

The British Pensioner in Canada

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The amazing thing is that the Consortium (class action) that will be taking on the British Government sometime in Strasbourg at the European Court of Human Rights has, and continues to, remained strong and united. This is down, in part, to the Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners (CABP) binding us together. This doesn't only involve the BPAWC, the CABP but also groups from Australia – British Pensions in Australia (BPiA), and from May 2006, also the British Australian Pensioners Association (BAPA), and South Africa – the South African Association of British Pensioners.

The British Government were supposed to have made their submissions by 12th May, 2006 – however, they requested an extension, which they were given and our lawyers, **Tim Otty** and **Ben Olbourne** were able to start reviewing them. The submissions from the British Government make no mention of any of the new plaintiffs and appear to be relying on their original case, which they won. **Phil Tunley**, who worked for the law firm **McCarthy Tétrault** (based in Toronto and London) acted *pro-bono* for us.

Sheila Telford (President) and Jackie Naylor (Secretary) said that they would be standing down at the next AGM in October 2006.