



## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

### Minutes of the Council of Presidents Meeting 30 March 2022, by Zoom at 1630 MST

<b>Present:</b>	
Ted Giraldeau	Director / President / Cadets
Terry Loveridge	Director / Acting Vice President / Heritage Chair
Jake Flanders	Director / VP West / Communications
Jim Croll	Director / Treasurer / Casino Chair / <b>President Calgary Branch</b>
Don Dalziel	Governance Chair/ <b>President Ottawa Branch</b>
Herb Kenny	Membership Chair / <b>President Edmonton Branch</b>
Paul Hale	Past President
Glen Ryan	<b>President Atlantic Branch</b>
Shaun Tymchuk	Kingston Branch representative
Greg Ferguson	<b>President SW Ontario Branch</b>
Perry Batchelor	<b>President Manitoba / NW Ontario Branch</b>
Dan Palmer	<b>President Cypress Hills Branch</b>
Julien McNulty	<b>President Fraser Valley Branch</b>
Jed Kasimierz	<b>President Mid-Island Branch</b>
<b>Absent / Regrets</b>	
David McArdle	Director / VP East
Tim Penney	Director / Educational Bursaries
Jay Bickerton	Director / Veterans and Family Support / VPP Coordinator
Terri Orser	Director / Secretary / <b>Acting President Victoria Branch</b>
Michael Austdal	<b>President Wainwright Branch</b>
Raymond Moskowec	<b>President Saskatchewan Branch</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branch Presidents annotated in bold</li> </ul>	

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>OPI/Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order:</b> The meeting was called to order at 1635 hours MST with a quorum.	<b>President</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> Ted welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board of Directors (BoD) to brief the Council of Presidents (CoP) on its work over the past six month. The Presidents also had the opportunity to brief the BoD on Branch activities. Ted reminded the Presidents that the upcoming AGM on 28 May would be virtual.	<b>President</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of the Agenda:</b> It was moved by Jim Croll and seconded by Shaun Tymchuk to approve the agenda. <i>Carried</i>	<b>President</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from 24 November 2021:</b> It was moved by Jim Croll and seconded by Herb Kenny to approve the Minutes from 24 November 2021. <i>Carried</i>	<b>President</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	
	Nil Report	<b>President</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>New Business</b>	

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	<p><b>6.1 – President’s and Cadets Report:</b></p> <p>Ted reported that the BoD had been actively engaged since last CoP meeting. The BoD decided not to pursue the sponsorship of Roger Chabot’s documentary and art project as there was no interest or need for more art in the Museum, and it was felt the money earmarked for the project could best be used elsewhere. The battlefield tour scheduled for 2023 had been postponed until 2024. The HGMF still has the lead. The website project had been launched (see update later in minutes). The preparations for the Spring Newsletter had begun.</p> <p>The BoD has decided that as a sign of gratitude for members who have paid up their dues for 2022, the Association would gift a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative coin to each paid up member. Every member who had paid their 2022 dues by 28 May 2022 would receive a free coin. Some details have yet to be worked out. Greg Ferguson would provide more details later in the meeting.</p> <p>Ted indicated that Association would not make any public comment regarding the war in Ukraine, particularly on its Facebook page. Association members, while free to voice their own opinions were not to speak on behalf of the Association.</p> <p>Ted indicated he would be attending the Regimental Steering Committee on 19 April. The primary discussion was to be centered on the Transformation Team’s work on combining the three Regimental charities. The hope was that the RSC would provide further guidance on the way forward, particularly regarding the engagement of professional accountants and lawyers.</p> <p>Regarding Cadets, there was a joint decision made with the HGMF not to hold an annual cadet competition this year as there had been a slow return to in-person training across the Corps. There had been only one request for HGMF funding and only a few requests for cap badges and flashes.</p>	
	<p><b>6.2 - Financial Update:</b> (see attached reports).</p> <p>Jim advised that he would be arranging for new Director/officer insurance for the BoD which would lower the premium. The attached statements would change when h updated the membership dues recently received.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>

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	<p><b>6.3 - Membership:</b> (see attached chart).</p> <p>Herb reminded Branch Presidents to update the database and that he was available to assist. As of 27 March 2022, only 493 paid up members. Ted asked all Branch Presidents to encourage their members to pay up. He suggested that the Presidents could use the incentive of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin if dues are paid up.</p>	<p><b>Membership Chair</b></p>
	<p><b>6.4 Governance:</b> Don briefed on two ongoing projects. The record keeping project will result in a new database at the national level. Only the minimum amount of personal information as required by the Federal Gov't will be collected and stored. This will heighten the security of personal information. This move will decentralize the collection of other personal data to the Branches.</p> <p>By-law Four will be amended in time for approval at the AGM. Amendments are required to update the deletion of the spousal membership category, tidy up the succession process for the President and Vice President and make other editorial amendments.</p>	<p><b>Governance Chair</b></p>
	<p><b>6.5 Communications:</b> Jake briefed that the draft Spring Newsletter was 95 percent complete. The website redesign project was ongoing with a outline structure almost ready for review. An administration team will be set up and trained.</p>	<p><b>Communications Director</b></p>
	<p><b>6.6 Heritage:</b> Terry said that the draft of Vol Six of the Regt History has passed through the editorial board and is back with the author. With any luck it should be published by 2023.</p>	<p><b>Heritage Director</b></p>
	<p><b>6.7 Veterans and Family Support/VPP:</b> No director's report available. Paul on behalf of the HGMP thanked the Assn for its interest in the upcoming Compassionate Listening Workshops. Ted stated that he was impressed with the response from Assn members to step up to assist others in recent weeks.</p>	<p><b>Veterans and Family Support Director</b></p>
	<p><b>6.8 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin:</b> Greg Ferguson briefed on the design and production of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin. He indicated that 800 coins would be numbered and given to paid up Association members. Two hundred other coins would be unnumbered and available to be sold. He would send coins in bulk to Branches for local distribution. He would coordinate the sale of the coins. He would work with Jim to arrange invoices and payment. Herb suggested that Branches record the recipients of each numbered coin.</p>	<p><b>President SW ON Branch</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p>

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	<p><b>6.9 Nomination Committee Report:</b> Paul briefed on the search and selection of new Board Directors. His team with VP East and West contacted 30 individuals and four agreed to have their names put forward as new Directors: Greg Ferguson, Fred Horsman, Jim Stanton, and Gord Keener. Ted encouraged Branch Presidents to encourage their members to get involved in Branch and national leadership. Paul stated his willingness to return as National President in 2023 for a two-year term with Jake as his Vice President.</p>	<p><b>Nominations Chair</b></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Branch Reports</b>  <b>Atlantic:</b> Glen Ryan said that they have 32 paid up members. Since February, he has four new members and lost one. His Branch AGM is set for 16-18 September.</p>	<p><b>Glen Ryan</b></p>
	<p><b>Ottawa:</b> The first meeting of the year was on 17 March with 40 persons in attendance including serving members. The CDS attended. The Branch plans to have an AGM before the summer.</p>	<p><b>Don Dalziel</b></p>
	<p><b>Kingston:</b> In Marv's absence, Shaun stated he was impressed with the Board's leadership. The Branch has 10 paid up members with two spousal members and two honorary members. The Branch was planning a Regimental Dinner for 23 April. A Beer Call was held on 17 March and the Branch continues to support Highway for Heroes.</p>	<p><b>Shaun Tymchuk</b></p>
	<p><b>SW Ontario:</b> The Branch was able to donate \$4500 to the HGMP due to the success of Kapyong Anniversary coin sales. Due to COVID restrictions they have only managed a few gatherings. They did not hold a full AGM. Greg indicated that he wrote a letter to the Ontario Transportation Minister to encourage the province to allow free parking for veterans along the Highway for Heroes. The coffee received from RHQ was raffled off. He gave a quick warning order for AGM 2023 which will be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake 12-14 May 2023.</p>	<p><b>Greg Ferguson</b></p>
	<p><b>Manitoba and NW Ontario:</b> Perry reported that he attended the Soldiers' Christmas dinner in Shilo with General Crabbe. They presented the Keirstead painting to the Battalion. They had a fantastic turnout for their 17 March gathering. A local company sponsored the event. Twelve hundred dollars were raised for their Memorial account. Their AGM is scheduled for 24 April.</p>	<p><b>Perry Batchelor</b></p>
	<p><b>Saskatchewan:</b> No report</p>	
	<p><b>Wainwright:</b> No report.</p>	

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	<b>Edmonton:</b> Herb reported that despite the number of his members who passed away this year, his membership numbers continue to grow. He currently has about 125 members. The Branch continues to have monthly meetings and gets about 25 people out each time. The Branch was active with three events in March and three planned for April. The Branch will gather for the National AGM. A camp out is being planned for the summer.	<b>Herb Kenny</b>
	<b>Calgary:</b> The Branch has restarted in-person meetings and will meet the last Saturday of every month. Their 17 March event had more than 30 people participate. They plan to have a Lady Patricia luncheon on 7 May. They will gather as a Branch for the National AGM.	<b>Jim Croll</b>
	<b>Cypress Hills:</b> Dan Palmer said that the Branch has not restarted activities. He will consider gathering as a group for the National AGM.	<b>Dan Palmer</b>
	<b>Fraser Valley:</b> Julien reported that the Branch has 45 members listed in the database. They held a Regimental luncheon this past week with 14 people in attendance. Mark Benjamin is the new Branch Vice President.	<b>Julien McNulty</b>
	<b>Mid Vancouver Island:</b> There has been little happening due to COVID. They held a Regt Day dinner on 26 March with 20 people including spouses in attendance. They will hold their AGM in September.	<b>Jed Kasimierz</b>
	<b>Victoria:</b> No report.	
	<b>United Kingdom:</b> Don advised that while there is no official Branch in the UK, there used to be an active group of Patricias. Many of these people are still active and supportive of the Association. He suggested that the Executive might want to consider a formal Charter in the future.	<b>President</b>
8.	<b>Open Forum:</b> a. Herb asked the Branch Presidents to pass any information regarding deaths of members to him. He will do a search for obituaries. b. Herb mentioned that Fred Goldring has a lot of historical material. Herb is in the process of scanning all these documents so that they can go to the Archives.	<b>Branch Presidents</b>
9.	<b>Dates of next meetings:</b>	<b>President</b>
	<b>9.1 Council of Presidents</b>  30 Nov 2022	<b>All</b>

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	<p><b>9.2 AGM</b></p> <p>28 May 2022 - Virtual            12-14 May 2023 – Niagara-on-the-Lake            9-11 Aug 24 - Edmonton</p>		<b>All</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Adjournment:</b>            The President thanked Branch Presidents for their participation.            There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1822            MST hours.</p>		
	<p>Prepared by:            Ted Giraldeau            National President            2 May 2022</p>	<p>Approved by:            Ted Giraldeau            National President            2 May 2022</p>	