

Preparing for Retirement Part B

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Retirement is traditionally referred to as the time you terminate or reduce your employment activities after years in the workplace. A financially sound retirement will likely be determined by how well you understand your needs in retirement and your willingness to develop a plan to satisfy those needs. Without a well-constructed plan in place, it's difficult to know whether your financial resources will be sufficient to fund your lifestyle in retirement. Preparing a retirement plan well in advance of your actual retirement date will give you the time to develop and implement the necessary action plans to achieve your retirement goals.

In this workshop, we will discuss how to use the 5 essential steps that go into building a comprehensive Retirement Financial Plan.

- 1 Determining your financial objectives in retirement
- 2 Gathering and Analyzing your financial data – current information, future expenses, sources of income and surplus/ deficit possibilities
- 3 Preparing action plans to achieve your objectives
- 4 Implementing your action plan
- 5 Monitoring and revising the plan over time

Our workshop focus will be on steps 1 to 3. We will look at various sources of income, including government programs, and discuss taxation issues that may impact your personal planning. Savings and investment vehicles will also be reviewed. The workshop format is based on a process that walks you through a case study. The case study is based on a Typical employee (not a real one - a sample). We will build a Retirement Financial Plan for the sample employee and look at the various challenges and opportunities that the employee, and many of us, will likely face. The process should provide you with the knowledge you will need to begin building your own action plan.

Preparing for Retirement – A focus on financial planning is designed to enhance your knowledge and understanding of retirement financial planning. It does not, however, eliminate the need and value of professional financial advice. We believe that increased personal knowledge/understanding coupled with competent professional input will work to your advantage in the achievement of your retirement goals.

Tom and Mary's Objectives

- Retire in 9 years
- Maintain current standard of living
- Travel extensively
- Live in present home
- Leave an estate to children

Expenses

- Current
- Retirement

Step 2

- Gather and analyze pertinent data
 - Expenses
 - Income sources
 - Investments

Annual cash needs at retirement

	Current Monthly	Adjustments at Retirement	New Monthly Total
Housing			
Rent or Mortgage	1,000	-1,000	0
Condo Fees/Property Taxes	300		300
Home Insurance (if paid monthly)			
Power & water & sewage	100		100
Heating Costs	100		100
Phone & Long Distance & Cellular	70	-20	50
Cable or Satellite	70		70
Food			
Grocery Store	600	-250	350
Restaurants & fast food & lunches	150	-50	100
Transportation			
Car Loan or Lease	400		400
Gasoline	200	-50	150
Parking			
Bus & taxi & car pool			
Recreation			
Entertainment, sports, hobbies	100	+100	200
Liquor, cigarettes	60		60
Babysitting			
Books, magazines, newspapers	40		40
Deductions from Income			
CPP			
EI			
Social			
Pension Contribution			
Other (specify) <u>(health)</u>	60	-60	0
Savings & Investments			
Short term goal (i.e. vacation)			
Medium term goal (car, 3 years)			
Long term goal & RRSPs			
Debts			
Total monthly debt payments			
Sub Total for This Page	3,250	-1,330	1,920

Sub-total from previous page	3,250	-1,330	1,920
Miscellaneous			
Child support			
Day Care			
Church & charities	100		100
Toiletries, hair, cosmetics	60	-20	40
Personal allowances	400	-100	300
Bank service charges	10		10
Dry cleaning, laundry	50	-30	20
Pet supplies			
Christmas or celebrations			
Birthdays, other gifts	100		100
Subscriptions	30		30
School fees, supplies			
Professional services (lawyer, vet, etc.)			
Other (specify) _____	100		100
Other (specify) _____			
Total Monthly Expenses	4,100	-1,480	2,620
Annualized Monthly Expense (x 12)	49,200	-17,760	31,440

Annual Expenses

	Current Annual	Adjustments at Retirement	New Annual Total
Medical			
Health Care (incl prescriptions)	300		300
Dental	200	+200	400
Optical	500		500
Specialists			
Clothing			
& shoes, jewellery, cleaning	3,000	-1,500	1,500
Insurance			
Life & Disability Insurance			
Home or Tenant Insurance	600		600
Car Insurance	2,200	-500	1,700
Memberships			
Union & Professional dues	400	-400	0
Club Dues	1,000		1,000
Car			
Registration	200		200
Tune ups, repairs, tires	1,200		1,200
Driver's license	200		200
Housing			
Maintenance, repairs	2,000		2,000
Decorating, linens, furniture	1,000		1,000
Property Taxes			
Gardening	300		300
Recreation			
Sports Equipment	300		300
Lessons, programs, camps			
Vacations & weekends away	4,000	+4,000	8,000
Season tickets			
Total per Year	17,400	+1,800	19,200
Monthly x 12 from previous table	49,200	-17,760	31,440
Total Annual Cost of Living	66,600	-15,960	50,640

Creating Income at Retirement

- RRSP
- DPSP
- Annuities
- RRIF
- LIF/LRIF

Personal Savings

(Complete your Net Worth Statement – Appendix)

Personal Savings generate several sources of revenue. Invested assets generate income from interest, dividends and capital gains. Registered assets generate income that is taxable the same way as employment income. Our discussion will be focused on registered funds.

Registered Assets

For many, the personal savings at retirement come by way of Registered Retirement Savings Plans or RRSPs. We can contribute to these plans until the age of 71.

By December 31, in the year in which we turn 71, we must convert our RRSPs to some sort of income generating account. The current types of income generating accounts approved by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) include Annuities and Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIF's). Prior to age 71, we may also make cash withdrawals to supplement our income requirements. There is no minimum age for cash withdrawal or conversions to income generating accounts. Some of you may have funds in a "Locked-in" Registered Plan. The funds for this type of plan originated from a pension plan of a previous employer

Under certain circumstances, pension funds may be transferred to a Locked-in RRSP or a LIRA and must be inaccessible until age 55. In the Province of Alberta it is age 50. At age 55, (or age 50 in Alberta) but no later than age 71, these funds may be converted to an Annuity, Life Income Fund or a Locked-in Retirement Income Fund.

Annuities

Annuities are contracts with insurance companies. Registered annuities pay you for your lifetime. At the time of purchase you also lock in your rate of return. The amount of the annuity is dependent on your age at the time of purchase and the market interest rates. The older you are at the time of purchase, the higher your monthly payments will be. The lower the interest rates at the time of purchase, the lower your monthly payments will be.

Annuities can be purchased to have a survivor benefit for your spouse. It can also have a guarantee period in the event that you and your spouse meet an early demise. Annuities may be a fixed amount for your lifetime or they can be indexed to offset the effects of inflation. Each purchase of an extension reduces the monthly payment and, depending on your personal needs and circumstances, these may be very worthwhile.

Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs)

The RRIF is governed by the Income Tax Act. It is generally established with funds that are rolled over on a tax-deferred basis. The Income Tax Act requires that a minimum amount be withdrawn from the RRIF each year and taken into taxable income. The Income Tax Act does not specify any limitations on the maximum withdrawal.

There is no minimum age at which you may establish a RRIF. However, an RRSP annuitant- must convert his/her RRSPs to a retirement income option by December 31 of the year in which he/she reaches 71 years of age. However, for most people there is little point in converting to a RRIF prior to age 71. Withdrawals can be made from the RRSP as needed.

Life Income Funds (LIFs)

Life Income Funds (or LIF locked-in funds) are established with proceeds from a "Locked-in" RRSP or Retirement Account (LIRA). This account operates very similarly to an RRIF but has a restriction on the maximum amount that can be withdrawn which is based on age. In addition, when the annuitant reaches 80 years of age, the balance in the must be converted to a life annuity.

Government Programs

- **Canada/Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/QPP)**
- **Old Age Security (OAS)**
- **Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)**

Government Programs

The government social security programs are composed of two different programs: the Canada/ Quebec Pension Plan, and the Old Age Security Program.

The Canada/Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/ QPP) is based on contributions from employment. The Old Age Security Program (OAS) provides for minimum financial support for those who may not have been employed and meet certain residential requirements. The OAS program also involves the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Spouse's and Widow(er)'s Allowance.

Canada /Quebec Pension Plan

CPP/QPP started in 1966 and requires contributions from both the employer and employee. In case of self-employed individuals, the self-employed individual must contribute both amounts.

If you work to age 65 and your earnings have equaled the Yearly Maximum Pension-able Earnings (YMPE), you will receive the maximum retirement pension. If your earnings were less than YMPE, your pension will be less than the maximum.

You may retire and collect your CPP/QPP as early as age 60. However, your earned benefit will be reduced by 0.6% per month for each month you are under the age of 65.

If you intend to retire after age 65 and do not begin to collect your CPP/QPP benefit at age 65, your benefit will be increased by 0.7% per month after age 65 to a maximum age of 70.

CPP/QPP benefits may be assigned or split between spouses. If either you or your spouse do not receive the

maximum CPP/QPP each, assigning your CPP/QPP benefits may be an opportunity to move income from a higher earner to a lower earner. This may reduce income taxes. No one is allowed to collect more than the maximum.

Old Age Security

Old Age Security is payable to all Canadians at age 65 who have had a minimum of 40 years of Canadian residency after the age of 18. Partial and pro-rated benefits are paid after a minimum of 10 years residency.

OAS is paid monthly and is indexed to the Consumer Price Index on a quarterly basis. OAS is "clawed back" at 15% of each dollar of net income (from all sources) greater than approximately \$66,733 and is completely eliminated at approximately \$108,214. These amounts are indexed to inflation.

In cases of low income, the Guaranteed Income Supplement is available.

TABLE 1 The Future Value of \$1.00

<u>Years</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>9%</u>	<u>10%</u>
1	1.010	1.020	1.030	1.040	1.050	1.060	1.070	1.080	1.090	1.100
2	1.020	1.040	1.061	1.082	1.103	1.124	1.145	1.166	1.188	1.210
3	1.030	1.061	1.093	1.125	1.158	1.191	1.225	1.260	1.295	1.331
4	1.041	1.082	1.126	1.170	1.216	1.262	1.311	1.360	1.412	1.464
5	1.051	1.104	1.159	1.217	1.276	1.338	1.403	1.469	1.539	1.611
6	1.062	1.126	1.194	1.265	1.340	1.419	1.501	1.587	1.677	1.772
7	1.072	1.149	1.230	1.316	1.407	1.504	1.606	1.714	1.828	1.949
8	1.083	1.172	1.267	1.369	1.477	1.594	1.718	1.851	1.993	2.144
9	1.094	1.195	1.305	1.423	1.551	1.689	1.838	1.999	2.172	2.358
10	1.105	1.219	1.344	1.480	1.629	1.791	1.967	2.159	2.367	2.594
11	1.116	1.243	1.384	1.539	1.710	1.898	2.105	2.332	2.580	2.853
12	1.127	1.268	1.426	1.601	1.796	2.012	2.252	2.518	2.813	3.138
13	1.138	1.294	1.469	1.665	1.886	2.133	2.410	2.720	3.066	3.452
14	1.149	1.319	1.513	1.732	1.980	2.261	2.579	2.937	3.342	3.797
15	1.161	1.346	1.558	1.801	2.079	2.397	2.750	3.172	3.642	4.177
16	1.173	1.373	1.605	1.873	2.183	2.540	2.952	3.426	3.970	4.595
17	1.184	1.400	1.653	1.948	2.292	2.693	3.159	3.700	4.328	5.054
18	1.196	1.428	1.702	2.026	2.407	2.854	3.380	3.996	4.717	5.560
19	1.208	1.457	1.754	2.107	2.527	3.026	3.617	4.316	5.142	6.116
20	1.220	1.486	1.806	2.191	2.653	3.207	3.870	4.661	5.604	6.727
21	1.232	1.516	1.860	2.279	2.786	3.400	4.141	5.034	6.109	7.400
22	1.245	1.546	1.916	2.370	2.925	3.604	4.430	5.437	6.659	8.140
23	1.257	1.577	1.974	2.465	3.072	3.820	4.741	5.871	7.258	8.954
24	1.270	1.608	2.033	2.563	3.225	4.049	5.072	6.341	7.911	9.850
25	1.282	1.641	2.094	2.666	3.386	4.292	5.427	6.848	8.623	10.835
26	1.295	1.673	2.157	2.772	3.556	4.549	5.807	7.396	9.399	11.918
27	1.308	1.707	2.221	2.883	3.733	4.822	6.214	7.988	10.245	13.110
28	1.321	1.741	2.288	2.999	3.920	5.112	6.649	8.627	11.167	14.421
29	1.335	1.776	2.357	3.119	4.116	5.418	7.114	9.317	12.172	15.863
30	1.348	1.811	2.427	3.243	4.322	5.743	7.612	10.063	13.268	17.449

TABLE 2 The Future Value of \$1.00 Invested Every Year

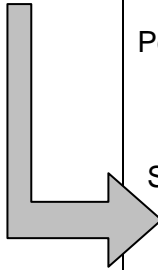
<u>Years</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>9%</u>	<u>10%</u>
1	1.040	1.050	1.060	1.070	1.080	1.090	1.100
2	2.122	2.153	2.184	2.215	2.246	2.278	2.310
3	3.246	3.310	3.375	3.440	3.506	3.573	3.641
4	4.416	4.526	4.637	4.751	4.867	4.985	5.105
5	5.633	5.802	5.975	6.153	6.336	6.523	6.716
6	6.898	7.142	7.394	7.654	7.923	8.200	8.487
7	8.214	8.549	8.897	9.260	9.637	10.028	10.436
8	9.583	10.027	10.491	10.978	11.488	12.021	12.579
9	11.006	11.578	12.181	12.816	13.487	14.193	14.937
10	12.486	13.207	13.972	14.784	15.645	16.560	17.531
11	14.026	14.917	15.870	16.888	17.977	19.141	20.384
12	15.627	16.713	17.882	19.141	20.495	21.953	23.523
13	17.292	18.599	20.015	21.550	23.215	25.019	26.975
14	19.024	20.579	22.276	24.129	26.152	28.361	30.772
15	20.825	22.657	24.673	26.888	29.324	32.003	34.950
16	22.698	24.840	27.213	29.840	32.750	35.974	39.545
17	24.645	27.132	29.906	32.999	36.450	40.301	44.599
18	26.671	29.539	32.760	36.379	40.446	45.018	50.159
19	28.778	32.066	35.786	39.995	44.762	50.160	56.275
20	30.969	34.719	38.993	43.865	49.423	55.765	63.002
21	33.248	37.505	42.392	48.006	54.457	61.873	70.403
22	35.618	40.430	45.99	52.436	59.893	68.532	78.543
23	38.083	43.502	49.816	57.177	65.765	75.790	87.497
24	40.646	46.727	53.865	62.249	72.106	83.701	97.347
25	43.312	50.113	58.156	67.676	78.954	92.324	108.182
26	46.084	53.669	62.706	73.484	86.351	101.723	120.100
27	48.968	57.403	67.528	79.698	94.339	111.968	133.210
28	51.966	61.323	72.640	86.347	102.966	123.135	147.631
29	55.085	65.439	78.058	93.461	112.283	135.308	163.494
30	58.328	69.761	83.802	101.073	122.346	148.575	180.943

Spousal RRSP

Your total allowable RRSP contribution – or any part of your allowable contribution – may be contributed to a spousal RRSP. This does not, however, increase the total amount that you and your spouse may contribute to your RRSPs. Furthermore, you may only contribute to a Spousal RRSP to the extent that you have personal unused RRSP contribution room available. Any amounts contributed to a Spousal RRSP become the property of the spouse receiving the contribution.

2 Year Rule

Attribution applies to withdrawals from a Spousal RRSP. In order to avoid attribution, the spouse must wait **2 complete calendar years** - from the date of the last Spousal RRSP contribution - before making a withdrawal.

	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
Marginal Tax Rate	50%	25%
RRSP contribution limit	\$5,000	\$2,000
		Personal <u>RRSP</u> \$2,000
		Spousal <u>RRSP</u> \$5,000
Tax Deduction	\$5,000	\$2,000
Tax Savings	\$2,500	\$500

Increase Your Investment Returns

The following chart shows how an increase in Rate of Return can affect the growth of your portfolio and the annual income you can generate on your investments.

Impact of Increasing Rate of Return

Income Generated on \$250,000 Investment

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
4%	\$10,000
6%	\$15,000
8%	\$20,000
10%	\$25,000

Of course, the rate of return you strive for will be directly related to the degree of risk associated with your various investments. By choosing a more growth-oriented portfolio, you may be able to increase your return while assuming a moderate increase in risk.

The following Asset Allocation models are examples only. Your situation may require an asset allocation strategy that is different from these examples.

Approximate Returns on Sample Portfolios

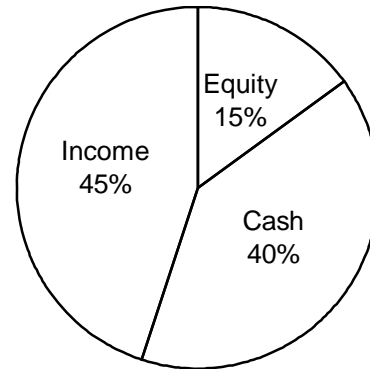
Conservative	5.6%
Balanced	7.2%
Growth	8.2%

Return Assumptions:

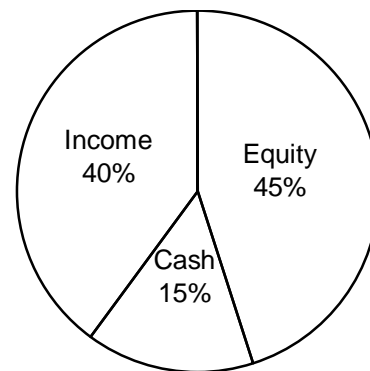
Cash	4%
Income	6%
Equity	9%

Depending on how you do your calculations, you may want to convert these nominal returns into real inflation adjusted returns. As a close approximation, you could do this by subtracting the expected inflation rate from the rate of return.

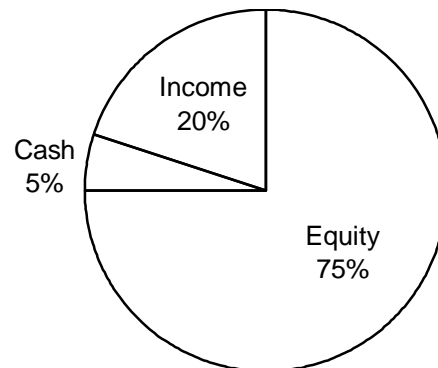
Conservative



Balanced



Growth



Inflation

- If you required annual income of \$40,000
- At these inflation rates, in 10 years your income requirement will be:

@ 2% \$48,000
@ 4% \$59,200
@ 6% \$71,600

Inflation

When putting it all together, the effects of inflation have to be considered. In recent years, inflation rates have been relatively low. In 2004, the Consumer Price Index rose by about 1.9%. Recent times have seen inflation rates as high as 13%. Have you included inflation factors into your retirement plan? It may be helpful to know that the inflation rate over the last 30 years has averaged about 4.8%. One way to approximately adjust for inflation is to simply reduce your expected investment returns by the expected inflation amount. You must also adjust pension and annuity amounts.

The Browns

Action Plan

- Save More
- Split Income
- Asset Allocation
- Estate Considerations

Action Plan

- 1) Increase contributions to Company Investment Plan to get maximum company match.
- 2) Use RRSP contributions towards Spousal RRSP.
- 3) Higher income earner to pay all expenses and lower income earner to invest any available income.
- 4) Modify investment portfolio to one that is growth oriented to increase return on investment.
- 5) Estate for children to be value of home. Other assets to be used for retirement living.

Step 5

Monitor and Review Action Plan

- Review annually
- Adjust to ensure goals are being achieved

Annual cash needs at retirement

	Current monthly	Adjustments at Retirement	New Monthly Total
Housing			
Rent or Mortgage	_____	_____	_____
Condo Fees/Property Taxes	_____	_____	_____
Home Insurance (if paid monthly)	_____	_____	_____
Power & water & sewage	_____	_____	_____
Heating Costs	_____	_____	_____
Phone & Long Distance & Cellular	_____	_____	_____
Cable or Satellite	_____	_____	_____
Food			
Grocery Store	_____	_____	_____
Restaurants & fast food & lunches	_____	_____	_____
Transportation			
Car Loan or Lease	_____	_____	_____
Gasoline	_____	_____	_____
Parking	_____	_____	_____
Bus & taxi & car pool	_____	_____	_____
Recreation			
Entertainment, sports, hobbies	_____	_____	_____
Liquor, cigarettes	_____	_____	_____
Babysitting	_____	_____	_____
Books, magazines, newspapers	_____	_____	_____
Deductions from Income			
CPP	_____	_____	_____
EI	_____	_____	_____
Social	_____	_____	_____
Pension Contribution	_____	_____	_____
Other (specify) <u>(health)</u>	_____	_____	_____
Savings & Investments			
Short term goal (i.e. vacation)	_____	_____	_____
Medium term goal (car, 3 years)	_____	_____	_____
Long term goal & RRSPs	_____	_____	_____
Debts			
Total monthly debt payments	_____	_____	_____
Sub Total for This Page	_____	_____	_____

Sub-total from previous page			
Miscellaneous			
Child support	_____	_____	_____
Day Care	_____	_____	_____
Church & charities	_____	_____	_____
Toiletries, hair, cosmetics	_____	_____	_____
Personal allowances	_____	_____	_____
Bank service charges	_____	_____	_____
Dry cleaning, laundry	_____	_____	_____
Pet supplies	_____	_____	_____
Christmas or celebrations	_____	_____	_____
Birthdays, other gifts	_____	_____	_____
Subscriptions	_____	_____	_____
School fees, supplies	_____	_____	_____
Professional services (lawyer, vet, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
Other (specify) _____	_____	_____	_____
Other (specify) _____	_____	_____	_____
Total Monthly Expenses			
Annualized Monthly Expense (x 12)			

Annual Expenses

	Current Annual	Adjustments at Retirement	New Annual Total
Medical			
Health Care (incl prescriptions)	_____	_____	_____
Dental	_____	_____	_____
Optical	_____	_____	_____
Specialists	_____	_____	_____
Clothing			
& shoes, jewellery, cleaning	_____	_____	_____
Insurance			
Life & Disability Insurance	_____	_____	_____
Home or Tenant Insurance	_____	_____	_____
Car Insurance	_____	_____	_____
Memberships			
Union & Professional dues	_____	_____	_____
Club Dues	_____	_____	_____
Car			
Registration	_____	_____	_____
Tune ups, repairs, tires	_____	_____	_____
Driver's license	_____	_____	_____
Housing			
Maintenance, repairs	_____	_____	_____
Decorating, linens, furniture	_____	_____	_____
Property Taxes	_____	_____	_____
Gardening	_____	_____	_____
Recreation			
Sports Equipment	_____	_____	_____
Lessons, programs, camps	_____	_____	_____
Vacations & weekends away	_____	_____	_____
Season tickets	_____	_____	_____
Total per Year			
Monthly x 12 from previous table			
Total Annual Cost of Living			

Net Income Comparison

Before Retirement

	Self	Spouse	pg ref
Annual Gross Income			5 11
Less deductions:			
CPP/QPP			15
EI			15
Income Tax			
Other			
Total Deductions			
(shortcut)			19 19
Net Annual Salary			

After Retirement

	Self	Spouse
Expected Annual Pension		
Plus:		
CPP/QPP		
OAS		
Other Income		
Total Income		
Less Deductions/Income Tax		
(shortcut)		
Net Income		

Combined Basis	
Net Annual Salary	
Annual Expenses	
Potential Annual Savings	

Combined Basis	
Net Income	
Annual Expenses	
Surplus (deficit)	

How much do we need to save?

	Retirement Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$ _____ (A)
Now		
Existing Portfolio Value	\$ _____	(B)
Years to Retirement	_____ yrs	(C)
Expected Pre-tax Portfolio Rate of Return until retirement	_____ %	(D) (p28)
-deduct inflation (Assumes taxes not paid from portfolio capital)		
Existing Portfolio Multiplier in ___(C) yrs (at retirement)	x _____	(E) (p21)
@ ___(D)% (See Table 1)		
Existing Portfolio Value at retirement [E*B]	\$ _____	(EP)
In Retirement		
Portfolio Pre-tax Rate of Return-deduct inflation	_____ %	(F) (p28)
Predicted Effective Tax Rate	_____ %	(G) (p19)
After Tax Income Retention Rate [1-G]	_____ %	(H)
After Tax Portfolio Rate of Return [F*H]	_____ %	(I)
Annual After Tax Income from Existing Portfolio [H*EP]		\$ _____ (EPI)
(Assumes no depletion)		
Remaining After Tax Annual Surplus (Deficit) [A-EPI]		\$ _____ (J)
Pretax Surplus (Deficit) [J/H]		\$ _____ (K)
If Deficit, Additional Capital Required [K/F]		\$ _____ (L)
Annual Savings Multiplier for ___(C) years @ ___(D) % (See Table 2, p22)	x _____	(M)
Annual Savings Required for ___(C) years @ ___(D) % (See Table 2)		\$ _____ (RQ)
Annual Savings You Can Manage (from table above)		\$ _____ (N)
Current Annual Surplus (Deficit) if You Save What You Can Manage [N-M]		\$ _____ (GAP)

Strategic Wealth Management

Preparing for Retirement – A - Getting Started

“If you don’t know where you’re going, any road will take you there.”-George Harrison. Are you on path to achieve your goals? In this workshop we focus on putting a process in place to achieve your goals. We focus on cash management strategies and the wealth management process. Secure the foundation of your financial plan.

Personal Investing – A: Core investing components applied

“Fads are the kiss of death. When the fad goes away, you go with it.”-Conway Twitty. Understanding core concepts will help you identify and protect yourself against investment fads and build a solid investment strategy. In this workshop we talk about investment components, types of risk and how to avoid them, and the factors that contribute to your successful investment strategy.

Personal Taxation – A: Introductory concepts in tax minimization

“Income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has.” –Will Rogers. Give yourself credit! Credits, that is... and deductions. This workshop looks at how our progressive tax system works and explores some of the core tax reduction strategies we should consider for LEGALLY minimizing our taxes.

Life Insurance & Estate Planning: Understanding the importance of security & structure

“Certainty? In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.” –Benjamin Franklin. Dying. The material impact of death is not something we really want to think about, much less talk about. But, it’s something we need to know about. This workshop will look at the various components of a well-structured estate plan, including wills and will preparation, insurance (needs, amounts, types), Powers of Attorney and a brief introduction to trusts.

Personal Investing – B: Investment planning concepts & strategies

“More important than the will to win is the will to prepare.” -Charlie Munger. Take the next step in your investment education by participating in this workshop. The session will focus on strategic investment issues such as risk reduction through diversification, asset allocation and the tax implications of various investment choices. Look at the various investment styles and objectives of the funds available to you. Questions and discussions are encouraged and are an integral part of this workshop.

Personal Taxation – B: Comprehensive strategies: A longer-term perspective

“Never make anything simple and efficient when a way can be found to make it complex and wonderful.” –Unknown. Now that you understand basic tax planning, you will appreciate the more advanced concepts and strategies discussed in this workshop. In this session, we will look at tax planning as a family unit, tax shelters, income splitting/ attribution, and developing an effective tax minimization plan. We aim to make simple what the government has made complex!

Preparing for Retirement – B: Focus on financial planning

“Retirement kills more people than hard work ever did.” –Malcolm S. Forbes. To enjoy your golden years, you should take as many stressors as possible off the table. Financial worry is a big category. You have retirement dreams ahead. It is time now to focus your financial planning activity. This workshop will take a detailed walk through the 6 steps of building a solid retirement financial plan. The session will cover financial objectives and needs in retirement, income sources, identification of problem areas and corrective measures, tax & investment issues. This workshop ties together all the concepts we have learned so far. Finally, you will create an action plan.

“Plans are only good intentions, unless they degenerate into hard work.” –Peter Drucker
Take action on what you’ve learned from these workshops

Resources

First Sovereign Investment Management Inc.
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Central Volunteer Agencies (Local) Publications

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Ottawa: (613) 789-4876
Peel: (905) 568-2660

Elderhostel (Belleville, Ontario)

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Canadian Association of Retired Persons

27 Queen Street East, Ste. 1304
Toronto, ON M5C 2M6
1-800-363-9376

One Voice

1005 - 350 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON K1R 7S8
(613) 238-7624
(613) 235-4397

Expression

National Advisory Council on Aging
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9
(613) 957-1968
(613) 957-9938

Canadian Executives Services Overseas (CESCO)

175 Bloor Street East
Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3R8
1-800-268-9052

Publications

Good Times

777 Bay Street, Ste 2700, Box 148
Toronto, ON M5G 2N1
1-800-465-8443

Sears Mature Outlook Newsletter

Contact local Sears store for information

United States

Modern Maturity

American Association of Retired Persons
3200 E Carson Street
Lakewood, CA 90712 U.S.A.

New Choices

Retirement Living Publishing Co. Inc.
28 W 23 Street
New York, NY 10010 U.S.A.

Web Sites - Specific

Focused subjects/issues

<http://www.investmentcounsel.org>

Information on different types of investment professionals and how to choose one for yourself

www.cfp-ca.org

Information on financial planning professionals and services

www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - Information and forms

www.sec.gov

Securities and Exchange Commission (U.S.) - Mutual Funds cost calculator

www.retireweb.com

Overview of financial and other issues dealing with retirement

Web Sites - General

News, Education, Calculators, Etc.

www.finpipe.com

www.imoney.com

www.quicken.ca/eng/index.html