



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Is the Retirement Income System Meeting for the Needs of Canadians?

Bob Baldwin

4:00-5:30 PM
Monday, March 29, 2010
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

To attend, please RSVP by March 25 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

The adequacy of the Canadian retirement income system has recently emerged as an important issue for public policy. Some argue that the current income retirement system is meeting the need of seniors while others believe that the system has important weaknesses that must be addressed by public policy. In the fall of 2009 Bob Baldwin prepared a report for the Ontario Ministry of Finance that “assessed the capacity of Canada’s retirement income system to provide retirement incomes in the future.” The report was released as a background document for the federal-provincial meeting on pensions that took place in Whitehorse in December.

In this seminar, Bob Baldwin will present the key findings of his report. He will argue that the employment pension plan component of the retirement system faces serious challenges. From his perspective the big question is whether something needs to be done outside the purely voluntary framework to address the coverage issue. He will also discuss some of the pension reform proposals now under discussion.

Bob Baldwin served for nearly 30 years as the pension specialist at the Canadian Labour Congress. While employed by the CLC he was responsible for a variety of other research and policy files and directed the research effort at the CLC for more than a decade. He had many appointments while employed by the CLC including being a member and Chair of the CPP Advisory Board. He has been actively employed since retiring from the CLC in 2005 and is a member of the Board of Directors of PSP Investments.