# Eastern Canadian Retired Teacher Organization

# ECRTO

ECRTO is an informal organization of **E**astern **C**anadian **R**etired **T**eacher **O**rganizations. Since the initial gathering in PEI in 2010, the group has met in person every two years except for 2020. Subsequent gatherings have been in New Brunswick (2012), Nova Scotia (2014), Newfoundland and Labrador (2016) and PEI (2018). The 2020 gathering planned for Montreal was cancelled due to COVID. Consideration will be given at an upcoming zoom call to meet in 2022. Attendees are usually the Executive of the host association, and the President and Vice President of the other associations. The Eastern Representative of ACER-CART is also invited to attend.

The organizations that belong to ECRTO are: The Quebec Provincial Association of Retired Educators (*QPARSE*), Quebec Association of Retired Teachers (*GART*), The Retired Teachers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (*RTANL*), Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers Association (*PEIRTA*), Retired Teachers Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (*RTO*), Société des enseignantes et des enseignants retraitée francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (*SERFNB*), and The New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers (*NBSRT*).

While each organization is represented at the AGM of ACER-CART, the opportunities for discussion and the exchange of ideas and information related to Eastern Canada are informal and outside of the formal agenda. Informal, in-person gatherings of the Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers Organizations were initiated to allow for a more in-depth exchange of ideas and information that was not possible at the ACER-CART AGM. While an Eastern Canadian representative sits on the ACER-CART Executive and is responsible for the two-way sharing of information, initiatives and priorities, group dialogue among the eastern organizations was not always possible as information was gathered on an individual basis via telephone calls and or emails and shared through written summaries.

COVID and Zoom have brought about change!! Three or four Zoom gatherings have resulted in more discussions and comprehensive reporting to ACER-CART's Executive.

**ACER/CART Executive:**

- President
- Vice President
- Regional Representative - East
- Regional Representative - Ontario
- Regional Representative - West
- Past President
- Executive Director

**Directors:**

- Retired Teachers' Assoc of NF & Labrador
- NS Teachers' Union Retired Teachers Org
- Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers Assoc
- Société des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau Brunswick
- New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers
- Quebec Association of Retired Teachers
- Quebec Prov Assoc of Retired School Educators
- Retired Teachers of Ontario
- Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba
- Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
- Alberta Retired Teachers Association
- British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association
- Yukon Retired Teachers' Alumni

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