



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

**Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting
26 May 2018**

At Medicine Hat Lodge, Alberta

Executive / Board of Directors Present:	
Mr. Paul Hale	Director / President / Fund-raising
Mr. Dougal Salmon	Director / Vice President / Cadets / President Victoria Branch
Mr. Michael Austdal	Director / Past President / President Wainwright Branch
Mr. Jim Croll	Director / VP West / Treasurer / Casino Chairman
Mr. Jay Lapeyre	Director / VP East / Heritage / Volunteer Patricia Program
Mr. Fred Goldring	Director / Membership
Mr. Stephen Bartlett	Director/ President Atlantic Branch
Council Present:	
Dan Palmer	President Cypress Hill Branch
Herb Kenny	President Edmonton Branch
In Attendance:	
Madame Adrienne Clarkson	Colonel-in-Chief
BGen Vince Kennedy	Incoming Colonel of the Regiment
Maj Slade Lerch	Regimental Major
WO Shaun Peterson	Regimental WO
Mr John DeMerchant	Edmonton
Mr Norm Pryce	Edmonton
Mr Gord Descoteaux	Edmonton
Mr Mike Bludd	Edmonton
Mr Ken Jobin	Edmonton
Mr Scott Langford	Edmonton
Mr Ray Romses	Lethbridge
Mr Bill Bewick	Calgary
Mr Mike Spellen	Calgary
Mr Art Bochu	Cypress Hills
Mr Stu Waldron	Cypress Hills
Me Ken Lockie	Cypress Hills
Mr Darcy Parker	Saskatchewan
Mr Greg Ferguson	SW Ontario
Mr Don Irvine	Wainwright
Mrs Nitasha Irvine	Wainwright

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Mr Dave Pentney	Kingston / Finance Chair / VPP Facilitator
Mr Don Dalziel	Ottawa / Governance Chair
Mr John Voutour	Saskatchewan
Mr Phil Cook	
Mr Bill Bennet	
Mr Bill Hewson	
Mrs Nora Hewson	

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1.	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0902 (MST) hours, with a quorum.	President
2.	Minute of Silence The Chairman asked all to stand and observe a moment of silence for our fallen and departed comrades	
3.	Opening Remarks from President: Chairman welcomed the Colonel-in-Chief, Madame Adrienne Clarkson, BGen Vince Kennedy and all attendees to the 70 th PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting.	President
4.	Opening Remarks from Colonel in Chief Madame Adrienne opened the AGM with comments on the challenges currently facing the Canadian Armed Forces as they train for an upcoming deployment to Mali. All three Battalions have been actively engaged in both domestic and deployed operations. They are providing stellar service to Canadians She was pleased to observe that the Association was the only service organization requested to make a presentation at a Suicide Prevention roundtable hosted by the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research in Ottawa on 23 May. The Association is gaining national attention with its efforts to raise Mental Health and Suicide Awareness with the veteran community. They are setting a very high standard and are to be complimented for their approach to helping not only Patricia veterans, but all veterans. The continued support that the Association provides to the Regimental Family via Student Bursaries, support to PPCLI Cadet Corps, the Regimental Museum and Veteran Support with	

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	<p>donations to Col Belchner Retirement Center in Calgary and the Kipnes Centre for Veterans in Edmonton are all outstanding.</p> <p>The Association is actively engaged in supporting all members of the Regimental Family and will no doubt accomplish even more in the years ahead.</p>	
5.	<p>Approval of the Agenda:</p> <p>Motion for approval: by Fred Goldring. Seconded by: Bill Bewick. <i>Carried</i></p>	President
6.	<p>Approval of Minutes of the 69th AGM of 10 June 2017:</p> <p>Motion for approval: by Darcy Parker. Seconded by: Steve Barlett. <i>Carried</i></p>	President
7.	Reports	
	<p>7.1 President's Report</p> <p>The President covered his report which is reflected in the attached and formal report. It was highlighted that the Association provided almost \$54,500 in financial support to the Regimental Family in 2017 and is projecting \$61,500 in 2018,</p> <p>The Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshops have been very successful and will be covered in more detail later in the AGM</p>	President
	<p>7.2 Finance Committee Report</p> <p>The HGMF had a net gain of \$43,517 or 6.02 % in 2017.</p>	Finance Committee Chair
	<p>7.2.1 Current Financial Position</p> <p>The Association Operating Fund had a net income of \$7,023 as of 30 April 2018. Additional details can be found in the attached slides and financial statements.</p> <p>The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund had a net income of \$7,793 as of 30 April 2018. Additional details can be found in the attached slides and financial statements.</p>	Treasurer

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	<p>7.3 Casino Report</p> <p>Jim Croll reviewed the results of the latest Casino. A min of \$40,490 was raised and this will increase once we are advised of what we will receive from the slot machines. He also thanked a number of volunteers who without their help that Casino would not be a success.</p>				<p>Casino Chair</p>																																																																				
	<p>7.4 Membership Report</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="342 884 1208 1938"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Data Base</th> <th>Active</th> <th>Inactive</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Atlantic</td> <td>71</td> <td>58</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calgary</td> <td>127</td> <td>84</td> <td>43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cypress Hills</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Edmonton</td> <td>141</td> <td>110</td> <td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FV</td> <td>52</td> <td>2</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingston</td> <td>43</td> <td>33</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Man NWO</td> <td>56</td> <td>47</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mid Van Island</td> <td>21</td> <td>13</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ottawa</td> <td>53</td> <td>3</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saskatchewan</td> <td>24</td> <td>23</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SW Ontario</td> <td>116</td> <td>58</td> <td>58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vancouver</td> <td>31</td> <td>0</td> <td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victoria</td> <td>55</td> <td>29</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wainwright</td> <td>27</td> <td>11</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E Members</td> <td>256</td> <td>295</td> <td>61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1081</td> <td>774</td> <td>407</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Data Base	Active	Inactive	Atlantic	71	58	13	Calgary	127	84	43	Cypress Hills	8	8		Edmonton	141	110	31	FV	52	2	50	Kingston	43	33	10	Man NWO	56	47	9	Mid Van Island	21	13	8	Ottawa	53	3	50	Saskatchewan	24	23	1	SW Ontario	116	58	58	Vancouver	31	0	31	Victoria	55	29	26	Wainwright	27	11	16	E Members	256	295	61	Total	1081	774	407	<p>Membership Chair</p>
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	<p>Fred Goldring stressed the importance of Branch Secretaries in keeping the DBase up to date. If they need assistance, just contact him.</p> <p>The inactive list is due to requirement to keep names for up to seven years.</p>	
	<p>7.5 Public Policy and Communications Committee Report</p> <p>As per attached slide.</p>	President
	<p>7.6 Governance Report</p> <p>As per attached slide. The Bylaws will be amended under New Business.</p>	Governance Chair
	<p>7.7 Fundraising Report</p> <p>In 2017, there was a total of \$18,066 in donations. For 2018, a total of \$3,335 02 12.8% of our goal. Fundraising is critical since it provides us the ability to support all our programs.</p>	President
	<p>7.8 Heritage Committee Report</p> <p>As per attached slide. The Heritage committee will work in conjunction with RHQ to update the Momuments and Memorials Manual. In order to accomplish this they require assistance from the Branches so that current photos and location can by incorporated into the Manual.</p>	VP East
	<p>7.9 Volunteer Patricia Program Report</p> <p>The VPP slides were covered in detail. Since June 2017, Dave Pentney has handled 22 cases. 40% of these cases were outside on Branch locations and emembers were contacted to provide assistance. Of note, is that only 2 cases involved current Association members and 3 of the cases were non-Patricias, who were helped and then handed over to their respective Association.</p> <p>The assistance provided by the Reg Veterans Care Cell and VETS Canada has been outstanding. VETS Canada can provide an individual with safe accommodation in 36 hrs or less. They referred 9 veterans to us.</p>	VPP Facilitator

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	<p>7.10 Student Bursary Report</p> <p>In 2017, a total of \$17,000 was awarded in Student Bursaries.</p> <p>For 2018, we plan to distribute \$21,000 in named bursaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3,000 – 25th Anniversary Medak Pocket ➤ 2,500 – Capt James Decoste, 2 VP died veh accident Croatia 18 Sep 93 ➤ 2,500 – Pte John Prezenski, 3 VP died veh accident Wx 19 Sep 76 ➤ 2,000 – Cpl Neil MacKinnon, 1 VP killed live fire trg Suffield 27 Mar 95 ➤ 2,000 – LCol AG Pearson, MC, DCM – Original and CO 15 Oct – 21 Nov 1918 ➤ 1,500 – Cpl John Bechard, 2 VP died veh accident Croatia 6 Aug 93 ➤ 1,500 – Calgary Branch - support to Casino ➤ 1,500 – Edmonton Branch - support to Casino ➤ 1,500 – Wainwright Branch - support to Casino ➤ 2 @ 1,500 – Hamilton Gault <p>The deadline for Student Bursaries is 15 July 2018. To date there have been several inquiries, but no applications received yet. The information will be repeated to all.</p>	<p>Student Bursary Chair</p>
	<p>7.11 Cadet Report</p> <p>Dougal Salmon reviewed the attached cadet slides. The Hatbadge and shoulder titles provided by the Association is very successful and cost \$1467 in 2018. A further \$6,700 was distributed to several cadet corps with Tommy Prince Corps in Winnipeg and the Campbell River Corps receiving extra funding, since their needs were higher than other Cadet Corps.</p> <p>The Calgary Cadet Corp won the Association Cadet Trophy and a cheque for \$1,000.</p> <p>2 and 3 PPCLI both provided Reviewing Officers for Cadet Annual Review. This year is the first time that a Patricia from a serving unit will be Reviewing Officer for the Yellowknife Cadet Corps.</p> <p>A question was raised by Gordon Chesley with respect to standardizing the plaques and engraving on the Association trophy. Approval was granted to clean up the trophy and add another base layer.</p>	<p>Vice President</p>

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	<p>7.12 Web Master Report</p> <p>See attached slide. The website is a work in progress and needs an administrator to ensure that current information is added to the website. Darcy Parker from the Saskatchewan Branch volunteered for this role.</p>	President
	<p>7.13 Regimental Majors Update</p> <p>Maj Slade Lerch, RM gave the attached presentation. He highlighted the challenges with protecting the Regiment's Intellectual Property. He also thanked the Association for its ongoing support to the Regimental Museum.</p> <p>Greg Ferguson suggested that ERE reps contact the Branches in their geographic area in order to ensure that serving members are included in Branch activities.</p> <p>It was also requested that Association members be invited to participate in Unit Christmas Dinner, in to raise the Association's profile.</p> <p>The Chairman presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the RM for improvements to the Medal and 81mm Mortar Pit displays.</p>	Regimental Major
8.	New Business	
	<p>8.1 Charitable Goals 2018 – 2025</p> <p>The Chairman reviewed that plan for charitable giving for the period 2018 – 2025. The plan provides an indication as to how and where funds will be expended. It will be updated on an annual basis and provides a fundraising framework for the Association.</p> <p>The Foundation has been approached with respect to providing an annual grant or donation to the Association. This is a work in progress. It unlikely that we will see any funds in 2018. However, there is a reasonable chance that we will receive support from the Foundation for 2019 and beyond.</p> <p>The establishment of a Veterans and Family Support Committee was discussed. This committee should be stood up by fall 2018 and should consist of a Director, Regt Veterans Care Cell, one or two disabled veterans and at least one spouse.</p>	President

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	<p>8.2 2019 Association Operating Fund Budget</p> <p>As per attached slide and budget.</p> <p>Motion for approval: by Jim Croll. Seconded by: Jay Lapeyre. Carried</p>	Finance Chair
	<p>8.3 Appointment of Association Auditors</p> <p>Background The Association Operating Fund and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund require that an independent Financial Review be conducted annually.</p> <p>Motion It is moved that the firm Calvista LLP, Professional Accountants be retained as the Association Review Accountants.</p> <p>Motion for approval: by Jim Croll. Seconded by: Vince Kennedy. Carried</p>	Treasurer
	<p>8.4 Mental Health and Suicide Awareness</p> <p>The Chairman discussed the success of the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops and the interest that has been shown in the Association initiative. Since June 17, we have helped 22 individuals, 2 were Association members, 17 Patricias an Engr, Admin Clerk and Signaller. This a small number that will no doubt increase over time.</p> <p>The first two workshops were in Edmonton and Victoria. 18 Association members, 4 serving Patricias and 16 others participated in the workshops. Three workshops will be conducted in Gagetown, Calgary and Kingston in Sep/Oct 18. The aim is that each workshop will 15 Association members and 10 individuals from other organizations. It is also planned that Association members from neighbouring provinces will attend the workshops. The estimated cost is \$27,700. Accordingly, a grant request for \$24,000 was submitted to True Patriot Love on 22 Mar 18. The initial response from TPL staff was positive.</p> <p>The Chairman will follow up with TPL and submit a request for possible funding from Veterans Affairs Canada, Veterans and Family Well-being Fund.</p> <p>Madame Adrienne commented on the excellent work that has been accomplished to date and how this also helps families who are dealing with these issues. She also highlighted that First responders and RCMP have an even higher rate of Mental Health</p>	President

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	<p>issues when compared to the Canadian Armed Forces. The Association in leading the way in addressing Mental Health issues and being proactive in helping those in crisis.</p> <p>Madame Adrienne also commented that the Association may in the future be able to help with the transition from serving member to civilian.</p>	
	<p>8.5 Partnership with VETS Canada</p> <p>The chairman explained that VETS Canada is a national, volunteer driven, nonprofit corporation. As VAC service providers, they provide aid and comfort to Canadian veterans that are in-crisis, are at risk of becoming homeless, or are homeless. They provide safe accommodation to a veteran in need with 36 hours or less. Since June 17, they have referred 9 out 22 cases to the Association. We have an informal partnership and it recommended that we formalize our relationship with them.</p> <p>It was moved by Paul Hale that the PPCLI Association establish a formal partnership with VETS Canada. Seconded by Fred Goldring. Carried</p>	President
	<p>8.6 Resolution 01-18 Amendment PPCLI Association By-law No 1</p> <p>The Chairman reviewed the proposed changes to the Association Bylaws which are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Mike Austdal that the attached resolution 01/18 be approved. Seconded by Tim Penny. Carried</p>	Governance Chair
9.	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>A question was raised as whether Student Bursaries were awarded by geographic region. Mike Austdal explained that Bursaries were awarded by merit and the Reviewing Board consisted of Association and serving members.</p> <p>Chelsey Gordon presented a \$200 Donation from the Calgary Kitshop to the Cypress Hills Branch to assist with the costs they incurred for the AGM.</p>	

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10.	Dates and Location of Next AGM:	
	<p>10.1 – Edmonton 7-8 August 2019</p> <p>The 71st AGM will take place in Edmonton as follows: Tuesday 6 August – travel day Wednesday 7 August – HGMF BoT, Strategic Planning, Casino training Thursday 8 August – 71st AGM Friday 9 August – French Grey Golf Tournament 10 – 11 August – 105th Anniversary events (to be determined)</p> <p>The AGM will not occur on the Base to simplify administration for those attending.</p>	Edmonton Branch President
	10.2 – Saskatoon 22-23 May 2020:	Saskatchewan Branch
	10.3 – Halifax May 2021	Atlantic Branch
11.	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Your president asked if I might close out this AGM with a few words. Most of you know me to one degree or another, and most will also know that on the 13th of June I will attend the change of command parade for the third battalion as the incoming colonel of the regiment. But the outgoing COR, MGen Brian Vernon could not be here today so Paul opted to ask the new guy.</p> <p>First. I would congratulate the Association for taking on the continuing challenge of making itself in the broadest sense more relevant to Patricias by becoming more purposeful. Since before the days of Bert Scott presidency – and through the service of Dave Pentney, Mike Austdal and now Paul Hale, the Association has been fighting the battle of smaller numbers, it has also tried to look for more ways to honour and find practical methods called up by our motto – ‘Always a Patricia’.</p> <p>Without any reservation, I find that the idea of mental health awareness spread across the Association will be a powerful basis to support both greater understanding amongst those like me who do not personally know mental illness, as well as sensitizing all of us on how to alert the care system that is out there, extant across the land, if we find someone who exhibits the kind of health issues that those who have been traumatized by one or more of many experiences – not only in war and on operations, but often in their marriages or family life, or their detachment from the world around them they are linked by the common denominator that they need help.</p> <p>This is not new or just an association issue. Long before the Balkans or Afghanistan, in my two years as CO 1 PPCLI, we had two suicides – both directly related to family/relationship breakdown. Both deaths recognizable perhaps if we had been more vigilant, more sensitive.</p>	Incoming COR

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	<p>No one knows, but when it happens we always feel that perhaps we should have done more.</p> <p>‘Always a Patricia’ within the Association should remind us that everyone who served with us or shared the burden of our service – including spouses and children, that is all who are eligible to be members of the Association are the big tent of people which is the heart of the phrase ‘Always a Patricia’.</p> <p>I am delighted when I see, as I have in several branches, that past wives of Patricias and veterans still come out to the branch dinners, and hang in there with the group they know, no matter how they came to be alone. In Winnipeg, I saw the same thing in a supportive group who came together quarterly under the banner of a Patricia drinks gathering, and not organized but supported by the local branch. The 40 or more that showed up every time included women who had been married to Patricias and still did not mind talking about it, the last cleaner from the 2 PPCLI headquarters building at Kapyong barracks, and men and women who had long ago been trade-reassigned to air force trades – all who still wanted to come out but did not want to join.</p> <p>On the issue of joining. Maybe we take membership numbers too seriously. It is an approximation that some 30,000 people have served with the PPCLI since Korea. Add their spouses and adult children, and the estimate swells to a community of some 50,000 or more. Only about 700 of that community are members of the formal association. Many are members of the PPCLI Association facebook group – which is nearing 4000 members. It may be that we must think about accounting for social media as a chief means to maintain the currency of membership in a loose community – but membership and community for sure.</p> <p>But all that said, even a looser community needs a structure at its heart that is the Association Council and the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund to provide the information and management, so that we can do practical support for, and pass information within our Patricia community. I see further developing that information highway to include such things as transitional and job-related information as important to our community’s future.</p> <p>This AGM demonstrates again that the Association continues to search for good and realistic ways to develop purpose and through that purpose, to attract members and supporters, and to help our Patricias and any of that big tent of people – our community, with the challenges and sometimes the wounds of modern life.</p> <p>Thank you all for your work.</p>	

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12.	Adjournment: The President thanked the Board for their participation. There being no further business or objections the meeting was adjourned at 1147 (MST) hours on a motion by: Stephen Bartlett.	

Prepared by:
Dougal Salmon
01 June 2018

Approved by:
Paul Hale
National President
01 June 2018