

Minutes VIA - Google Meet - Calendar 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Sep 27, 2024

#### **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.

#### **Voting Member Attendance**

- Alexander Tsang, Edmonton United Services Institute
- Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons
- Brian Hodgson, CHAIR\*
- Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County
- Darren Krill, Community Member
- Dave McRae, Town of Redwater
- Dean Ervin, Edmonton Regional Airports Authority
- Fred Malott, Town of Legal
- Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company
- Haydar Al Dahhan, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Jibs Abitoye, City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Irri-Anne Bowyer, GoA Military Liaison
- Justin Yassoub, Community Member
- 🔲 Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member

#### **Military Guests**

- Maj. Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
- Lieut. Jeffrey Jolly, HMCS Nonsuch
- Lt.-Col. Al Wong, CFB Edmonton

#### City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

Megan Tam

Karen Principe, City of Edmonton Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord Laurie Hackett, Community Member Lorne Strachan, Community Member Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion  $\square$ Mark Humphreys, Canadian Forces Liaison Council 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  $\Box$ Scott Lundy, Community Member 

### **Other Guests**

Lt.-Col. Steven Flavel

Sydney Spidell



Item	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair B. Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM	Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM Chair opened the Committee's meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.
2.	Introductions	
	2.1 Introductions/ Welcome Guests	<ul> <li>The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.</li> <li>Noted and thanked: <ul> <li>S. Spidell - will be attending meetings and providing the ESC administrative support</li> <li>N. Weber - spoke to the transition from her support to J. Elford, attending to discuss cenotaph item</li> <li>LtCol. Steven Flavel</li> <li>Deputy Commander of 41 Canadian Brigade Group</li> <li>Reservist; director in Transportation and Economic Corridors at Alberta government</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	Determination of Quorum	
	3.1 - Quorum of at least 14 members was confirmed by administration Y/N?	Yes
4.	Approval of Agenda	
	4.1 - R. Torrie MOVED to approve the Agenda for Edmonton Salutes Meeting of September 27, 2024	Carried



5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	
	5.1 - F. Malott MOVED to approve the modified Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2024	Amendment: To mark J. Abitoye as present at June 28, 2024 meeting Carried
6.	Guest Speaker	
	6.1 - No guest speaker this month	
7.	Reports	
	7.1 - Chair Report	<ul> <li>The Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</li> <li>Global Business Forum <ul> <li>Robert Capital, author, spoke about forecast of international instability</li> <li>Highlighted the strategic requirement for Canada to increase emphasis on defence, particularly in the Arctic</li> </ul> </li> <li>Base Commanders Golf Tournament <ul> <li>Thank you to R. Palfrey and F. Malott, who provided update</li> <li>Had flags, but no flagpoles - need to locate</li> <li>Swag options - glasses cloth went well, low interest in other options</li> <li>Lots of interest in ESC table</li> <li>ESC branded clothing for representatives - wearing name tags/jackets</li> </ul> </li> <li>Check-in with Administration - Kate McIntosh and Aileen Giesbrecht <ul> <li>Support is there, continuity needs developing</li> <li>How to maintain continuity through transition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	7.2 Administration Report	<ul><li>Admin provided a verbal report. Key updates are as follows:</li><li>Reminder to committee members to identify</li></ul>



M. Killick MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by admin.	<ul> <li>themselves if joining by phone</li> <li>N. Weber provided update on Cenotaph as historical municipal resource <ul> <li>Requirement to place a plaque on or near, confirmed with committee that non-military plaque should not be placed on the monument</li> <li>Suggestion for plaque on pedestal, placed on walkway to it or North side, behind the monument</li> <li>N. Weber to share copy from plaque when available for committee review</li> </ul> </li> <li>City planning Remembrance Day with Loyal Edmonton Regiment <ul> <li>Invite will be sent out</li> </ul> </li> <li>Communicating with Administration <ul> <li>Support transitioning to J. Elford and S. Spidell</li> <li>Communication through edmonton.ca, not individual emails, for consistency</li> </ul> </li> <li>Budget balance \$41,383 <ul> <li>Funding updates to come from Budget committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.3 - Members/Sector Reports - Military	<ul> <li>Updates provided by:         <ul> <li>LtCol. Alfred Wong for CFB</li> <li>Great attendance at Base Commanders Golf Tournament</li> <li>Deployments in Latvia throughout winter</li> <li>Invictus Games in January</li> <li>Providing security atG7 Summit in Banff in June</li> <li>Preparation for domestic operations (floods, fires, etc.)</li> <li>Remembrance Day, supporting with a speaker</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lieutenant Jeffery Jolly for Navy/HMCS Nonsuch         <ul> <li>N/A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



L. Strachan MOVED to accept the verbal reports provided by the Military.	<ul> <li>Maj Graham Kallos for Air Force / 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron         <ul> <li>Introduction to tactical helicopter at CFB Valcartier</li> <li>Deployment to Latvia to replace sister squadron</li> </ul> </li> <li>Carried.</li> </ul>
7.4 Subcommittee Reports	0 subcommittees have met since last time.
7.4.1 Strategic Action	No reports from Strategic Action
7.4.2 Budget Subcommittee	<ul> <li>Reports from Budget</li> <li>Budget Updates: <ul> <li>Citadel Theatre A Christmas Carol tickets</li> <li>Standing item on the budget that still requires a vote</li> <li>L. Strachan moved to approve that the Edmonton Salutes Committee purchase 390 tickets for A Christmas Carol at the Citadel Theatre on November 24, 2024 in the amount of \$20,490.</li> <li>Motion carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>No Stone Left Alone - Beechmount Cemetery event <ul> <li>Funding request of \$2,300 for hot chocolate for 500 students (\$1,500) and EPS extra duty detail (\$800)</li> <li>Request form will be included with this meeting's minutes</li> <li>Committee wanted to ensure adequate recognition of ESC for funding</li> <li>R. Torrie noted recognition not in programs or service remarks for remembrance ceremonies</li> <li>K. Principe noted ESC is mentioned as "Class Act Sponsor" on the NSLA website</li> <li>K. Principe often attends and will mention</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



		<ul> <li>ESC in statements made</li> <li>R. Palfrey noted all promotion of events from MFRC is ESC branded</li> <li>R. Torrie will be there, B. Hodgson plans to be there</li> <li>L. Hackett moved that the Edmonton Salutes Committee fund the NSLA Beechmount Cemetery event in the amount of \$2,300.</li> <li>Carried</li> <li>Funding Request Form <ul> <li>Ensure clarity of questions on recognition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	7.4.3 Bylaw and Policy	No reports from Bylaw and Policy
	7.4.4 Membership and Orientation	No reports from Membership and Orientation
	M. Killick MOVED to accept the reports provided by the subcommittee members.	Carried.
7	7.5 Other reports	<ul> <li>A. Tsang <ul> <li>July 21, Korean War memorial unveiling in Banff</li> <li>Host and article mention ESC support</li> </ul> </li> <li>Alexander Tsang was awarded by the Government of South Korea the Medal of Ambassador of Peace Appreciation</li> <li>Will be stepping down as Chair of EUSI, will continue to be representative on ESC until new president is appointed</li> </ul> <li>M. Killick <ul> <li>Attended EXECUTrek event, reservists showcased to business leaders across Canada</li> <li>Andre Corbould to speak at St Albert and District Chamber of Commerce on Oct 9 to speak on benefit of reservists and how businesses can support reserve program</li> <li>Will introduce Andre and mention ESC as linkage</li> <li>Looking to share promotional material from ESC and MFRC - will connect with R. Parlin</li> </ul> </li>



<ul> <li>B. Hodgson suggested playing the video from ESC webpage as A/V component</li> <li>R. Torrie</li> <li>Bill Harrison, a Korean War vet who was the clown Billy Button, passed away on Sept 19, 2024</li> <li>Lest We Forget concert at Kingsway Legion, Nov 5 at 7 PM, no details available yet, committee still setting ticket price</li> </ul>
D. McRae
<ul> <li>Attended RMC Saint-Jean graduation ceremony on Sept 19</li> <li>Son posted to CFB Edmonton</li> <li>Memorial wreath will be placed at Redwater Remembrance Day ceremony on behalf of ESC</li> <li>M. Humphreys</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>CFLC Brigade 1 recruitment up this year</li> <li>Significant increase in forecasted and planned</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Significant increase in forecasted and planned deployments upcoming</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>EXECUTrek event had interest from 3</li> </ul>
committee members, unsure if all were
nominated to attend
• Will connect with organizers to clarify
registration and invitations processes for
future opportunities
CFLC participated in Enbridge hosted veteran
meeting - good opportunity for visibility as a
future event
K. Principe
<ul> <li>Attended Korean War Veterans Day ceremony at legislature with greetings from Edmonton and ESC</li> </ul>
Attended NSLA fundraiser luncheon
<ul> <li>Noted National Day for Truth and</li> </ul>
Reconciliation coming up and related events
<ul> <li>Indigenous Veterans Remembrance Day Nov 8</li> </ul>
• Discuss any plans at next meeting
<ul> <li>Idea: ESC Newsletter or Poster - 1/2x per year,</li> </ul>
distributed at the Base, Garrison, with what
ESC is doing
<ul> <li>A. Wong - suggested a poster with a QR</li> </ul>



		<ul> <li>code directing to ESC Webpage, doesn't need to be updated as frequently</li> <li>L. Strachan - suggested ad space or area in a base newsletter with the same instead of an additional resource</li> <li>G. L'Hirondelle</li> <li>Canada Lands Company wishes to support Griesbach Remembrance Day ceremony</li> <li>A. Wong and R. Torrie will make connection with PPCLI Foundation</li> <li>Chair concluded agenda item.</li> </ul>
8.0	New Business	
	8.1 ESC Identity - refreshing the logo, new business cards and nametags, ESC webpage, key messages	Chair moved discussion of first New Business item to next meeting
	8.2 Veterans Housing in Athlone	<ul><li>K. Principe</li><li>Construction begins 2025</li></ul>
	8.3 Loyal Edmonton Association annual Reunion Dinner	<ul> <li>B. Hodgson</li> <li>26th October at Italian Cultural Centre</li> <li>Oldest unit in the city, ESC has supported in many ways over the years</li> <li>Attending this event is one way to show support</li> </ul>
9.0.	Next Meeting	
	9.1 Next Meeting	October 25, 2024 - Virtual
10.	Adjournment	
	10.1 R. Torrie MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM	Carried. Meeting ended at 10:15 AM