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The Committee continues to meet semi annually with Caroline Davis, Vice Principal (Finance and Administration), and Bob Weisnagel, Director (Pensions and Insurance), most recently on September 5, 2013, to discuss matters of interest to retirees concerning pensions and benefits. As has been reported in previous newsletters, we find these meetings to be informative and pleasant and to provide very effective communication between RAQ and senior administrative officers of the University.

The net investment return from the Queen's Pension Plan for the first eleven months of the current Plan year (September 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013) was 14.0768%. Investment performance during August, 2013 is expected to create only a small change in that figure for the full year. This encouraging result will contribute to the reduction of the unfunded liability of the Plan and, hopefully, move

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## ***Picnic at the Opinicon Biological Station***

About two dozen RAQeteers attended the Annual Opinicon Picnic on July 10<sup>th</sup>. This traditionally starts with a chance to talk to old friends one hasn't seen for some time (see photo on p. 4), then a pot luck lunch (always delicious) and ends with a talk about a current research interest of some of the staff and students. The focus this year was how climate warming was changing the location of where wildlife could successfully flourish. The main lecturer was Steve Lougheed, the Director of the Queen's University Biological Station (see photos, including one of tiny frog in palm of hand). The case in point was the calling phenology (temporal sequence) of the frogs in the locality using recording devices that captured their mating calls. Some species are calling much earlier

# Coming RAQ Events

Fall 2013

## ***Assisted Living for Seniors: Two Options***

Tuesday 1 October 2013

7:00pm–9:30pm

Biosciences 1103

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