



SASKATCHEWAN
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AGENDA

THE SFL PENSION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO OFFER THIS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, OPEN TO SFL AFFILIATES AND NON-AFFILIATES.

Experts will present on topics related to you personally, and as a union representative.

You will hear about pension and benefit plans, savings, retirement planning, and more!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	REGISTRATION
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH: Capital Ballroom
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1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	WELCOME: Capital Ballroom LAND CONNECTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT HARASSMENT STATEMENT CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS OPENING REMARKS Marilynne MacFarlane, Conference Chair Secretary-Treasurer Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL)
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	OPEN PLENARY: Capital Ballroom EVOLVING WITH PURPOSE: SHEPP'S APPROACH TO MEMBER RELEVANCE Kendra Dumont, Director of Governance, Strategy & Stakeholder Relations Saskatchewan Healthcare Employees' Pension Plan (SHEPP)
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK: Capital Ballroom
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	OPEN PLENARY: Capital Ballroom OLD AGE SECURITY AND CANADA PENSION PLAN PROVISIONS Nancy Tran, Citizen Services Specialist Service Canada
5:00 PM	ADJOURNMENT
5:00 PM	DINNER/CASH BAR: Capital Ballroom 50/50 AND PRIZE DRAWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	BREAKFAST: Capital Ballroom
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	OPEN PLENARY: Capital Ballroom CANADIAN PENSIONS – A DUTY TO DEFEND Siobhán Vipond, Executive Vice-President Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <u>Session One: Swift Current Room</u> <u>Session Two: Moose Jaw Room</u> PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN (PEPP) AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN (MEPP) WCB BENEFITS AT AGE 65 AND PENSION ANNUITY FOR INJURED WORKERS Jeremy Phillips, President and Chief Executive Officer Plannera Pensions & Benefits Judy Henley, Board Director and Labour Representative Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK: Capital Ballroom
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	OPEN PLENARY: Capital Ballroom LEADING ISSUES FOR PENSION PLANS IN CANADA Chris Roberts, National Director Social and Economic Policy Department Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	LUNCH: Capital Ballroom
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	OPEN PLENARY: Capital Ballroom PENSION AND BENEFIT ISSUES RELATED TO GOVERNMENT WORKERS Bert Blundon, President National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE)
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <u>Session One: Swift Current Room</u> <u>Session Two: Moose Jaw Room</u> WHAT'S NEW IN PENSIONS PLANNING YOUR RETIREMENT - YOU NEED A GAME PLAN Leah Fichter Janice Bernier, National Women's Representative Executive Director, Pensions Division Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC) Deputy Superintendent of Pensions Financial & Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK: Capital Ballroom
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <u>Session One: Swift Current Room</u> <u>Session Two: Moose Jaw Room</u> BENEFIT PLAN CHALLENGES FOR THE EMPLOYEE AND PLAN SPONSOR IN 2026 PENSION PLANS: DEFINED BENEFIT VS. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION Randy Lewis, President Kevin Rozek, Senior Vice President Lewis Consulting Canadian Business Leader Segal Consulting
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	CLOSING REMARKS: Capital Ballroom FINAL 50/50 DRAW Marilynne MacFarlane, Secretary-Treasurer Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL)
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