

Minutes VIA - Google Meet - Calendar 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. April 29, 2022

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

Brian Hodgson, CHAIR Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County Wes Brodhead, City of St. Albert Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County Nicole Goehring, Community Member Laurie Hackett, Community Member Darren Krill, Community Member Fred Malott, Town of Legal Dave McRae, Town of Redwater Carolyn Patton, Canadian Forces Liaison Council

Guests

<u>Military</u> L Col Harpal Mandaher, CFB Edmonton Greg Campbell, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron L Cdr Leslie Yewer-Stacey, HMCS Nonsuch

<u>Government</u>

Airports

Brad Rutherford, MLA, Government of Alberta Military Liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces Sebastian Farkas, Assistant to MLA Brad Rutherford, Government of Alberta Military Liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces

Steve Maybee, Edmonton International

Karen Principe, City of Edmonton

Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons

Lorne Strachan, Community Member

Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion

Justin Yaassoub, Community Member

Lisa Makin, City of Fort Saskatchewan

Marvin Neumann, Canada Lands Co.

Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre

Regrets

Alexander Tsang, Edmonton United Services Institute Capt David Parker, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron Deanna Miyauchi, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord

City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

Sarah Paterson Kristin Lewis Natasha Weber

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1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair Brian Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	
2.	Introductions	
	Introduction/Welcome Guests	Chair welcomed everyone.
3.	Determination of Quorum	
	3.1 - Quorum of at least 12 members was confirmed by Kristin Lewis Y/N?	Υ
4.	Approval of Agenda	
	4.1 -L. Strachan MOVED to approve the Agenda for Edmonton Salutes Meeting of April 29, 2022.	Carried
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	
	5.1 - F. Malott MOVED to approve the Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2022.	Carried
6.	Guest Presentation	
	6.1 Future Guest Speaker	Chair noted that there are no guest speakers for today's meeting. However, Colonel Michael Vernon, Commander of the 41 Canadian Brigade, will join us at the May meeting as a guest speaker. The Chair also recommended that Paul Wynnyck come speak to ESC about his experience in the Military and the situation in



		in the next few weeks. Chair invited other committee members to suggest future guest speakers. They can send their suggestions to Kristin and Natasha.
7. Reports		
7.1 - Chair	r Report - Chair Brian Hodgson	 Chair provided a verbal report. Key action items were identified as follows: Recruitment: Kaetlyn Corbould and Scott Lundy were appointed as new committee members. New members will be oriented to the committee and will join us for our next meeting, May 27, 2022. Report to Council on April 27th The report was very well received and the mayor and councilors acknowledge the great work ESC has done even under limiting circumstances. Reminder of the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Edmonton's 56th Annual Banquet on June 21.



R. Torrie MOVED to accept verbal report of Chair for information	
7.2 - Administration Report - Kristin Lewis	 Kristin Lewis provided a verbal Administration report. Key items include: Freedom of the City Request from 41 Service Battalion - Confirmed October 22, 2022 date. Noted that the two upcoming events will be first come, first serve, then we will work with Bylaw/Policy committee to address this more broadly May 27 Mess Luncheon. We have 4 - 5 spots. Administration will send a call out for members to attend. Elected officials may choose to attend on behalf of their municipality. MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala June 4 - We will have a table of 10 and Admin will again send out a call for members to join. 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron 80th Anniversary June 17-19 is also being sponsored by ESC there will be an invitation for 4 members to attend



K. Principe MOVED to accept verbal report provided by Administration.	 CannaConnect event is May 10 at 5:45 p.m. Everyone welcome Email Address - you will see emails coming from <u>edmontonsalutes@edmonton.ca</u> Admin noted that there will be requests to the committee from subcommittee work: ACTION: committee fill out an Inventory of scholarships available re: Military. ACTION: Committee members will be asked for a picture and a new or edited profile.
7.3 - Members/Sector Reports - Military	 Lt Col Mandahar provided a verbal report for the Military. Key items included: Recently deployed forces to Poland to assist with the refugees coming from Ukraine. Some forces have been relocated throughout Europe. Business Mess Luncheon - There is always a general invitation to everyone. People can attend on a first come and first basis. Formal invitations will go out to the City of Edmonton and ESC. Greg Campbell on behalf of Captain David Parker reported provided a a verbal report for the 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron. Key Items included: Information about the upcoming 80th anniversary event on June 17-19. It is a three day event, with a meet and greet on Friday, a golf tournament followed by



A. Harris MOVED to accept verbal report provided by the Military	 a gala dinner on Saturday, and a parade at the garrison on Sunday. The 408 Squadron appreciates the financial support from ESC and any attendance. Lt. Cdr. Yewer-Stacey provided a verbal report for the Navy. Key items included: Ceremonies for the anniversary of the Battle of Atlantic will happen this weekend, May 2, across Canada. Normally HSMC Nonsuch would invite more people to their local event, however, construction on the building has limited invites. Construction is scheduled to be done in the next month.
7.4 - Subcommittee Reports 7.4 (a) Strategic Action Subcommittee	 Subcommittee reports were as follows: <u>Strategic Action</u> Strategic Action Subcommittee Chair, D. Krill updated the committee on the work of the Subcommittee, as follows: Subcommittee decided that future discussions will focus on key events and activities and weigh them against our other commitments and strategy to decide on priority. Administration will also develop a workplan based on what we've discussed our priorities could be. We were going to develop our own scholarship program, but after discussion, we decided it was not the best use of our efforts. Instead we will be



7.4 (b) Membership and Orientation Subcommittee Administration to show Orientation Plan (if applicable)	 collecting a list of scholarships to place on the ESC websites. R. Torrie noted that the Legion has a scholarship for families of Veterans and it's amazing how many people are not aware of it. L. Strachan noted there are also military benefits, resources and scholarships for Veterans. https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/education- and-jobs/back-to-school/education-training -benefit Subcommittee chair asked committee members to help fill out our inventory of scholarships, resources and supports for Military, veterans and their families. Membership and Orientation Subcommittee Chair L. Strachan updated the committee on the work of the Membership and Orientation Subcommittee, as follows: Deferred the membership discussion to a later meeting. Discussed Orientation plans. The subcommittee chair walked the committee through the Moodle platform that will host the Orientation materials. Also he showed where the member profiles will live and what they look like. He asked that committee members, when they receive the email from Admin, to fill out or edit their profiles and provide a picture.
7.4 (c) Budget Subcommittee (no meeting)	S. Maybee - Nothing to report right now



7.4 (d) Bylaw & Policy Subcommittee (no meeting)	 R. Torrie - Nothing to report right now. However, if anyone has anything they want the subcommittee to look at, please contact Mac by May 23rd as the subcommittee meets on May 26th.
R. Torrie MOVED to accept verbal reports of Subcommittees for information	Carried
7.5 Other Reports 7.5 (a) Visit to CannaConnect	 J. Yaassoub provided overview of the May 10th Event at CannaConnect. CannaConnect building and wellness lounge area for military, veterans and their families. On May 10th, ESC has been invited to CannaConnect for the Treble Victor, and Treble Victor is a nationwide network that invites veterans from the Military, Navy, and Airforce to meet with business leaders in their area to network and connect them to business opportunities as they transition to civilian life. CannaConnect is also a nationwide organization that creates space for Veterans in their Wellness lounge to connect, workout and complete business. Administration will provide a reminder of the event a few days prior.
7.5 (b) Update on Bill 17, Labour Statutes Amendment Act	 B. Rutherford provided an update on <u>Bill 17</u>, <u>Labour Statutes Amendment Act</u>, The bill which will remove the 20-day limit on the amount of time reservists can take for annual training. Removing this limit would allow reservists to complete their training duties while maintaining their civilian employment without having to use other entitlements, such as vacation time.



	• He also noted the work the U of A is doing with a 2 year pilot project, to create a Veteran Friendly campus. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.
7.5 (c) Councilor Principe's update on events	 K. Principe provided an update on several events: On April 20th, the South Alberta Light Horse Regiment and the Dutch Canadian Club of Edmonton unveiled five educational plaques, which explain the history of the regiment at Light Horse park May 28th is tentatively scheduled for a Homes for Heroes BBQ. ESC will be invited when the date is confirmed. Indicated that she will attend the Churchill Banquet on June 21st.
7.5 (d) Local Veteran Business	K. Berghofer noted a Strathcona county local, veteran-run, distillery, <u>Grey Dog</u> <u>Distillery</u> , that donates part of their profits back to the community.
7.5 (e) Vimy Foundation Delegation to France Update	 C. Patton - Updated the committee on several events and projects: Was part of a delegation that went to France to participate in events dedicated to the 100th anniversary to the end of the First World War. <u>The Vimy Foundation</u> created an app that lets you go for a virtual walk through Vimy, France and the historical accounts curated from the First World War. Another, similar project is underway, the Western Front Way, set to be released in September.
7.5 (f) MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala Event	R. Parlin: Provided details for the upcoming MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala on June 4.



		 It is the first Gala since 2019. The event will be at the Edmonton Garrison. There is a max of 200 tickets. People can still purchase tickets at \$150/ticket. Asked that if anyone knows anyone who is willing to donate silent auction items please let us know. Many businesses have shut down over COVID that normally would have donated.
8.	Old Business	
	8.1 Visit to the Legislation	N. Goehring is working with City Administration on a date to have ESC come visit the legislature. Those interested in attending will need to provide their full name for security. Information about the date, parking and other logistics will be sent out shortly.
9.	New Business	
	9.1 Support for the Ukraine	Chair asked ESC how we could support the crisis in Ukraine to demonstrate leadership towards this crisis. He proposed that the committee discuss this at the next meeting after the meeting with Paul Wynnyk.
10.	Other Business	
	N/A	Nothing was added to the agenda
11.	Next Meeting	
	11.1 - The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2022, at 9 a.m.	Chair proposed that the committee break for July and August. Will put to a vote at the next meeting.
12.	Adjournment	



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12.1 - R. Parlin MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m..
Upcoming Events:

CannaConnect & Treble Victor - May 10, 2022
Mess Luncheon - May 27, 2022
MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala - June 4, 2022
408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron 80th Anniversary - June 17-19, 2022

• Sir Winston Churchill Society of Edmonton's 56th Annual Banquet - June 21, 2022

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- ESC May 27 & June 24, 2022
- Strategic Actions Subcommittee May 24, 2022
- Bylaw and Policy Subcommittee May 26, 2022