



Social Security  
Tribunal of Canada

Tribunal de la sécurité  
sociale du Canada

Tribunal File Number: GP-14-3579

BETWEEN:

**Carluccio Gallo**

Appellant

and

**Minister of Employment and Social Development**

Respondent

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**SOCIAL SECURITY TRIBUNAL DECISION**  
**General Division – Income Security Section**

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DECISION BY: Antoinette Cardillo

HEARD ON: September 21, 2016

DATE OF DECISION: October 20, 2016

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## REASONS AND DECISION

### PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

Carluccio Gallo	Appellant
Lucien Cl��roux	Witness – Union Representative
Randy Slepchik	Appellant’s Representative

### INTRODUCTION

[1] The Appellant’s application for a *Canada Pension Plan* (CPP) disability pension was date stamped by the Respondent on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The Respondent denied the application initially and upon reconsideration. The Appellant appealed the reconsideration decision to the Social Security Tribunal (Tribunal).

[2] This appeal was heard by teleconference for the following reasons:

- a) there were gaps in the information in the file and/or a need for clarification; and
- b) this method of proceeding respected the requirement under the *Social Security Tribunal Regulations* to proceed as informally and quickly as circumstances, fairness and natural justice permit.

### THE LAW

[3] Paragraph 44(1)(b) of the CPP sets out the eligibility requirements for the CPP disability pension. To qualify for the disability pension, an applicant must:

- a) be under 65 years of age;
- b) not be in receipt of the CPP retirement pension;
- c) be disabled; and
- d) have made valid contributions to the CPP for not less than the minimum qualifying period (MQP).