### **Edmonton Salutes**

Minutes VIA - Google Meet 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. February 24, 2023

Committee Mandate: to recognize the value of the contributions made by military personnel, veterans and their families who reside within the city and surrounding communities.

### In Attendance - Voting Members

- Alexander Tsang, Edmonton United Services Institute
- Brian Hodgson, CHAIR
- Carolyn Patton, Canadian Forces Liaison Council
- Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County
- Darren Krill, Community Member
- Dave McRae, Town of Redwater
- Justin Yaassoub, Community Member
- Alexandra Hryciw, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member

- Fred Malott, Town of Legal
- Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company
- Karen Principe, City of Edmonton
- Laurie Hackett, Community Member
- Lorne Strachan, Community Member
- Mike Killick, City of St. Albert
- Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre
- Steve Maybee, Edmonton International Airports

### Guests

### <u>Military</u>

- Maj. Phil Paradis, CFB Edmonton
- Cdr Leslie Yewer-Stacey, HMCS Nonsuch
- Maj Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron

### **Municipal**

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### **Regrets**

- Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion
- Nicole Goehring, Community Member
- Scott Lundy, Community Member
- Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons

- Lisa Makin, City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County
- Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord
- Brad Rutherford, MLA and Provincial Liaison to the CAF

## **City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat**

- Kate McIntosh
- Natasha Weber
- Olena Hlazkova

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| Item | Agenda Item   | Action   |
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| 1.   | Call to Order   |  |
|      | 1.1 - Chair B. Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.                                     | Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.   |
| 2.   | Introductions   |  |
|      | 2.1 Introduction/Welcome Guests   | The Chair welcomed all members in attendance. Noted guests: Chair  Chair welcomed Committee members and guests.  Admin introduced O. Hlazkova and Colonel C.W. (Chris) Hunt. |
| 3.   | Determination of Quorum   |  |
|      | 3.1 - Quorum of at least 13 members was confirmed by administration Y/N?                            | Yes  |
| 4.   | Approval of Agenda  |  |
|      | 4.1 - A. Hryciw MOVED to approve<br>the Agenda for Edmonton Salutes<br>Meeting of Feb 24, 2023      | Carried  |
| 5.   | Approval of Meeting Minutes   |  |
|      | 5.1 -G. L'Hirondelle MOVED to<br>approve the Edmonton Salutes<br>Meeting Minutes from Jan 27, 2023. | Carried  |
| 6    | Presentation by Colonel C.W. Hunt   |  |
|      | 6.1 - The Role and Units of the 41<br>Canadian Brigade Group  | Col. Hunt presented on the history, community footprint and contributions of the 41 Canadian   |

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|    |                    | Brigade Group (CBG) to the Edmonton Region and Country.  • M. Killick inquired if the Committee could do anything to recognize the reservists of the CBG.  • Col. Hunt could share the information with the Committee re: the number of reservists and the appropriate time to recognize returning reservists.  • Col. Hunt mentioned that there was work underway to re-establish the Calgary   |
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|    |                    | <ul> <li>Salutes Committee (CSC).</li> <li>Admin offered assistance with the CSC, i.e., answering questions about the ESC practices, liaison with older-serving Committee members.</li> </ul>  |
| 7. | Reports            |  |
|    | 7.1 - Chair Report | <ul> <li>Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</li> <li>The Chair attended the Strategic Action and Budget Subcommittees' meetings and shared highlights from those.</li> <li>The Chair noted that the focus/priority area for the Committee that has been determined this year, is to give the Committee guidance when it comes to competing priorities or where to direct the funds.</li> <li>The Chair thanked K. Corbould for stepping up as chair of the Bylaw and Policy subcommittee.</li> <li>The Chair met with Explore Edmonton re: the Military Tattoo. Further correspondence is expected. No location for the event has been selected/secured yet.</li> <li>The Chair met with the staff of Randy B.</li> </ul> |

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| K. Corbould MOVED to accept<br>verbal report of the Chair for<br>information. | Minister of Tourism. A follow-up is expected.  The Chair provided a recruitment update:  5 applications had been reviewed for the community member positions. Recommendations will be presented to the Council on March 6, 2023.  The Chair will be attending the MFRC's Open House on March 2, 2023.  R. Parlin commented that roughly 70 people are expected to attend this informal opportunity to connect.  On behalf of the ESC, the Chair will be attending the parade and dinner to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Battle of Moreuil Wood.  |
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| 7.2 - Administration Report   | <ul> <li>Administration provided a verbal report. Key items included:         <ul> <li>Portraits of Honour were at City Hall on Feb 16 &amp; 17. Pictures of the exhibit will be shared with the Committee.</li> <li>A poll was set up to identify the best day for the Tour of the Veterans Affairs Food Bank. The tour will be organized during a weekday AM in the next 1-2 months, but Committee members are welcome to attend the facility on their own at any convenient time.</li> <li>In-person meetings were suggested to be held in April and September, with a hybrid option, depending on room availability.</li> <li>Edmonton Garrison Business Luncheon scheduled for March 17, 2023.</li> <li>RSVPs are needed by the end of</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| L. Hackett MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by Administration.  7.3 - Members/Sector Reports - | Carried   |
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| 7.3 - Members/Sector Reports -<br>Military   | <ul> <li>Key updates included:</li> <li>Lt Col Paradis for CFB spoke about the upcoming events:</li> <li>There is a support team at the CAF Arctic Training Center, Resolute Bay</li> </ul> |

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- Canadian Women's Hockey March 5, 2023
- Canadian Army Conference March 6 & 7,
- Ex Maple Resolve in Wainwright April-May
- 5 seats at the Base Commander Table are available for Committee members to join.
- Troops coming back from Latvia deployment in April-June, 2023. A Yellow Ribbon event + a welcome event could be organized once the dates of return are confirmed.
- Hosting International Women's Day with keynote speakers for an open house event at the Lamplighter Junior Ranks Mess on March 8, 2023, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Schedule will be sent at a later date.
- Lt. Cdr Leslie Yewer Stacey provided a verbal update for Navy/HMCS Nonsuch:
- Significant personnel issues continue to affect day-to-day work.
- Jefferson troops will be moving to Debney.
- 100th Anniversary of the Navy reserve this year. More information to follow on any events.
- Exciting news to follow next month.
- Maj Graham Kallos provided a verbal report for Air Force/408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron (THS):
- A helicopter and static displays will be set up at the Business Luncheon.
- 2023 is a busy year of preparation for a potential deployment in 2024; a lot of training is planned.
- There are ~50 reservists in the 408 TSH, working regular hours between 7:30am -4pm.
- Collaboration w/Army and Navy in recruitment efforts was

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| D. Krill MOVED to accept verbal reports provided by the Military.                                      | Carried  |
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| 7.4 Subcommittee Reports   | Subcommittee reports were as follows:  |
| 7.4.1 Strategic Action Subcommittee  | <ul> <li>Strategic Action Committee</li> <li>D. Krill provided a verbal report on the latest subcommittee meeting and proposed the Committee focuses on the military and their families when planning events/approving expenses.</li> <li>Discussion was held regarding additional discounts for the military and the need to avoid duplicate cards.</li> </ul>  |
| M. Killick MOVED for the Committee to approve the \$15,000 sponsorship to the MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala. | <ul> <li>S. Maybee provided a verbal report on the latest subcommittee meeting and highlighted the ongoing dialogue with the SA Subcommittee and separate meeting to be held to align the intents of the two subcommittees.</li> <li>MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala was supported by both subcommittees and the Committee's commitment of \$15K.</li> <li>Carried</li> <li>(R. Parlin and K. Corbould recused themselves from the vote).</li> </ul> |
| 7.4.3 Bylaw & Policy Subcommittee  | Bylaw & Policy Subcommittee  • K. Corbould noted that the Subcommittee had not met since the last meetings.  • Subcommittee's priorities remain as follows: revising the bylaws to include Morinville, confirming whether Fort Saskatchewan still wants to remain on the Committee, and subcommittee   |

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|  | 7.4.4 Membership & Orientation Subcommittee  S. Maybee MOVED to accept Subcommittees' reports. | processes.  Membership & Orientation Subcommittee  • L. Strachan noted that the Subcommittee had not met since the last meeting.  Carried.  |
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|  | 7.5 Other Reports  Reports from Community Members  | <ul> <li>D. Deroin provided an update on Valour Avenue jogging trail, used by the military for exercise.</li> <li>The project to extend the trail received funding from the National Defense. Trail construction is to commence next year.</li> </ul> |
| 8.   | Next Meeting   |   |
|  | 8.1 Next Meeting   | Next meeting - March 24, 2023   |
| 9.   | Adjournment  |   |
|  | 9.1 J. Yaassoub MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.                                     | Carried. Meeting ended at 10:33 a.m.  |
| Upcoming Committee Meetings:  ● March 24, 2023 |  |   |