



February 2026 Newsletter

President's Message

As you probably have heard, I've been voted in as your President for 2026. I want to thank everyone for their support and let you know how much I appreciate your patience as I figure out just what my new duties involve!

We have a lot of ideas about events we can hold over the next several months, so stay tuned by checking our newsletter and our web site to make sure you get involved. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to pitch in!

Many thanks to all of our volunteers over the years who are staying involved and supporting our Centre. I've included a photo and a bit of information about one of those angels – Genevieve Hambalek.

Bingo continues to draw a large crowd on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and our 50/50 draws are increasingly popular. We hope to have even more raffles this year for gift baskets and donated items. Yes, we hope to have a spring and a fall garage sale,

Another goal for this year is to make sure that the Centre is open five days a week, and at the very least we hope to be able to offer soup and sandwiches, or the ever popular hot dogs (and onions). We acquired a barbeque a couple of years ago, and now we just need warm weather!

Our activities calendar continues to be quite busy, and tai chi classes are amazingly popular so the instructor has kindly offered to hold a second daytime class for our members. We hope Dot will continue to organize cribbage tournaments and Texas Hold 'Em. If you have ideas for programs or events you would like to see us schedule, please let me know!

It's going to be a great year to be a Senior!

Georgia

(AGM results are listed below in the Front Desk section.)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

AGM Highlight - Presentation Speech to Genevieve

"We became an organization in 2009, a group of dedicated Seniors focused on getting our Society up and running. As you know, we rely on volunteers for darned near everything, and this particular volunteer started in the kitchen, doing cashier duties, and anything asked of her. By July of 2011 she was Board Secretary. Over the years she has volunteered to do pretty much every job needed. She has cooked, cleaned, handled cash, participated in all our special events, and essentially lived in the tiny upstairs office for the past 4 years. Genevieve Hambalek, please come up here!!"

"Gen missed one meeting this year and we jumped on a chance to surprise her and voted as a board to recognize her 15+ years of volunteering by giving her a lifetime membership in our Society. According to our by-laws, we need you, our members, to ratify that decision. Does anyone object to formally recognizing the contribution of this tireless volunteer?"

"Gen, you are a dear friend, and I am honoured to be able to present this to you."



PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Outgoing President Dot (now Past President) is presented with flowers by the kitchen cooks and some of our kitchen volunteers.

From Left to Right: Michelle, Carol the cook, Lorna, Ione, Past President Dot, Josie the cook, Kathy with a K, and Patty. And Tim is front and centre!

Based on historical data for Campbell River (specifically Campbell River A station), the highest 24-hour precipitation record is 42.6 mm (1.68 inches).

(Yes it was pouring rain outside while I was doing this edit.)



January 2026 Members' Birthdays

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

From Left to Right:

Joanne, Lorraine, Becky, Carol,
Carol, Jan, Carol & Merv. (Yes, three Carols!)

February's birthday celebration will be held on
February 27th. Cake will be served at 12:30 to the
dining room patrons.

The greatest recorded 24-hour snowfall in Campbell River is 53.3 centimetres (21.0 inches), which occurred in 1978.

FROM THE FRONT DESK

Please check crseniors.com for last minute changes or news, as well as an updated Activities Calendar.

AGM Election Results Tuesday January 27 2026

Executive Officers

President: Georgia Munro
Vice President: Josie Bezaire
Treasurer: Michelle Palmer
Secretary: Dos Mancell
Past President: Dot Muir

Directors

Activities Martin Bontje
By-Laws: Sterling Campbell
Membership: Patty Coyle
Kitchen Liaison: Kathy Rae
Communications: Myra Grypulk
Facilities: *** OPEN ***
Fundraising: *** OPEN ***
Special Events: Dot Muir
Director-At-Large: Nora Henry
Director-At-Large: Dayle Crawford
Director-At-Large: Iona Wheatley
Director-At-Large: Lorna Matthews

Clarification from St. Vincent de Paul

We deliver food hampers in emergency situations and are not to be viewed as a constant source of groceries.

The phone line for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's emergency hamper assistance in Campbell River is open on Tuesday of each week between 9am and noon. The office is closed during the months of July and August, from mid-December until after New Year's Day and all BC and statutory holidays.

If you are in need of assistance, dial 250-287-4911 and leave a message. You must speak clearly and slowly so that the phone number that you leave is easily understood. This number must be able to accept blocked calls. Once your message has been retrieved, you will be contacted as soon as possible for further information about your situation.

The service may be used up to six times in one calendar year with a minimum of thirty days between each visit.

OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Campbell River Food Bank 250-914-2423 1393 Marwalk Crescent is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm with an appointment. Clients are limited to one visit per month.

Salvation Army Centre of Hope 1381 Cedar Street (downtown) serves lunch Monday through Friday. Open from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Salvation Army Ocean Crest Community Ministry 250-287-3720 291 McLean St.
Mental Health and Addiction Services 250-850-2620 1040 Shoppers Row
Family Services 250-287-2421 487 Tenth Avenue

Paramedicine Vitals Clinic

Wednesday, February 18th from 9:30 to 12:00 in Jessie's Rm. Come meet Amanda Zahara our Community Paramedic and discuss your healthcare needs, get your blood pressure and sugar checked. [Paramedic Website](#)

Tai Chi Classes

A second Tai Chi class has been added on Thursdays from 1145 to 1245.

Tai Chi classes are cancelled on February 12th and 19th, as the instructor is unavailable.

Texas Hold 'em and Cribbage

These tournaments are on hold for now. We will let you know when they resume.

The Candy Bowl

Just a reminder to consider donating to the Candy Bowl at the Front Desk. If you find candy on sale or clearance, please pick up a bag or two for donation. The bowl is kept full by donation. No money from the Centre is used to stock the Candy Bowl.

The coldest temperature ever recorded in the Campbell River area was -24°C in 1969 at the airport.

Based on recent weather data, a new daily low-temperature record of -2.7°C was set in the Campbell River area on October 14, 2025.

Seniors' Lottery

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Thanks to Patty for organizing our participation in the B.C. Seniors Lottery, a 50-50 draw benefiting Seniors Centres across B.C. These centres are lifelines for older adults.

When you buy a ticket, you're directly supporting five predominantly volunteer run centres in Sechelt, Campbell River, Gibsons, Mackenzie, and Oliver. Your ticket purchase helps ensure that seniors in these regions continue to have access to affordable nutritious food, social connection, and activities that enrich their daily lives.

Full details and tickets are available on seniorslottery.ca, or at the Front Desk. Tickets for each monthly draw are available on the first day of the month. Draws are held on the last Thursday.

The all-time record high temperature for Campbell River is 39.6°C (103.3°F), recorded in June 2021 during a severe heatwave. This surpassed the previous 1971 record of 37.8°C.

Information on Website

We appreciate your patience as our Website is being updated

Our schedule of monthly activities: crseniors.com/activities

A copy of this newsletter: crseniors.com/newsletters

The one page Constitution: crseniors.com/about/constitution

The 8-page By-Laws document: crseniors.com/about/bylaws

17 Board positions and names of 14 directors: crseniors.com/about/board

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