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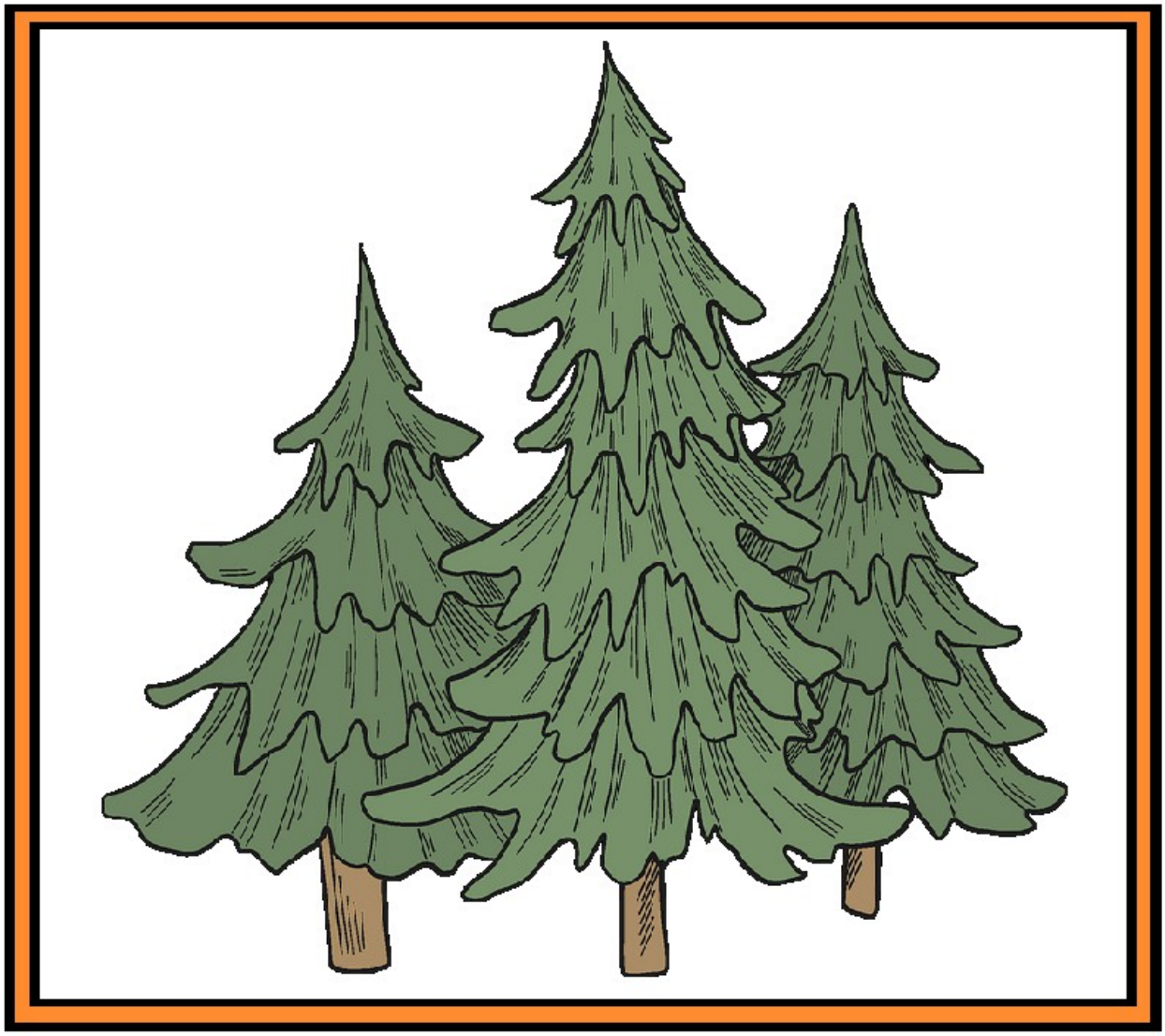

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Letter from the Editor

Hello everyone, welcome to another edition of Chips and Chunks. As always, send submissions to "chipsandchunks@outlook.com" and if it misses the deadline it goes to the next edition.

President's Report

No submissions

Standing Committee/Trustee report:

No submissions

Safety

A few ongoing issues, many spots that need attention should get a look either this month or the next. Some spots for road fixes (knots bin, emergency escape route) are on the radar, hopefully they get fixed before winter starts causing problems.

A reminder to everyone that after you report an injury/safety complaint to also file a report to WCB. For the sake of timelines, having a report in to WCB within 6 months to a year not only improves the time it takes to get a claim resolved, it also forces the company to act when otherwise it can simply wait for you to run out of time.

Philip Conroy JSC Representative

General Membership

From The Park Bench

Dave McDonnell, Chairperson, Local 10B, Retired Workers Chapter

It has been a long hard 2 ½ - 3 Years, especially for the seniors of this country, this province & this region. Covid brought to the forefront that our vulnerability of this portion of our population. In Canada we lost 2 – 300,000 people to this horrendous disease, mostly seniors in care homes. There are still people suffering from the after effects, and the doctors say will most likely not ever get relief. We just now are getting our membership for in person meetings, we have had meeting with 10 - 30 members in attendance out of 225 retirees. I applaud the Local for the installation of the personal lift, it has improved accessibility 100% for those with mobility issues.

Most of our retirees have received an Audit Letter from the Pulp & Paper Industry Pension Plan in recent months, these have to be signed and returned to the Plan. If for some reason you did not return that letter, they will send out another letter warning you that your Pension can be suspended if they do not receive the letter signed in a timely matter.

We have also received a statement of solvency ratio of our Pension Plan, 127% solvency for all members of the PPIPP Plan. This means that if the Plan had been terminated on Dec. 31, 2021, there would have been sufficient assets in the pension fund to pay all the benefits accumulated until that date. Plan

shows a surplus of $1 Billion on the solvency basis. As of Dec 31, 2022, market value of the assets based on audited financial statements, was $4.3 Billion. Break down of the assets is 56% Fixed Income Portfolio & 44% in Equity Portfolio. The retirees received a pension increase of 3.45% to 5.45% based on year of retirement. Pensioners that retired in 2022 will receive a prorated increase.

Members, Family, & Co-Workers & Friends, we have lost since the last meeting.
Daryl Price Rusty MCRae - Barbie Y's Brother, Frank's Son Hazel Mcleod -Jim's Mom George Reiter - Barry's Dad Diane Fraser -George Appling's Wife Stella Dumas - Bill Stirton's Mom Weyerhaeuser Family Arnold Maunula Allan Fraser Jon DeMarcos Jean Sordi - Dino's Wife David Schulz Angus Benedict Patrica Cower -Jay's Wif

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