

# In Touch

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## The Bell for Better Team Giving Campaign is now on

Find out how you can make a difference in your community

### Bell for Better Team Giving Campaign



The Bell for Better Team Giving Campaign is a great way for retirees and current employees to make an even bigger difference in our communities by giving together.

The campaign runs until November 29 and we're hoping that together we can break last year's record of team members and retirees raising over \$2.5 million for more than 1,800 charities and causes across the country.

With thousands of registered Canadian charities available to support, here are some great reasons to get involved:

- **Donate or volunteer:** Both ways of giving matter and help improve lives. When you track your volunteer hours in the [Giving portal \(bell.benevity.org\)](https://bell.benevity.org),

you can earn points, qualify for team grants and a chance to win some great rewards. If you need a login name and password to access the portal, please email [giving@bell.ca](mailto:giving@bell.ca) for assistance or call the Giving Program team at 1-866-670-8800.

- **Donate through payroll deductions or your credit card:** If you already donate with deductions from your pension payments, your donations will automatically renew for 2023 unless you contact the Giving Program team at [giving@bell.ca](mailto:giving@bell.ca) or make a change directly in the [Giving portal](#). Your tax credits will be included on your income tax slips. If you donate by credit card, you can download a tax receipt from the Giving portal.

### Kudos to Bell volunteers

Bell team members and retirees who have registered through the Giving portal have recorded 60,000 volunteer hours, received 1,277 recognition badges and achieved \$14,000 in charitable reward dollars. Bell team volunteer grants have also supported hundreds of organizations with \$200,000 in funding.

If you volunteer, remember to track your volunteer hours in the [Giving portal](#) to receive reward dollars that you can give to your charity of choice. Volunteer teams of 3 or more employees and/or retirees who have volunteered 30 combined hours for the same activity or organization are eligible to apply.

- ⊕ **Don't forget to apply for a 2022 \$1,000 team grant before December 15 at [bce.ca/teamgrant](https://bce.ca/teamgrant) or contact the Giving Program team at 1-866-670-8800.**



## In the community

### Bell celebrates multicultural events and communities



Bell continues to focus on our multicultural consumer base by participating in events that celebrate diverse communities.

Over the summer and early fall, Bell was a platinum sponsor of the [International Film Festival of South Asia \(IFFSA\)](#) with Bell leaders

participating in the event including remarks by Payal Gabrani-Bahl, SVP, Household Marketing and an appearance by Claire Gillies, EVP, Marketing and President Consumer, who joined actors and IFFSA founder Sunny Gill at the opening night festivities. Bell also had significant brand presence at the Btown Mega Fest Concert that was part of the IFFSA festivities.

Bell was a major sponsor at two events held at Celebration Square in Mississauga. [Mosaic 2022](#) welcomed approximately 30,000 attendees over the 2-day festival in July while Virgin Plus was the main stage sponsor at the [Bollywood Monster Mashup](#) – Canada's largest South Asian festival. Both events enabled Bell and Virgin Plus to achieve significant brand awareness with innovative booths and social media mentions.

### Bell hits the links in support of Canadian charities

Bell retirees and team members across the country have been helping Canadian charities raise funds through local golf tournaments, bringing awareness to important issues and offering a fun day outdoors.

Supporting diverse causes such as suicide prevention, refugee families and youth mental health programming, each tournament raised thousands of dollars that go towards improving the lives of those in need.

Tournaments included the Gallivan Golf Tournament for Cystic Fibrosis in Nova Scotia, The Unison Charity Golf Classic events in Toronto and Montréal, and the [Mental Health Classic Golf Tournament](#) that raised funds for the Canadian Mental Health Association in Edmonton.

### Bal des lumières raises more than \$2 million for mental health



The fourth [Bal des lumières](#) welcomed more than 750 guests to the Bell Centre in Montréal on September 21, raising funds for 3 Bell Let's Talk partners – the [Douglas Foundation](#), the [Fondation de l'Institut universitaire en santé mentale de Montréal](#) and [Fondation Jeunes en Tête](#).

Hosted by Marie-Claude Savard and attended by Bell's President & CEO Mirko Bibic, who co-chaired the event, Bal des lumières is the largest mental health fundraising event in Québec, helping to raise a record-breaking \$2,060,000 net this year.

[+](#) For more information, please read the [press release](#).





## Bell news

**October 11**

### Bell wins Clean50 awards for environmental innovation

Bell has been recognized by Clean50, a national sustainability organization, for its commitment to the highest environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. Bell's innovative solar-powered remote communication towers initiative was named one of the Clean50 Top Projects for 2023, ranking among the most innovative and inspiring sustainability projects undertaken in Canada in the last two years.

In addition to the Top Project award, Bell's Catherine Goyer, Director, Corporate Responsibility and Environment, was named one of Canada's Clean50 leaders for 2023, ranking her among the Canadians who have done the most to move the country toward a sustainable economy over the last two years.



**September 26**

### PCMag: Bell once again has Canada's fastest mobile network

Bell's wireless network was awarded fastest in Canada for the third year in a row in PCMag's 2022 Fastest Mobile Networks Canada report, the annual study of mobile network performance across the country. The report covers 31 cities and rural areas to test the network speed and coverage of Canada's major wireless brands. Bell's 5G network scored fastest in 22 of the 31 areas tested. Bell's award-winning 5G network is now available in all 10 Canadian provinces. For details on the PCMag report, please visit [PCMag.com](https://www.pcmag.com) or read the [press release](#).

**September 20**

### Bell launches North America's fastest Internet speeds

Bell recently launched Bell pure fibre Internet Gigabit 8.0, with symmetrical download and upload speeds of 8 gigabits per second (Gbps) – download speeds that are five times faster and upload speeds 250 times faster than cable technology. These gigabit speeds are the fastest available on the market today in North America. Bell is continuing our aggressive fibre buildout in 2022, with plans to reach up to 900,000 more homes and businesses across much of Canada with direct fibre connections, part of our historic two-year capital expenditure program of almost \$10 billion to accelerate the rollout of our broadband fibre, 5G and rural networks. For more details, please visit [Bell.ca/purefibre](https://Bell.ca/purefibre).

**September 26**

### Bell team steps up to keep communities connected after Hurricane Fiona



Bell's President & CEO Mirko Bibic along with CFO and Vice Chair, Atlantic, Glen LeBlanc and Chief Technology and Information Officer Stephen Howe visited some of the regions hardest hit by Hurricane Fiona to thank our team for their incredible response to this historic storm – the largest ever to hit Canada.

Following-up on the extensive preparations before the storm hit, Bell's Field, Network and Wireless Operations teams worked tirelessly to keep our network and other assets operational while Bell Media news outlets provided ongoing storm updates throughout.



### BCE shares

**Closing price**  
November 7, 2022  
\$61.60

**Low**  
October 13, 2022  
\$55.66

**High**  
April 20, 2022  
\$74.09

**+** For information on Bell products and services, please go to [Bell.ca](https://Bell.ca) or call **310-BELL**.





## Your pension

### 2022 pension audit in progress

As part of good governance and to ensure pensioner records are up-to-date and accurate, Bell conducts annual pension audits. For this process, selected retirees are asked to validate their personal information by completing a pension audit form. Please note some retirees may receive audit requests in consecutive years.

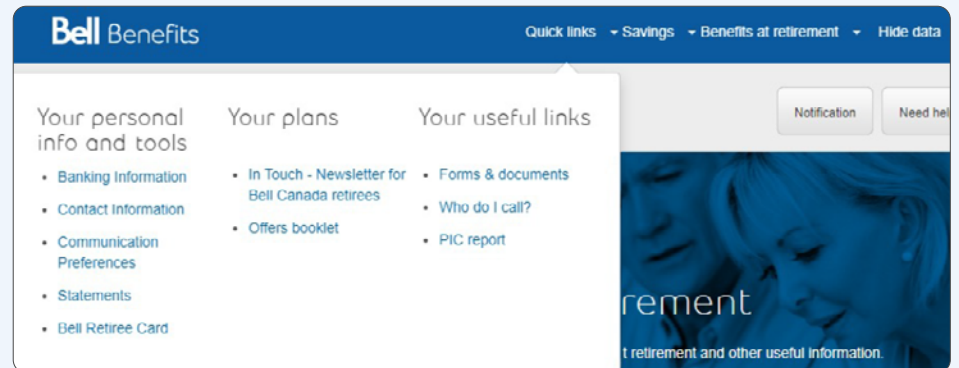
If you received a letter dated April 29, 2022 asking you to complete this audit, please respond as soon as possible by mail or online at [bell.ca/mybenefits](https://bell.ca/mybenefits) using the Pensioner Audit Tool.

If you have questions about the pension audit, please call the Benefits Administrator at 1-888-400-0661, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm eastern time.

### Your retiree card available on the Benefits site

To help you take advantage of discounts and offers with our participating retailers and business partners, a retiree ID card with your name, employee number, and retirement date is now available.

Go to the Bell Benefits site [bell.ca/mybenefits](https://bell.ca/mybenefits). Enter your Retiree ID and password. Select Bell retiree card from under the Quick links tab to print your card.



#### Select your communication preferences

In Your personal info and tools section, you can also access the Communication Preferences tool and provide electronic consent to receive all pension and benefits related documents electronically through the Benefits site. Please note that you can access past *In Touch* editions or offers through the site.

- + If you need help accessing the Benefits site using a password, please contact the Benefits Administrator at **1-888-400-0661**, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm eastern time.

## The Personal: Insurance that works for Bell retirees

The Personal insurance company offers Bell retirees the opportunity to benefit from exclusive group rates under a group auto and home insurance plan.

- + For more information, visit [thepersonal.com/bell](https://thepersonal.com/bell) or call 1-888-476-8737.

#### Getting your plans into motion

The Personal is offering eligible Bell retirees and team members the chance to win 1 of 3 prepaid credit cards of \$2,000 by getting a home or auto insurance quote between April 11 and December 11, 2022. Current Bell group plan members are automatically entered in the draw. No purchase is necessary. Draw will take place on December 12, 2022.



- + For more information and to enter, please visit [thepersonal.com/bellcontest](https://thepersonal.com/bellcontest).



## Your pension

### Manulife



## Manulife's plan member website

### Create a secure new Manulife ID

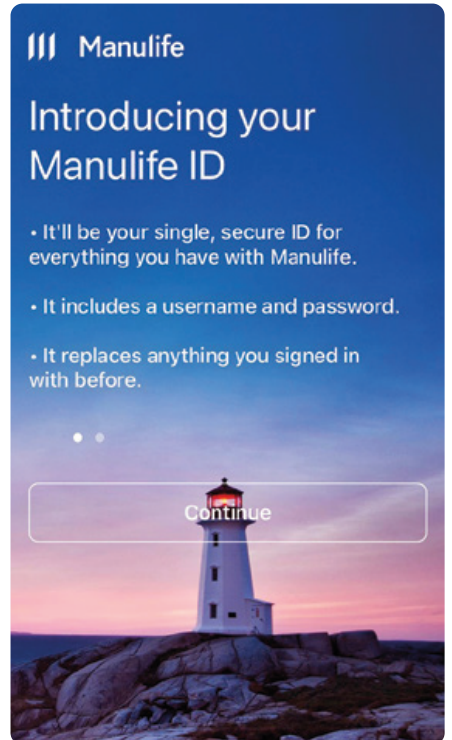
As of November 25, you will be required to create a new Manulife ID in order to access Manulife's plan member website. If you have not already done so, you will need to follow [these simple steps](#) to create your new Manulife ID. This is a new, secure way for you to sign in to view your account and other information.

In order to set-up your Manulife ID, you will need your plan contract number (0303030) and your member certificate number (your Personal Employee Identification Number). You will be prompted to create a new username and password.

Your new Manulife ID will provide additional security with 2-step verification, which helps Manulife keep your important plan information safe and secure. It will also make it easy to update or change your password in the future.

### Submit your benefits claims online

For enhanced speed and convenience, all claims can be submitted online through the Manulife plan member website at [www.manulife.ca/signin](http://www.manulife.ca/signin). Once your account is set up, notifications will be sent by email and your claim will be paid directly into your bank account within 1 to 5 business days.



- + For more information, please visit [Manulife ID](#) or call Manulife at 1-800-268-6195 Monday to Friday between 8 am and 8 pm eastern.

## Plan B monthly health care premiums to increase January 1

If you are currently paying for Bell's Plan B health care program for your dependents, please note that the monthly premium will increase by \$1.75 to \$45.50, effective January 1, 2023.

The next premium review will take place January 1, 2024. Any required changes will be noted on your annual pension and benefits retiree statement.

Your taxable benefits and pension income will be adjusted accordingly.

### Helping keep costs down

Prescription drugs represent the largest costs to the health plan. You can help keep costs down and minimize future premium increases by discussing the lowest-cost treatment options with your medical practitioner and pharmacist.



## Retiree life

# Staying connected after working at Bell

Retiree gives his time and talent to help communities.



Yves Rainville holding the certificate for his nomination as a “Man of Heart” from the RCM L’Assomption Volunteer Centre.

In November 1963, Yves Rainville began what was to become a long and remarkable 31-year career at Bell. Having left the family farm in Lanaudière, he accepted a job in Bell’s equipment department, where he worked day and night to ensure deliveries were made to central offices and garages in Montréal.

Self-taught, as well as meticulous and efficient, Yves became a repair technician on the teletypewriter team, a position he held until his retirement in 1994.

His talent and skills were so appreciated and sought after that his colleagues often called on the “French Guy” for repairs. This led him to travel from Gander to the LG-2 power plant in James Bay where he repaired teletypewriters in airplanes.

### Devices for the hard of hearing

With the expertise he acquired, Yves began volunteering by setting up teletypewriters for the deaf and hard of hearing.

At the time, Yves had to go to the Longue-Pointe military base (now Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) to pick up devices donated by the Canadian army. He adjusted and adapted the devices so that people could communicate through writing. The devices were then given to the Sisters of Providence who were responsible for distribution.

### Devoted soccer coach

Yves also got involved in his children’s soccer league as a coach. Determined to preserve the league, which was on the verge of bankruptcy, he took on the roles of Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-president and President of the organization, which eventually became Soccer Québec thanks to his tenacity and energy. Yves continued his involvement by becoming president of the Moustique provincial tournament. He also organized ‘soccer-o-thons’ and outings to bring young people to see Montréal Impact games.

Once his children grew up, Yves used his handyman skills to help his grandchildren by teaching

DIY workshops with his spouse. Every month, they went to their grandson’s 1st grade class to work on projects with students, giving their time over the course of the entire school year for six years.

### A man of heart

Since 2012, Yves has been a volunteer at the RCM L’Assomption Volunteer Centre located in Repentigny. He transports patients who have to go to the hospital for dialysis treatment. He bought a new car just to do his volunteer work – which now has 162,000 km on the odometer, a number that continues to increase. Yves transports patients five or six days a week, devoting about 130 hours every month.

To highlight his remarkable commitment and dedication to serving others and the community, Yves was awarded the title “Man of Heart”. It’s a recognition he is proud of and shares with his colleagues.



Yves Rainville with his fellow volunteers Antonine Rouleau-Bilodeau and Jean-Guy Lajoie.

✚ If you, or other retirees you know, have found interesting ways to enjoy retirement, we would like to hear from you. Please write to us at [intouch@bell.ca](mailto:intouch@bell.ca) or at 1, carrefour Alexander-Graham-Bell, A-4, Verdun (Québec) H3E 3B3.





## Events

### Ontario

#### Fieldway Bell Retirees Club (Mississauga, Etobicoke and area)

Members will be notified by email when meetings can resume.

Website: [www.fieldwaybell.ca](http://www.fieldwaybell.ca).

Information line: 416-516-8546.

To join the club, call Marg at 416-742-4395.

### Québec City

#### Montréal

#### Bell Community Volunteers

- Currently collecting pop-can tabs to help finance the purchase of the 453<sup>rd</sup> wheelchair for Fondation Clermont Bonenfant as well as bread tags, and used eyeglasses for Doctors Without Borders. Please send your donations to or drop them off at 1050 Beaver Hall Hill (1<sup>st</sup> basement, PO box 1SS14), c/o Lise Ouellet. Info: Lise Ouellet at 514-870-2569 or at [lise.ouellet3@sympatico.ca](mailto:lise.ouellet3@sympatico.ca).
- Did you know that Bell Volunteers have access to a retiree facility? Come and meet former colleagues, participate in information meetings, share your project ideas and give your time to various community organizations. Info: [lise.ouellet3@sympatico.ca](mailto:lise.ouellet3@sympatico.ca).

#### Sherbrooke

#### Les Amis de la téléphonie

- Wednesdays (until December 14, 2022 and from January 11 to May 31, 2023) – Afternoon knitting (1 pm) and evening darts (7 pm) at 2615 Hertel in Sherbrooke.

For more information, listen to the messages at 819-569-6905.

## Employee Services

 1-888-391-0005

 [employee.services@bell.ca](mailto:employee.services@bell.ca)

## Celebrating the life of former Bell CEO Jean de Grandpré



Bell team members and retirees are mourning the loss of former chief executive Jean de Grandpré, who passed away on July 31 at the age of 100. Renowned for his mentorship of future Bell leaders, Mr. de Grandpré often said “It is the people that make the company.”

Born in Montréal in 1921, Mr. de Grandpré joined Bell in 1966 as General Counsel and held progressively senior leadership roles at the company before being named CEO and Chair of the Board in 1976. Mr. de Grandpré was instrumental in the creation of Bell Canada Enterprises (BCE) in 1983 and helped guide our company through a transformative period in the Canadian telecom industry that included the launch of mobile phone services, the introduction of fibre optics technology and the rise of personal computers.

A Companion of the Order of Canada and Chancellor Emeritus of McGill University, Mr. de Grandpré published his biography, *L'héritage d'un géant*, in 2019.



In August, the Bell Retirees Golf Tournament raised \$2,750 for the Québec Provincial Council and Montréal Branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. The funds will be used to secure psychosocial services for Ukrainian refugees.



## In the community

### Congratulations to our Giving Program volunteers



Ten volunteers are rewarded each month with \$100 to donate to the charity of their choice. Here are our latest winners:

#### June

Judy Carpino  
Lorraine D. Colter  
Jacquelyn Hutchings  
Dolores Laye  
Jacqueline Morin  
L. Erik Nazar  
Jo-Ann C. Pelzer  
Heather Rivet  
Donald Glenn Wilgosh  
Heather Wilson

#### July

Joanne Clément  
Jean E. Coles  
Lucette Grignon  
Kimberly Jean Kurylo  
Johanne Lallier  
Elaine T. Lelond  
Dolores O'Brien  
Patricia A. Parkes  
Kimberley Pododworny  
Coleen G. Wall

#### August

Claudette S. Bherer  
Lorraine D. Colter  
Real R. Fournier  
Nancy Joy Janzen  
Nicole Kirby  
Louise Lapointe  
Susan Leclair  
Barb J. Malzensky  
Robert L. McNaughton  
Kathy Mulligan

#### September

Ellen Day  
Carole Desjardins  
Katrina Hotel  
Donald J. Kozun  
Christine M. Lafleur-Pelletier  
Jean-Guy Lajoie  
Elisabetta Modesti  
Heather Rivet  
Toni (AM) Squires  
Donald Glenn Wilgosh

## Tips for tracking your volunteer time

If you volunteered in 2022, don't forget to track your hours in the online tool [Bell.Benevity.org](https://Bell.Benevity.org) to accumulate points and win monthly rewards.

#### TRACK VOLUNTEER TIME

### Track External Volunteering

#### What did you volunteer for?

- A specific cause
- Something else

#### What cause did you volunteer for?\*

No cause attached

Here are some important reminders when recording your volunteer hours:

- 1 If you are volunteering at a registered charity, select "A specific cause" and enter the name of the organization in the search box.
  - 2 If you cannot find the charity, then select "Something else" and manually enter the name of the organization where you volunteered.
  - 3 Finally, in the box "What did you do when volunteering?" please detail the work or tasks you did while volunteering.
- +** Please reach out to [giving@bell.ca](mailto:giving@bell.ca) or call 1-866-670-8800 if you have any questions.



## Bell Let's Talk Day is January 25

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bell Let's Talk Day will be Wednesday, January 25.

Please make sure to mark your calendar and stay tuned for details about this year's campaign!

## Win a gift card from The Source



As a current subscriber to the online *In Touch* newsletter, you are automatically entered for a chance to win a \$100 gift card from The Source.

The draw will take place on January 5 and the winners will be notified by email. To read the contest rules, please [click here](#). Good luck!





## Retirements

These Bell team members have agreed to announce their retirement and years of service in the newsletter.

### Ontario

**Gerry Artimowich**, Dryden, 25 years

**Catherine Bevan**, Oshawa, 35 years, 3 months

**Robert C. Beverly**, Scarborough, 46 years, 3 months

**Denise Bonnar**, London, 40 years, 10 months

**Fernanda Cabeceiras**, Ottawa, 40 years, 8 months

**Julie Campbell**, Stittsville, 1 year, 10 months

**Italo Carletti-Dardano**, Etobicoke, 23 years, 1 month

**Helen Chun**, Brampton, 22 years, 2 months

**David Collins**, London, 27 years, 6 months

**Donna Coulthard**, London, 35 years, 1 month

**Ruth De Asis**, Mississauga, 22 years, 8 months

**Pamela J. Desjardins**, Long Sault, 31 years

**Kim L. Devlin**, Etobicoke, 37 years, 9 months

**Diane Dillon**, Nepean, 41 years

**Sandy Drew**, London, 22 years, 2 months

**Maureen Dunne**, Pickering, 30 years, 8 months

**Elston H. Farmer**, Erin, 40 years, 8 months

**Anna Maria Ferraro**, Mississauga, 33 years, 7 months

**Debbie A. Fitzgerald**, Pickering, 40 years, 10 months

**Paul Gay**, Brampton, 40 years, 1 month

**Deborah Hare**, London, 28 years

**Georgina Holmes**, Scarborough, 16 years, 7 months

**Sandra L. Kondo**, Hamilton, 34 years, 9 months

**Geri Kovacs**, Mississauga, 36 years, 7 months

**Blair Kwan**, Toronto, 32 years, 4 months

**Johanne C. Laurin**, Orléans, 34 years, 2 months

**David Lefebvre**, Harrowsmith, 25 years, 4 months

**Toni LoMonaco**, Woodbridge, 21 years, 7 months

**Grace Mairinger**, Clarington, 18 years, 9 months

**Angelina A. Mangano**, Scarborough, 34 years, 4 months

**Peter McCallum**, Toronto, 31 years, 10 months

**Wayne McFall**, Kanata, 8 years, 7 months

**Joseph Nunno**, Toronto, 33 years

**Pierre-Yves Pau**, Oakville, 18 years, 5 months

**Elvin Petersen**, St. Thomas, 40 years, 8 months

**Helen Piekut**, Mississauga, 38 years, 7 months

**Teresa Power**, Newmarket, 34 years, 6 months

**Wendy E. Pritchard**, Vanier, 32 years, 10 months

**Robert Richardson**, Whitby, 19 years, 9 months

**Janet Robinson**, Pickering, 41 years, 11 months

**Jean Séguin**, Perth, 33 years, 1 month

**Donald B. Selby**, Toronto, 40 years, 5 months

**Jagmohan Singh**, Brampton, 25 years, 1 month

**Daniel Siviero**, Oshawa, 36 years

**Marko Smiljanic**, Wyebridge, 35 years, 1 month

**Lori Smith**, Thorndale, 33 years, 2 months

**Anne Valiquette**, Orléans, 36 years, 6 months

**Jesse R. Voutour**, Mississauga, 42 years, 8 months

**David K. Watson**, Pickering, 32 years, 1 month

**Douglas Watson**, Shanty Bay, 40 years, 8 months

**Mary E. Whalls**, London, 36 years, 1 month

**Spencer Wong**, Caledon, 25 years, 8 months

### Québec

**Benoît Adam**, Granby, 15 years, 2 months

**Brigitte Ayotte**, Montréal, 32 years, 3 months

**France Beaulieu**, Morin-Heights, 29 years, 2 months

**Martine Berthiaume**, Greenfield Park, 37 years

**Nathalie Bissonnette**, Terrebonne, 30 years, 8 months

**Pierre Bonneau**, Laval, 27 years, 4 months

**France Buisson**, Boucherville, 41 years, 5 months

**Suzanne Cabral**, Lachenaie, 15 years, 3 months

**Andrée Castonguay**, Belœil, 37 years, 4 months

**Andrée Chapleau**, Chelsea, 44 years, 6 months

**Josianne Charbonneau**, Mont-Royal, 32 years, 11 months

**Paul D'Arcy**, Montréal, 32 years, 10 months

**Mélanie Déziel**, Laval, 20 years, 6 months

**Sylvie Doucet**, Montréal, 35 years, 2 months

**Pierre Ducharme**, Deux-Montagnes, 27 years, 2 months

**Robert Dufort**, Val-des-Lacs, 33 years, 6 months

**Micheline Dupuis**, Gatineau, 16 years, 3 months

**Katherine Fortin**, Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon, 35 years, 4 months

**Serge Gauthier**, Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, 25 years, 6 months

**Sylvain Gelinat**, Greenfield Park, 5 years, 11 months

**Manon Gendron**, Charlemagne, 34 years, 10 months

**Nathalie Germain**, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, 32 years, 11 months

**Guylaine Guay**, Lévis, 6 years, 10 months

**Nadine Jodoin**, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, 35 years, 3 months

**Chantal Labelle**, L'Assomption, 40 years, 11 months

**Danielle Lalonde**, Beaconsfield, 45 years, 10 months

**Benoit Latreille**, L'Île-Bizard, 32 years, 2 months

**Suzanne Lemire**, Saint-Lin-Laurentides, 40 years, 7 months

**Alain Létourneau**, Mont-Saint-Grégoire, 17 years, 6 months

**François Lussier**, Montréal, 27 years, 3 months



## Retirements

(cont'd)

**Sylvie Marchand**,  
Laval-des-Rapides,  
23 years, 8 months

**Francine Marquis**,  
Deux-Montagnes, 32 years,  
6 months

**Denis Ménard**,  
Saint-Léonard, 23 years,  
7 months

**Max Morangelli**, Dorval,  
29 years

**Eric Morgan**, Québec City,  
33 years, 5 months

**Nathalie Morin**,  
Québec City, 29 years,  
10 months

**Daniel Pépin**, Montréal,  
22 years, 9 months

**Danielle Pilote**,  
Trois-Rivières, 32 years

**Michèle Pion**,  
Deux-Montagnes, 21 years,  
10 months

**Isabelle Quintal**,  
Rivière-Rouge, 37 years,  
4 months

**Josée Sauriol**, Vimont,  
35 years, 11 months

**Hélène Séguin**, Laval,  
32 years, 4 months

**Louise Slight**,  
Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac,  
22 years, 5 months

**Robert Sonier**, Kirkland,  
20 years, 2 months

**Johanne St-Pierre**, Chambly,  
42 years

**Dany Tanguay**,  
Québec City, 33 years,  
4 months

### Alberta

**Jim Merryfield**, Edmonton,  
16 years

### British Columbia

**Andrew Costales**, Burnaby,  
18 years, 5 months

### Newfoundland and Labrador

**Douglas Atkinson**,  
Mount Pearl, 24 years,  
9 months

**Norman Higdon**,  
Conception Bay South,  
37 years

### Nova Scotia

**George Conistis**, Halifax,  
33 years, 2 months

**Donna Doucette**, Stellarton,  
31 years, 8 months

### Saskatchewan

**Kenneth Kurtz**, Regina,  
43 years, 2 mois



## Obituaries

Our most sincere  
condolences to families  
and friends.

### Ontario

**Winnifred E. Ackersviller**,  
July 17, London

**Elizabeth Armstrong**, June 4,  
London

**Gary J. Armstrong**, May 8,  
Ridgeway

**E. Marie Baehrle**, June 27,  
Jerseyville

**Richard C. Bandla**, April 25,  
Kemptville

**Ralph G. Bebernich**, July 14,  
Kitchener

**Doris I. Bell**, July 6, Puslinch

**Robert B. Bennett**, June 10,  
Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

**Manon Berthelet**, June 24,  
Hammond

**Ronald Blackwell**, May 4,  
Nepean

**Neil E. Bloomer**, August 14,  
Norval

**Martha E. Boss**, May 12,  
Oakwood

**Rod Bradley**, July 29, Sarnia

**Erma I. Brennan**, May 16,  
Scarborough

**Karen M. Brennan**, June 15,  
Caledon

**Lionel R. Brimacombe**,  
July 8, Orléans

**Gerald J. Buffett**, March 29,  
Kitchener-Waterloo

**Walter Bunn**, June 17, Orillia

**Christine Carassoulos**,  
July 31, Toronto

**Mabel M. Carr**, June 3,  
London

**William J. Cashion**, June 18,  
Cornwall

**David Cassar**, June 8,  
Maple

**Clara F. Chant**, June 5,  
Bowmanville

**A. Chauvin**, June 26,  
Kingsville

**Cather Chen**, May 20,  
Mississauga

**G. Robert Cheriton**, June 30,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

**Betty A. Chislette**, April 25,  
Preston

**James R. Clark**, June 15,  
London

**M. Diana Clarke**, July 16,  
Mississauga

**Russell Clarke**, June 25,  
Belleville

**Elizabeth Coburn**, July 24,  
Barrie

**Robert G. Conaway**,  
August 21, Waterloo

**Carol D. Conliffe**, August 12,  
Windsor

**Raymond N. Cook**, May 26,  
London

**Jim A. Curley**, August 1,  
Mississauga

**Allan Davis**, May 23,  
Scarborough

**Gerald F. Deavy**, July 15,  
Ottawa

**Barbara A. Diamantini**,  
August 14, Ottawa

**John H. Donald**, August 23,  
London

**Michael Duke**, June 2,  
Scarborough

**Lloyd J. Eckensviller**, May 18,  
Georgetown

**Audrey C. Edwards**, April 24,  
Burlington

**Joan F. Edwards**, July 23,  
Embrun

**Sadie Edwards**, June 22,  
Uxbrige

**Josephine Egan**, June 27,  
Picton

**Marita Fahrmeier**, May 18,  
Colborne

**Anne T. Farrugia**, June 16,  
Toronto

**Margaret C. Footwinkler**,  
June 26, Appin

**George Ford**, August 3,  
Guelph

**Nicholas Frankevych**,  
May 27, Courtice

**Walter R. Garratt**, June 18,  
Barrie

**Lise L. Gauthier**, July 28,  
Orléans

**Peter J. Gibson**, July 7,  
Stratford



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- Shirley I. Giles**, March 21, Aurora
- Donald E. Glionna**, May 19, Oshawa
- George Grace**, June 20, Toronto
- Ronald E. Grant**, May 3, Long Sault
- Michael Gravelle**, July 5, Georgetown
- Carol J. Gray**, August 14, Scarborough
- Joyce T. Hall**, August 14, Toronto
- Erna Hamor**, May 14, Carleton Place
- Elizabeth Hayward**, August 13, Collingwood
- Marjorie A. Hébert**, August 12, Geraldton
- C. Ross Henderson**, August 6, London
- W. Fred Hepburn**, June 19, London
- Lillian G. Horachek**, July 2, North York
- Richard A. Hubbard**, August 1, London
- Ernest Hudson**, July 6, Pickering
- Richard P. Hurlbut**, July 22, Toronto
- Donna J. Hutchings**, July 15, Fonthill
- Diane Isaacs**, July 22, Kingston
- Marilyn Jack**, May 26, Mississauga
- M. Betty Lou Jackson**, July 22, London
- Gordon L. Jeffery**, June 19, Pembroke
- Judy Jelly**, April 12, Huntsville
- Helen Jewer**, July 29, Alexandria
- William Johnson**, May 10, Mississauga
- June E. Jones**, July 15, Bradford
- Walter E. Kaslauskas**, June 30, Oakville
- Rhonda E. Kavanagh**, March 31, Brampton
- Mary Kuchma**, July 26, Toronto
- Wendy E. Lang**, May 14, Berwick
- Rosemary G. Lawlor**, July 26, Kingston
- Rose Marie Lecourt**, July 11, Scarborough
- Arno M. Letkemann**, July 26, Virgil
- Oscar Lippert**, May 10, Elmira
- Andre J. Lockhart**, June 10, Toronto
- David R. Longley**, July 12, Almonte
- J. Frederick Looker**, July 8, Washago
- Joseph Lum**, August 3, Ajax
- Frances M. MacDonald**, April 13, Don Mills
- Barbara S. MacLeod**, June 19, Brampton
- Donald A. MacMillan**, July 24, Grelly
- David R. Martin**, July 2, Uxbrige
- Marie Antoinette Martineau**, June 20, Vanier
- Jack McBride**, July 5, Port Perry
- Andrew McCarthy**, May 13, Bolton
- Alan McCleery**, July 1, Ottawa
- Ernest McDougall**, July 29, Rockwood
- Alex W. McGregor**, August 6, Scarborough
- Daniel McGuire**, May 17, Milton
- Bertha M. McKenzie**, June 27, Temagami
- Gary E. McKenzie**, May 20, London
- Ronald W. McLean**, July 21, Belleville
- June McNall**, August 1, Fonthill
- Richard McNulty**, May 10, Orléans
- Robert Milliard**, August 8, Hawkestone
- Leroy Mills**, June 16, London
- Donald Mitchell**, August 3, Toronto
- Joyce J. Monteith**, July 5, Thunder Bay
- Kenneth C. Muxlow**, May 31, Owen Sound
- Allan Myers**, August 10, Toronto
- Carol Nixon**, February 1, Newmarket
- Joan Orlando**, May 2, Bobcaygeon
- Monique M. Panasiuk**, July 17, Burlington
- Dorothy M. Peacock**, June 7, Lindsay
- Richard Pereira**, July 16, Lakefield
- B. June Pettit**, May 17, Trent Lakes
- Edward Porter**, August 19, Hamilton
- Camelia A. Quinton**, May 1, North York
- Catherine Robus**, July 3, Brantford
- Isabelle Sacchetti**, May 18, Mississauga
- Susanna Sagheddu**, September 21, Burlington
- Nancy R. Sayer**, May 31, North Bay
- Sheila Scott**, June 17, Whitby
- Chandran Selva**, August 25, Whitby
- Erigio Silvestri**, April 13, Port Colborne
- Lyn Simms**, June 14, Oakville
- Terry V. Smith**, August 6, Welland
- Robert Snider**, July 11, Cambridge
- Lorne R. Stackhouse**, June 18, Alexandria
- Claribel E. Steinwall**, June 6, Scarborough
- Karl J. Stephens**, May 8, Wendover
- George A. Stevens**, June 8, Kingston
- Glen A. Stoner**, July 7, Strathroy
- James F. Stott**, August 1, Mississauga
- Alexander Stroe**, September 12, Toronto
- Laura Teatero**, August 7, Toronto
- Robert A. Telfer**, May 9, Brantford
- Betty L. Thompson**, June 28, Chesterville
- Donald J. Tosh**, June 13, Fergus
- Susan Tyliczszak**, June 3, Chatsworth
- Howard E. Vail**, June 3, Sarnia
- Dorothy Vivian**, July 13, North Bay
- Maxine H. Voll**, July 27, West Lorne
- Muhammad Noman Waheed**, July 23, Mississauga
- Elsa M. Ward**, July 2, Toronto
- Donald Warwick Perry**, June 11, Brighton
- Barbara Watt**, July 13, Tillsonburg
- Marilyn A. Weber**, June 4, Etobicoke
- Marion L. Wensley**, June 16, Huntsville
- Norma A. Wheeldon**, June 7, Scarborough
- Elizabeth C. Wilson**, May 27, Brampton
- Grant Wissler**, June 2, Brockville
- Donald Wood**, July 4, Brantford
- Joyce Wood**, June 14, Toronto
- Margaret E. Wood**, May 23, Waterford
- Frank Wowchuk**, June 13, Georgetown





## Obituaries (cont'd)

### Québec

**Denise M. Baillargeon**, May 11, Québec City

**Jacques Beauchamp**, July 14, Rawdon

**Huguette Beauchemin**, March 3, L'Ancienne-Lorette

**Rolland Beaudry**, April 21, Rawdon

**Gérard Boutin**, July 30, Shawinigan

**Ferenc Braun**, May 12, Repentigny

**Juliette L. Breton**, July 6, Saint-Hubert

**Daniel Brosseau**, August 8, Terrebonne

**Maurice Brunet**, July 30, Coteau-du-Lac

**Lise Brunette**, July 18, Laval

**Antonio Buttice**, June 11, Rivière-des-Prairies

**Michel Côté**, June 17, Saint-Léonard

**Jean-Christophe Cousineau**, July 19, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu

**Cécile Davey**, July 15, Richmond

**Pierre Decelles**, August 1, Saint-Hubert

**Paulette d'Entremont**, May 5, Verdun

**Pierre Deschamps**, August 7, Mascouche

**Jean-Pierre Désilets**, August 6, Saint-Ignace-de-Loyola

**Fernand Desjardins**, July 21, Pointe-aux-Trembles

**Robert Desjardins**, July 27, Terrebonne

**Gilles Desrosiers**, May 5, Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon

**Madeleine Desrosiers**, August 10, Saint-Lambert

**Pierre Paul Dumais**, April 22, Verdun

**Fernand Dumont**, February 17, Montréal

**Nicole Durocher**, March 1, Saint-Jérôme

**David Fisher**, July 20, Pierrefonds

**Lise Fortin**, June 17, Alma

**L. F. Fournier**, March 1, Sherbrooke

**Florian Francoeur**, June 16, Québec City

**Denise Frenette**, May 28, Saint-Cuthbert

**Ghislaine Gagné**, July 31, Québec City

**Adrien Genest**, July 25, Longueuil

**Louis-Philippe Girard**, April 10, Val-des-Monts

**Agathe Guimond**, August 9, Chicoutimi

**Jacques D. Guindon**, May 10, Saint-Hubert

**Alfreda L. Hamilton**, August 11, Pierrefonds

**Pierre Harvey**, August 15, Chicoutimi-Nord

**Thérèse C. Hébert**, May 3, Notre-Dame-de-Lorette

**Angus A. Hunter**, August 3, Deux-Montagnes

**Mosessie Idlout**, April 24, Inukjuak

**Thérèse Jenkins**, May 18, Québec City

**Suzanne Lacroix**, July 5, Québec City

**Claude Ladouceur**, May 14, Lachine

**Gaston Lalancette**, June 12, Pointe-Claire

**Charles-Guy Lalonde**, July 17, Rosemère

**Alain Laniel**, June 20, Repentigny

**Daniel L. Larcher**, July 7, Brossard

**Jeannine Larouche**, May 15, Trois-Rivières

**Serge Léger**, July 13, Boisbriand

**Noël J. Leroux**, April 28, Saint-Lazare

**Elaine MacDonald**, May 5, Pointe-Claire

**Mary G. MacDougall**, April 15, LaSalle

**Christiane Martin**, November 13, 2021, Pierrefonds

**Giovanni Massarelli**, June 21, Saint-Léonard

**Lise Melançon**, July 11, Granby

**Richard Migneron**, May 27, Mirabel

**Christiane Mitchell**, August 5, Saint-Hubert

**Guy Monette**, July 24, Longueuil

**Yvon J. R. Nadon**, August 19, Drummondville

**Mary Owen**, July 20, Pointe-Claire

**Doris Paré**, April 21, Québec City

**Suzanne Paulin**, May 19, Saint-Hubert

**Maurice Perreault**, June 14, Québec City

**Gracia Portelance**, June 11, Verdun

**Michel O. Quintal**, July 17, Gatineau

**Jean M. Renaud**, July 14, Châteauguay

**Mireille Roberge Bouchard**, June 19, Laval

**Denise Rodier**, June 4, Terrebonne

**Gladys Rogers**, June 1, Lachine

**André J. A. Roy**, July 9, Brossard

**Tea Rudolf**, August 8, Québec City

**Denise Sénécal**, May 9, Montréal

**Laurette Sénécal**, May 21, Trois-Rivières-Ouest

**Michel Sicard**, June 16, Saint-Didace

**Robert Strange**, April 29, Cowansville

**Lise Sullivan**, May 27, Québec City

**Diane Sylvestre**, April 20, Boucherville

**Francine Thériault**, July 4, Sherbrooke

**Vincent Vermette**, April 1, Montréal

**Jacques Verreault**, July 19, Québec City

**Jean-Robert Warner**, May 31, Pierrefonds

### British Columbia

**Alfred Bampton**, June 23, Cranbrook

**Rose Johnman**, May 8, Vancouver

### New Brunswick

**Elizabeth P. Dunham**, June 21, Fredericton

**M. Keith Henderson**, May 10, Darlings Island

### Newfoundland and Labrador

**Joanne Power**, August 14, St. Lawrence

**Jeffery White**, July 9, St. John's

### Prince Edward Island

**Diane Martin**, May 4, Summerside

**Catherine Masters**, June 17, Charlottetown

### Saskatchewan

**Janis L. Sorensen**, July 30, Pilot Butte

### England

**Joan Taylor**, June 15, Stockport, Cheshire

### United States

**Janine G. Savard**, July 5, Daytona Beach, Florida



## Explore vintage Bell print ads from the 1930s

The latest [BCE.ca](https://www.bce.ca) collection of vintage Bell print advertisements covers the 1930s, highlighting how our team was supporting Canadians in the midst of the Great Depression while delivering the era's most advanced communications technology – including cross-country and international long distance service.

Ads from the period showcase the ease and cost effectiveness of using Bell telephone service to connect with family and friends – while also offering high-tech bragging rights for the kids. Others encouraged working young people to do their part and “cheerfully chip-in to pay for the telephone” – which had quickly become “a social necessity” for youngsters.



In 1931, a new “all-Canadian Telephone Line” seamlessly connected customers from Halifax to Vancouver for the first time. Conference calling was launched soon after, with Bell ads encouraging families who were unable to meet in person to schedule a time to catch up by telephone. “Mother” very much appreciated how the new service kept the family connected!



In 1933, Bell’s Publicity Department launched an innovative new campaign that used plasticine depictions of our customers along with humorous text like “When relatives arrive... and your husband is out of town... and you can’t stand the strain all by yourself... Get him on Long Distance.”



### Bell history pages

Please visit the [history section on BCE.ca](https://www.bce.ca/history) to learn more about key events from our 142 years as Canada’s communications leader.



### Looking for stories from our retirees

We would like to know more about your working experience at Bell. Please complete [this form](#) and send it back at [archives@bell.ca](mailto:archives@bell.ca).



## Bell news

### Bell announces intention to acquire Distributel

Bell has announced plans to acquire Distributel, a trusted and successful independent Canadian telecommunications service provider, to support its growth strategy in the residential and business segments for Internet services.

Acquiring Distributel is another strategic step forward for Bell and aligns with our commitment to bring the best digital connections and next-generation services to Canadians. Distributel will continue offering innovative telecommunication services to residential and small & medium business customers backed by Bell's resources and technology.

Bell's acquisition of Distributel is subject to regulatory approvals and upon the acquisition close, Distributel will continue to operate independently and existing operations will continue under the leadership of Matt Stein, CEO of Distributel.

### Bell expanding all-fibre network in Manitoba

Bell MTS announced the expansion of its all-fibre broadband network to more homes and businesses across rural Manitoba. Part of our capital expenditure acceleration program to invest in national next-generation network infrastructure, this expansion will bring all-fibre connections to more than 6,500 locations throughout Blumenort, Ile des Chênes, Landmark, Matlock, St. Adolphe, Stony Mountain and Winnipeg Beach.

Fully funded by Bell, this rollout will provide fast and high-capacity 100% fibre connections with Internet download speeds of up to 1.5 Gbps and access to leading Bell services such as Gigabit Fibe Internet, Whole Home Wi-Fi and Fibe TV.

Since 2017, Bell MTS has invested over \$1B in Manitoba to deliver world-class broadband communications infrastructure, bringing Manitobans faster and better service, state-of-the-art technology and expanded networks.

### Virgin Plus My Account App wins Gold Stevie Award

The Virgin Plus My Account App won Gold in the "Mobile Site & App": Utilities & Services category at the 2022 International Business Awards (IBA), known as the Stevie Awards.

The Virgin Plus My Account App was recognized for overall design and features quality by 12 experts who judged the app as part

of the "Mobile Site & App" category. Judges noted that they were particularly impressed by the simple and creative user interface, intuitive navigation and personalization features of the app.

This latest recognition brings the total award count for Bell's suite of apps to 19 in the past 11 months following award wins at the Hermes Creative Awards and the 2022 dotCOMM Awards this summer.



## Booklet of offers for Bell retirees

Remember to check the booklet of long-term offers sent by email with this edition of *In Touch*. You can also download the booklet by [clicking here](#). Please keep it on hand for future reference.

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