



## Edmonton Salutes

Minutes

VIA - Google Meet

9:00 - 11:00 A.M. October 21, 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

- Alexander Tsang, Edmonton United Services Institute
- Brian Hodgson, CHAIR
- Carolyn Patton, Canadian Forces Liaison Council
- Dave McRae, Town of Redwater
- Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company
- Justin Yaassoub, Community Member
- Karen Principe, City of Edmonton
- Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County
- Laurie Hackett, Community Member
- Lorne Strachan, Community Member
- Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion
- Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre
- Steve Maybee, Edmonton International Airports

### Guests

#### Military

- Maj. Phil Paradis, CFB Edmonton
- Capt David Parker, 408 Tactical Helicopter Navy Squadron
- Cdr Leslie Yewer-Stacey, HMCS Nonsuch

#### Government

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

### Regrets

- Alexandra Hryciw, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons
- Brad Rutherford, MLA and Provincial Liaison to the CAF
- Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County
- Darren Krill, Community Member
- Fred Malott, Town of Legal
- Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member
- Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord
- Lisa Makin, City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Nicole Goehring, Community Member
- Scott Lundy, Community Member
- Wes Brodhead, City of St. Albert

### City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

- Kristin Lewis
- Natasha Weber
- Sarah Patterson



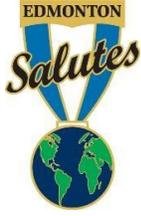
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Item	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair B. Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2.	Introductions	
	2.1 Introduction/Welcome Guests	Chair welcomed Committee members
3.	Determination of Quorum	
	3.1 - Quorum of at least 12 members was confirmed by administration Y/N?	Yes
4.	Approval of Agenda	
	4.1 - L. Strachan MOVED to approve the Agenda for the Edmonton Salutes Committee Meeting of October 21, 2022.	Carried
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	
	5.1 - R. Torrie MOVED to approve the Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2022.	Carried
6.	Field of Crosses for Edmonton/Northern Alberta	
	6.1 Presentation by Ms. Kelley Abercrombie	Ms. Kelley Abercrombie presented an idea on establishing a Field of Crosses for Edmonton/Northern Alberta.



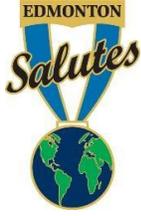
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		<p>She noted that the idea is very preliminary at the exploratory stages with initial discussion happening with the city on potential sites, and a request to Edmonton Salutes Committee for input and ideas on connections and networks in order to move forward with the initiative.</p> <p>Committee members noted general support for the concept, and the importance of finding a high visibility location for the temporary time that it is erected. Suggestions included locations like Warehouse Park.</p> <p>There was a note that grant funding may be available through sources such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Government of Canada Commemoration division: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/commemorate-canada.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/commemorate-canada.html</a></li> <li>Memorial grants for nonprofits through Veterans Affairs Canada: <a href="https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/commemorative-events/commemorative-partnership/community-war-memorial">https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/commemorative-events/commemorative-partnership/community-war-memorial</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Action: B. Hodgson noted that conceptually ESC supports it, and asked Administration to circulate contact details so that members can connect with her.</b></p>
7.	Reports	
	7.1 - Chair Report	<p>Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to move forward with inquiries and conversations on the potential for a Military Tattoo. He has spoken with the City Manager and others around support and funding. B. Hodgson indicated that there could be</li> </ul>



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	<p>L. Yewer Stacey MOVED to accept verbal report of Chair for information</p>	<p>provincial funding available up to \$75,000 subject to certain criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ukraine Situation - The Budget Committee is considering options as to how we might support Ukraine. Chair has been connected with Ret. Gen Paul Wynnyck, who has a connection and insights for support.</li><li>● Updating the Edmonton Salutes Landing page Video - funding was approved over the summer. Administration is currently coordinating.</li><li>● Chair attended the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Presentation, which took place just before the passing of Her Majesty</li><li>● Chair attended Hon. Doug Mitchell funeral.</li><li>● Chair attended Global Business Forum - Sept 22-23</li><li>● R.Torrie was recognized at the Oilers Opening Game</li><li>● Chair will be attending the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association dinner on Saturday.</li></ul> <p>A question was asked on what happens with the Feasibility Study for the Military Tattoo once it's done? It would come to committee for consideration.</p> <p>Discussion took place on recognition for the military at the Edmonton Elks last home game and whether ESC has a role. It was identified that there is a potential opportunity to connect with the Elks - Darren Krill has connections, and Maj Paradis can make sure that it is connected back to ESC (through administration) when 3CDSG is aware of events.</p> <p>Carried</p>
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	<p>7.2 - Administration Report - Natasha Weber/Kristin Lewis</p>	<p>Administration provided a verbal report. Key items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pleased to host HMCS Edmonton crew and passed along their appreciation</li><li>● ESC Promotional Item Inventory - shared the list and asked ESC members to advise if they want any for attending events.</li><li>● December Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is in the process of being planned. Looking at date options.</li><li>● There has been a change in the Mileage Policy so that community members can Expense for mileage when they are travelling to attend events on behalf of Edmonton Salutes. Note: Mileage cannot be claimed when traveling to and from ESC in-person meetings.</li><li>● Remembrance Day - a list of events has been provided to members with a request for members to advise on events they will attend and if they need an ESC wreath to lay at the event.</li><li>● Live streaming meetings - new regulations in place through the Council Procedures bylaw that meetings must be livestreamed, if they are virtual meetings. Will be implementing this at the next ESC meeting. ESC will need to decide if recordings are kept.</li><li>● Veterans Park - the City has identified this space for potential revitalization and safety concerns. Considering options for it to be an inclusive, Indigenous Park. It was suggested that the City could connect with <a href="#">Metis Crossing</a> to learn more about the approach for this revitalization.</li><li>● The Freedom of the City Event planned for October 22, 2022 has been canceled based on a directive from the Department of National Defense to redirect efforts toward readiness and training activities instead of parades and</li></ul>
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	<p>L. Strachan MOVED to accept the recommended approach for Christmas Carol Ticket purchase.</p> <p>S. Maybee MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by Administration.</p>	<p>ceremonial events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on Cemeteries took place to confirm that the Maintenance and responsibility for markers is up to owners, and is not taken care of by any public service entities.</li> <li>• A proposal for the purchase and distribution of tickets for military families to attend a performance of A Christmas Carol, sponsored by ESC, was brought forward for review and approval by the committee.</li> </ul> <p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>7.3 - Members/Sector Reports - Military</p>	<p>Lt Col Paradis was unable to attend the reporting portion of the meeting, and has provided a written report to update the Committee (below).</p> <p>Key updates included:</p> <p>Captain Parker provided a verbal report for the 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business as usual - units are in Wainwright for a 2 week training exercise</li> <li>• The gunners are in from CFB Shilo with the 777 Air Cadets</li> </ul> <p>Cdr. Yewer-Stacey provided a verbal report for the Navy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMCS Nonsuch is supporting a number of events and activities for Veterans Week</li> <li>• CO and Cox'n to attend No Stone Left Alone Ceremony</li> </ul>



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	<p>G. L'Hirondelle MOVED to accept verbal reports provided by the Military</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonsuch is participating in the CFL Salute at the Elks Game, Friday Oct 21.</li> <li>• The key focus for Nonsuch is getting people out to both coasts during the holidays</li> </ul> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>7.4 Subcommittee Reports</p> <p>7.4 (a) Strategic Action Subcommittee</p> <p>7.4 (b) Membership and Orientation Subcommittee</p>	<p>Subcommittee reports were as follows:</p> <p><u>Strategic Action Subcommittee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strategic Action Subcommittee did not meet since the last ESC meeting. However, Chair D. Krill developed a proposal for the committee to consider increasing presence and recognition for ESC on Remembrance Day.</li> <li>• N. Weber provided an update in the absence of D. Krill. The proposal is looking to gather up veterans and ESC members to participate in radio and TV shows on Remembrance Day.</li> </ul> <p><u>Membership and Orientation Subcommittee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Membership and Orientation Committee met on October 13. Chair L. Strachan noted from the meeting that a number of ESC members are up for reappointment in April, and the Subcommittee will support the recruitment if needed. The Subcommittee will reach out to determine member interest for continuing with the committee, develop an evaluation process for continuing members.</li> <li>• The Subcommittee has also identified work related to how municipal representatives are currently named in the Edmonton Salutes Bylaw (all members are specifically named, which creates challenges for new or exiting members). The Membership and Orientation Committee will connect with the Bylaw and Policy committee to discuss this flag.</li> </ul>



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	<p>7.4 (c) Budget Subcommittee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Subcommittee is also looking to proactively send out information for any organizations/municipalities to inform member organizations about the ESC if they are considering a change in representation.</li></ul> <p><u>Budget Subcommittee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Budget Subcommittee did not meet since the last ESC meeting; however, key items to report include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chairs of the Budget and Strategic Action Subcommittees met to discuss a few items including support for Ukraine, Municipal contributions, and Remembrance Day Ideas</li><li>• Representatives of the Budget Subcommittee will meet with Deputy Minister (and Retired General) Paul Wynnyck. The meeting has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, October 25 (due to provincial government Cabinet announcements conflicting with the originally planned October 21 meeting).</li><li>• The Budget Subcommittee is looking at what ESC promotional items may be available to promote the ESC presence in the community, and what items may need to be restocked.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>Bylaw and Policy Subcommittee</u> No report.</p>
	<p>7.4 (d) Bylaw &amp; Policy Subcommittee</p>	<p>Carried.</p>



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	G. L'Hirondelle moved to accept reports of subcommittees.	
	7.5 Other Reports	<p>A. Tsang noted that next year is the 75th anniversary of the cease fire in Korea. A monument will be erected in Calgary, and an exhibit is planned on the Korean War at the Aviation Museum. Looking for financial support for the exhibit and shipment of photos. Projecting approx \$5,000. Alex has asked for information which will be forwarded to the Budget Subcommittee for review.</p> <p>C. Patton wanted to thank ESC for the grant for the Chamber/Canadian Forces Liaison Council luncheon event. The event had a good turnout, and great comments from Andre Corbould for his reflection on his service and the importance of reservists. They hope to repeat the event in Calgary.</p> <p>C. Patton also attended the Veterans Food Bank event and was very impressed with it. They provide a lot of support and advice connecting with Veterans Affairs and their work is beyond just delivery of food.</p> <p>R. Torrie noted that the Royal Canadian Legion and CMS will present the Lest We Forget musical tribute on November 6 at Festival Place in Sherwood Park.</p>
8.	New Business	
	8.1 Remembrance Day Events	Chair B. Hodgson will lay a wreath on behalf of ESC at City Hall



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	8.2 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals	<b>Action: Discussion took place on the nomination process for the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. B. Hodgson will check into whether other organizations can be added to the list of partners who can nominate.</b>
9.	Next Meeting	
	9.1 Next Meeting	Next meeting is November 25, 2022.
10.	Adjournment	
	10.1 R. Parlin MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.	Carried. Meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.
<p><b>Upcoming events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military Training Exercise (observation) - Fall 2022</li> <li>• Remembrance Day Events - November 2022</li> <li>• Volunteer Recognition - December 2022</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Upcoming Committee Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next ESC meeting will be November 25, 2022. (Virtual)</li> </ul>		

Report from Lt. Col Phillip Paradis (for 3CDSG Activities):

Key dates:

October & November:

- training for deployments and fall training in Wainwright
- Redeployments (Op IMPACT, Op REASSURANCE)
- Remembrance Activities 28 Oct – 11 Nov (dispersed to various communities and Schools for attendance or Speaker participation)

December

- 8 Dec I have tentatively booked the Edmonton Garrison Officers' Mess and the Div Comd BGen Graham for the potential ESC Luncheon.
- Holiday and Christmas Events (Dinners for the troops and other activities are still being defined to scope and number of activities)



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### Interest Points:

- There is some interest to have uniformed personnel speak at schools on why they joined the military, which would feed into both a retention and providing insight into the opportunities within the military.
- Future Community Relations (COMREL) events, such as Freedom of the city parades and the like will be looked at in the future to support the Recruitment and Attraction components of reconstitution.