# Retirement Countdown Checklist

Thinking about retirement? This checklist will help you approach your retirement with ease:

## **1. START TALKING TO...**

## □ The Public Employees Pension Plan (PEPP)

Ask for your personalized retirement estimate. Speak with a PEPP Retirement Information Consultant to discuss your retirement options in person or over the phone.

### Your employer

Find out what forms are required and which health, dental and life insurance benefits may be carried into retirement.

## Other professionals

Perhaps you may want to talk to an accountant and an insurance specialist.

#### **Service Canada** (1-800-277-9914)

Request estimates from Canada Pension Plan (CPP) for ages 60, 65 and 70 and Old Age Security (OAS) for age 65-70.

## 2. LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

#### Attend a workshop

As a PEPP member, you and a guest are welcome to attend the *Your Path to Retirement* workshop series. Visit the website for more information or to register.

#### Complete the retirement planning worksheets on the PEPP website Create a net worth statement and two cash flow statements (current and your retirement).

#### Try PEPP's Retirement Planner

This secure, online tool is available through PLANet on the PEPP website.

## 3. MAKE A RETIREMENT PLAN

#### Officially set your retirement date

Give yourself at least six months to work out all of the details. Fill out any employer and pensionrelated paperwork.

#### **Gather up important documents**

Before meeting with someone at PEPP, ask them which documents will be required and bring them along. All certificates must be certified copies of the originals.

#### Review your estate plan

Ensure your will, power of attorney and health care directive are up-to-date. Verify the beneficiary information on all your insurance policies, RRSPs and pension plans.

#### Investigate the costs of health/dental care

Weigh your options. Private companies offer health care packages that can be built to suit your specific needs in retirement.

#### Get your check-ups

Visit your doctor, dentist, optometrist and other health care professionals before you retire.

#### Get help with your retirement plan

PEPP offers free one-on-one sessions with our Retirement Information Consultants (RICs) who are Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> or Qualified Associate Financial Planner<sup>™</sup> professionals. You can email them at: <u>ric@plannera.ca</u>.

## □ Submit your forms to PEPP!

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