paid**

- You must pay monthly premiums to receive extended health care and dental coverage. Premiums are deducted from your pension payment. If your pension cannot cover the premiums, you can arrange to pay Green Shield Canada directly through pre-authorized debit.

### **These Benefits Are Not Guaranteed**

- The extended health care and dental coverage offered by the Teachers' Pension Plan is not guaranteed – your coverage, premiums and deductibles may increase, decrease or be eliminated.

### **Teaching After Retirement ?Maintaining Your Certificate**

Your annual practice fee must be paid by May 31 every year to maintain a valid B.C. teaching certificate. If your certificate is cancelled because your annual practice fee is not paid by the final [deadline](#), you will need to apply for a new teaching certificate. You need to pay the fee to keep your certificate – even if you are:

- Retiring but may be employed as a teacher-on-call
- Using your B.C. certification to accept employment in B.C.
- Unsure whether you will be employed as a teacher

If you are receiving full LTD benefits from the BCTF Salary Indemnity Plan as of March 30, the Plan will pay the fee and recover it from your July benefit. The BCTF will make payment on your behalf during the last part of May. If you are approved on LTD after March 30, you will need to pay the fee yourself. Contact the BCTF Income Security Division for more information.

### **Donate PD Funds**

As a retiring teacher, you have the option of where you would like your unused PD funds to go. Unless you indicate otherwise, your funds will stay at the school from which you retire, to be allocated as decided by the school's Pro D Committee.

Another option is to dedicate your funds to Early Career and New Teachers, to help offset the extra PD costs often experienced when coming into our profession (and while often still paying off loans) or changing teaching roles. Teachers in their first five years of teaching, or a teacher who is new to their role, would have the opportunity to apply for a grant to offset such expenses as attending conferences/workshops, taking courses, registering with a PSA or LSA (Provincial or Local Specialist Associations) or purchasing professional books or resources. This grant would be accessible once that teacher had exhausted all of their own school-based PD funds.

If you would like to pay it forward to Early Career and New Teachers in our district, please fill in this form and give it to the chairperson of your school's Professional Development Committee, who will send your money by cheque to the VTA office. Also, please send a copy of the [form](#) to [pdchair@vernonta.com](mailto:pdchair@vernonta.com). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter, and congratulations on your future retirement!

Debbie Vandesande

Professional Development Committee Chair

### **Maintaining Address and Contact Information with BCTF and Pension Plan Provider**

Updating/confirming address and contact information

- It is very important to update and or confirm your address and other contact information with the BCTF and the Teacher Pension Plan