

Edmonton Salutes

Minutes -

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9:00am - 11:00am

November 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
- Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons
- Brian Hodgson, CHAIR*
- Carolyn Patton, Canadian Forces Liaison Council
- Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County
- Darren Krill, Community Member
- Dave McRae, Town of Redwater
- Fred Malott, Town of Legal
- Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company
- Jibs Abitoye, City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member
- Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord
- Laurie Hackett, Community Member
- Lorne Strachan, Community Member
- Mike Killick, City of St. Albert
- Nicole Goehring, Community Member
- Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville
- Rick Palfrey, Community Member
- Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre
- Scott Lundy, Community Member
- Steve Maybee, Edmonton International Airports
- Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville
- Karen Principe, City of Edmonton

Guests

- Colonel (Retd) J Paul de B Taillon
- Dean Ervin, Edmonton International Airports
- Military
- LCol Shawn Thompson, CFB Edmonton

City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

- Natasha Weber, Senior External Relations Advisor
- Pat Kerekes, Staff Support

Regrets

- Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County (in Ottawa for a Board of Directors' meeting)
- Sarah General, HMCS Nonsuch
- Justin Wright, MLA, GoA Military Liaison
- Haydar Al Dahhan, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Maj Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
- Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion
- Ziad Aboultaif, MP



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Item	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair Brian Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am	Meeting called to order at 9:00 am Chair opened the Committee's meetings with Land Acknowledgement.
2.	Introductions	
	2.1 Introductions/ Welcome Guests	The Chair welcomed all members in attendance. Noted and thanked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory comments. • We have one guest speaker today, Colonel (Retd) Paul Taillon. • Our other guest speaker Chuck Isaacs from the Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta was unable to give a presentation today. • B. Hodgson asked Steeve Maybee from the Edmonton International Airports to please introduce his successor Dean Ervin.
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 - D. McRae MOVED to approve the modified Agenda for Edmonton Salutes Meeting of November 24, 2023	Carried
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	



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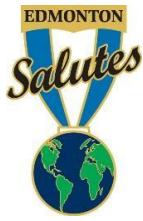
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	5.1 - S. Maybee MOVED to approve the Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2023.	Carried
6.	Guest Speaker	
	6.1 - Introduction and presentation of Guest speaker Colonel (Retired) Paul Taillon.	Presentation took place and a Q & A time was allowed.
7.	Chair and Vice-Chair Election Process	
	7.1 Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair and Vice-Chair Election Process was explained by the administration. Administration presented the committee with the option of dispatching with the voting process as it is not needed if there aren't any nominations. The nominations were presented and Brian Hodgson and Roza Parlin accepted their nominations. They briefly spoke about what they did last term and their goals and plans for the committee for the next term. B. Hodgson and R. Parlin were acclaimed as Chair and Vice Chair for the 2024 - 2026 term.
8.	Reports	
	8.1 - Chair Report	<p>The Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at the Annual Veteran's Night Celebration on Nov 3. Attendance of the <i>No Stone Left Alone</i> event, which was a huge success. Very well supported by the Edmonton Community. Chair was in Ottawa for other business. While down there, Chair met with Scott



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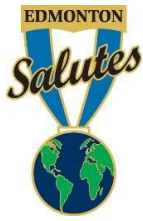
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	<p>L. Strachan MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by the Chair of the Committee.</p>	<p>Johnson, from Support Our Troops. Asked Mr. Johnson to present to the ESC in a future meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair met with Senior retired officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on April 1, 2024. Also conversed with the Honorary Colonel of the RCAF Loreena McKennitt.• The Royal Canadian Geographic Society will be publishing a special edition with the RCAF. Will share the publication when it comes out.• Brian attended the Strathcona Business Luncheon with others from Edmonton Salutes.• Next week he will be attending the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) Black Hat Mess event.• Attended the Loyal Edmonton Association Dinner• Next year is the last year of the committee's strategic plan. Therefore, part of the work next year will be to develop a new Strategic Planning for 2025 and onward. <p>Carried.</p>
8	8.2 Administration Report	<p>Admin provided a verbal report. Key updates are as follows:</p> <p>Admin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citadel Theater - A Christmas Carol for Military families this weekend - almost 400 tickets will be sponsored. Thank you to the Committee and to Roza for the distribution of the tickets by the MFRC.• Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Dec 8. The



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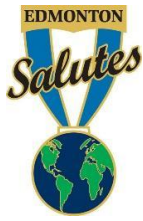
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	R. Parlin MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by admin.	<p>Save the Date calendar invitations have been sent out. This will take place at Sorrentino's Downtown again this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RCA Band Christmas Concert - it is scheduled for Dec 11. This is a free community event and Tasha will be sending it out to the Committee.• Budget update<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Balance is: \$5,858.85◦ With funding requests for today and promised funds we are sitting at: \$2,783.85 that will not be spent by the end of the year.◦ Later discussion today on finding ways to spend the remaining funds. <p>Carried</p>
8	8.3 - Members/Sector Reports - Military	<p>Commander Sarah General Navy/HMCS Nonsuch sent her regrets.</p> <p>LCol Shawn Thompson provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base units are wrapping up training for this calendar year. Typically towards the holidays briefings and soldier appreciation activities are included.• Tickets to "A Christmas Carol" have been distributed and very much appreciated.• The International Day of People with Disabilities flag raising on base on 1 December at 9:00 am at their Lecture Training Facility.• On December 1st, the Minister of Employment and Workforce Development, Randy Boissonnault will be at their base to make an announcement regarding a green energy initiative in Edmonton.• December 11 the Winspear Concert, tickets



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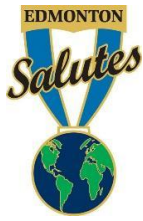
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	<p>S. Lundy MOVED to accept the verbal reports provided by the Military.</p>	<p>are available now at winspear.com/tickets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January, the week from the 15 to the 19th a very large sports competition will take place on base • Next business luncheon is the 26 of January • Block leave starts on Dec 16 until January 7 <p>Maj Graham Kallos for Air Force/408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron sent his regrets.</p> <p>Carried.</p>
8	<p>8.4 Subcommittee Reports</p> <p>8.4.1 Strategic Action</p> <p>8.4.2 Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>8.4.3 Bylaw and Policy</p> <p>8.4.4 Membership and Orientation</p>	<p>No subcommittees have met since last time.</p> <p>No reports from Strategic Action</p> <p>No reports from Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>Brian requested for someone to step up as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee since Steeve Maybee will be retiring. This could include Steeve successor, if he is interested. It would be appreciated to contact Natasha for this.</p> <p>No reports from Bylaw and Policy</p> <p>No reports from Membership and Orientation</p>
8	<p>8.5 Other reports</p>	<p>D. McRae reported that he also attended the Light Horse Business Luncheon.</p> <p>N. Goehring expressed that she attended the Ceremony for the Indigenous Veterans Day at the CDSB Edmonton.</p> <p>C. Patton attended the CFLC Luncheon in</p>



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Edmonton in September to highlight reservists and on Nov 16 there was also one in Calgary replicating the same program. It was called The Canadian Forces in the Role of Business. They had a very good turnout. C. Patton also mentioned the new Calgary Salutes Committee.

R. Parlin reported that the Christmas Carol tickets were a huge success with families. They are very appreciative of that. She also shared about the Calgary Salutes Committee. Nominations were put out. She will keep ESC posted on the progress.

A. Tsang noted that EUSI be hosting their annual symposium in March 2024. Keynote speaker is a former premier of Alberta. Have sent out a newsletter that gives a history of the Mayor's Chain of Office.

K. Principe attended many of the events mentioned and it is great to see many of the Committee members. Really looking forward to the luncheon on Dec 8. Over Remembrance Day she was the Deputy Mayor and had the opportunity to bring greetings from the City of Edmonton at one of the community ceremonies. Also attended a citizenship ceremony at the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum. K. Principe attended the Indigenous Veteran's Remembrance Celebration at City Hall. It was very good.

M. Killick was honored to do the proclamation for Cadet Week as Deputy Mayor & Edmonton Salutes. Had the privilege to present an Edmonton Salutes Wreath at a Remembrance Day Ceremony in St. Albert. The best attended Remembrance Day ceremony in St. Albert. Several hundred people



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		were standing outside because they could not make it into the building.
9.0	New Business	
	<p>9.1 Discussion and motion for remaining ESC funds</p> <p>S. Maybee MOVED to approve the motion to grant \$2000 to the Veterans Food Bank and \$700 to Padre's Pantry.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals to spend the remaining funds within the budget before the end of the year. Two suggestions by B. Hodgson were the Veterans food bank or Padre's pantry - the base Chapel's hamper outreach. There is approximately \$2700 left in the budget that will likely not be spent. After discussion committee recommended the following to be granted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Food Bank - \$2,000 Padre's Pantry - \$700 <p>Carried</p>
10.	Next Meeting	
	10.1 Next Meeting	December 8, 2023 Appreciation lunch - in person RSVPs by Dec 1
11..	Adjournment	
	11.1 J. Abitoye MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.	Carried. Meeting ended at 10:37 a.m
<p>Upcoming Committee Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 8, 2023 - Volunteer appreciation lunch (will be a meeting if needed) January 26, 2024 - 9:00 to 11:00 		