

Edmonton Salutes

Minutes

VIA - Google Meet

9:00am - 11:00am

February 28, 2025

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Dziadyk, Edmonton United Services Institute | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Principe, City of Edmonton |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willis Kozak, Town of Gibbons | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Hodgson, CHAIR* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County | <input type="checkbox"/> Laurie Hackett, Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant), Community Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorne Strachan, Community Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave McRae, Town of Redwater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Ervin, Edmonton Regional Airports Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Humphreys, Canadian Forces Liaison Council |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Malott, Town of Legal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Killick, City of St. Albert |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Goehring, Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant), Edmonton Chamber of Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jibs Abitoye, City of Fort Saskatchewan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Palfrey, Community Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin Wright, MLA, GoA Military Liaison | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member | |

Military Guests

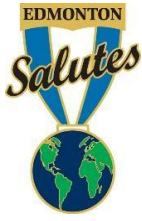
- Maj. Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
- Lieut. Christopher Favrin, HMCS Nonsuch
- Lt.-Col. Al Wong, CFB Edmonton

Other Guests

Lieutenant-Colonel D.M. Gray, CD Commanding Officer

City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Elford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clare Muruatetu |
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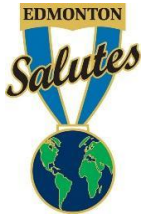
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Item	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair B. Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:07am	Meeting called to order at 9:00am The Chair opened the Committee's meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.
2.	Introductions	
	2.1 - Introductions/ Welcome Guests	The Chair welcomed all members in attendance. Noted and thanked guest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant-Colonel D.M. Gray, CD Commanding Officer
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 - D. McRae MOVED to approve the Agenda for Edmonton Salutes Meeting of February 28, 2025	Carried
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	
	5.1 - F. Malott MOVED to approve the Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2025	Carried



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6.	Guest Speaker	
	6.1 - Lieutenant-Colonel D.M. Gray, CD Commanding Officer	<p>Presentation and Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current command of a NATO multinational battle group in Latvia since mid-December, focusing on combat readiness exercises.• Described the multinational brigade structure in Latvia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Size and composition○ Units from Canada, Spain, Italy, Poland, and other nations (Italy, Slovenia, North Montenegro, and Macedonia)• Committee members would like to know how to support the troops<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lt. Col Gary will get back to Brian with suggestions (share social media pages to promote awareness)
7.	Reports	
	7.1 - Chair Report	<p>The Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Govern General of Canada Sovereign's Medal presentation for Alexander Tsang (Link)• Provided connections between Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Alan Mulawyshyn, Executive Director, Veterans Canada and business/community leaders• LERM AGM Feb 18, 2025• Member Appointments update March 12, 2025• Lord Strathcona 125 Anniversary update - regiment deployed• 80th Anniversary Liberation - Mayor invitation



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<p>R. Balanko MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by the Chair of the Committee.</p>	<p>Carried.</p>
<p>7.2 - Administration Report</p> <p>L. Strachan MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by the admin.</p>	<p>Admin provided a verbal report. Key updates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Council report on March 10th - Watch on edmonton.ca Live Stream https://councilontheweb.edmonton.ca/ or view the Meeting Agenda (LINK).● Upcoming Events: CAF Health Services Business Luncheon (Feb 28), 408 Sqn Business Luncheon (March 14th) - express interest via email.● In-person meetings (June/September): Fall venue search continues, MFRC offered for the spring meeting.● Admin is now meeting quarterly with ArmedForces@theCity (Employee Resource Network), and regularly with City Military Liaison.● Budget subcommittee update: New funding process is complete and being tested on new funding requests.● If approval of today's funding requests (\$4,800 from community grants), \$55,000 total remaining.● Questions/comments: Fall meeting venues discussed Legion, Airport, Jefferson Armoury. Admin to follow up. EUSI funding request coming to ESC. <p>Carried.</p>
<p>7.3 - COE Councillor Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The committee observed a minute of silence and expressed appreciation for Alex Tsang.● The 3rd vigil on the attack in Ukraine was attended.



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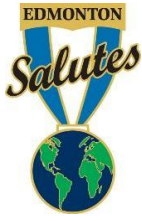
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	<p>D. Ervin MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by the Councillor.</p>	<p>There was an outpouring of appreciation for Canadian support and aid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to attend lunch on the 14th. • It was suggested that the committee consider LERM or other venues for in-person meetings. <p>Carried</p>
	<p>7.4 - Members/Sector Reports - Military</p>	<p>Updates provided by:</p> <p>Lt.-Col. Alfred Wong for CFB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the army's focus on expeditionary operations, both overseas and domestic. • Internally, Base Edmonton and Base Wayne which were amalgamated 15 years ago, will be separated into two entities under separate base commanders as of April 1st. Colonel Dub will remain the group supporting commander. • Lt. Col Wong also announced Colonel Dub's departure on July 2nd, 2025, and the 125th anniversary of the Strathcona's on July 25th, 2025. <p>Lieut. Christopher Favrin for Navy/HMCS Nonsuch: (Report by J. Dziadyk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Navy is still at sea and the Change of command parade will be in May. <p>Maj Graham Kallos for Air Force / 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business lunch coming up, helicopter landing and opportunity to meet the blue braves. • Deployment in Latvia and preparations for Roto 2,



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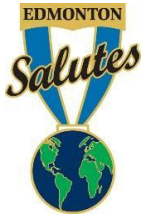
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	<p>G. L'Hirondelle MOVED to accept the verbal reports provided by the Military.</p>	<p>as well as upcoming gun camps and TMS in the new year, and the squadron's efforts to maintain reservist employment despite unchanged funding.</p> <p>Carried.</p>
	<p>7.5 - Subcommittee Reports</p> <p>7.5.1 - Strategic Action</p> <p>7.5.2 - Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>L. Strachan MOVED to approve</p>	<p>No reports from Strategic Action</p> <p>Reports from Budget (Report by L. Strachan)</p> <p>L. Strachan provided an update on the new funding process that is evolving as we go.</p> <p>L. Strachan initiated a discussion on the funding requests of \$2,800 for Guthrie School - Teal Up Day 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● R. Balanko shared an invitation from the school principal to the committee to participate and engage with military kids at the Teal Up Day event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D. McRae would like to be put in contact to volunteer. ○ W. Kozak volunteered as well. ● Administration mentioned that Salutes could have a table there if committee members would like to join. ● R. Parlin recused herself from voting for the Guthrie school vote due to MFRC involvement.



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funding requests of \$2,800 for Guthrie School - Teal Up Day 2025.

Carried.

L. Strachan initiated a discussion on \$2,000 funding request for Quilts of Valour Canada - YEG Sew Days

- Admin requested to follow up to ensure the quilts are distributed in Edmonton and surrounding areas

L. Strachan MOVED to approve the funding request of \$2,000 for Quilts of Valour Canada - YEG Sew Days

Carried

L. Strachan MOVED to accept the report provided by the Budget and Funding subcommittee.

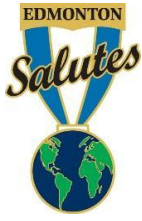
Carried.

7.5.3 - Bylaw and Policy

Bylaw and Policy Updates:

Discrepancy between the salutes bylaw and other bylaws, scheduling a future meeting to address this.

No need for motion.



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	<p>7.5.4 - Membership and Orientation</p> <p>M. Killick MOVED to accept the reports provided by the Membership and Orientation subcommittee.</p>	<p>Membership and Orientation Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently awaiting the results of the city's process for new memberships. • Plan to book an orientation meeting shortly after the results are received. <p>Carried.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>7.6 - Other reports</p>	<p>Community Members</p> <p>EUSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex's service will be at the Kingsway Legion next Friday (7 Mar) at 1100. It's open to everyone. • AGM Saturday, March 1st, 2025 • Annual Symposium - May 31st - Please add to ESC calendar. The 30th anniversary of the Bosnian War will be the focus of this year's event. <p>CFLC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Humphry provided an update on the CFLC, including an upcoming award ceremony on April 4th and an unofficial executrek to Wainwright for employers of reservists from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Attendees were encouraged to submit potential candidates. • Mike officially joined the Glowing Hearts program for reserve support and will attend the March 14th lunch on behalf of the city of St. Albert, not ESC. <p>Strathcona County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of meeting with ESC, Strathcona County plans to rename a park to Veterans Memorial Park this spring and unveil a 7-foot-tall poppy statue as a public art project near their cenotaph in 2025.



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8.0	New Business	
	8.1 - No new business	
9.0.	Next Meeting	
	9.1 - Next Meeting	March 28, 2025
10.	Adjournment	
	10.1 - N. Goehring MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 AM	Carried. Meeting ended at 10:43 AM

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- March 28, 2025
- April 25, 2025
- May 23, 2025
- June 27, 2025
- September 26, 2025
- October 24, 2025
- November 28, 2025