



Edmonton Salutes

Agenda
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 9:00am - 11:00am
 November 24, 2023

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.

Item	To Speak
1. Call to Order	Chair
2. Introductions and Housekeeping.....	Chair
3. Determination of Quorum	City Admin
4. Approval of Agenda	Chair
5. Approval of October 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes.....	Chair
6. Guest Speakers.....	Guests
6.1. Colonel (Retd) Paul Taillon	
7. Chair and Vice-Chair Election Process	Admin
8. Reports	
8.1. Chair Report	Chair
8.2. Administration Report	City Admin
8.3. Members/Sector Reports	CAF
8.4. Subcommittee Reports.....	Subcommittee Chairs
7.5. Other Reports	All
9. New Business	Chair/ All
9.1. Discussion and motion for remaining ESC funds	
10. Next Meeting.....	Chair
11. Adjournment	Chair

Upcoming events (See [Calendar](#) for all Events):

- December 8, 2023 - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- December 11, 2023 - RCA Christmas Concert @ the Winspear

Attachments (and included below):

- [October 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Guest Speaker Biographies](#)
- [Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair](#)
- [Updated ESC Budget 2023](#)



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Minutes - **DRAFT**

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In Attendance - Voting Members

- Alexander Tsang, Edmonton United Services Institute
- Brian Hodgson, CHAIR*
- Dan Derouin, Sturgeon County
- Darren Krill, Community Member
- Dave McRae, Town of Redwater
- Fred Malott, Town of Legal
- Georgette L'Hirondelle, Canada Lands Company
- Jibs Abitoye, City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Kaetlyn Corbould, Community Member*
- Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County
- Karen Principe, City of Edmonton
- Lacey Laing, Town of Bon Accord
- Laurie Hackett, Community Member
- Lorne Strachan, Community Member
- Mike Killick, City of St. Albert
- Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville
- Rick Palfrey, Community Member
- Scott Lundy, Community Member
- Steve Maybee, Edmonton International Airports
- Justin Wright, MLA, GoA Military Liaison
- Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville

Guests

Military

- LCol Shawn Thompson, CFB Edmonton

Regrets

- Carolyn Patton, Canadian Forces Liaison Council
- Sarah General, HMCS Nonsuch
- Maj Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
- Haydar Al Dahhan, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Nicole Goehring, Community Member
- Roza Parlin, Military Family Resource Centre
- Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion
- Amber Harris, Town of Gibbons
- Ziad Aboutaif, MP
- Tom McIntyre, Elks

City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

- Natasha Weber
- Pat Kerekes

Item	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair Brian Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am	Meeting called to order at 9:02am

		Chair opened the Committee's meetings with Land Acknowledgement.
2.	Introductions	
	2.1 Introductions/ Welcome Guests	<p>The Chair welcomed all members in attendance. Noted and thanked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory comments regarding the global situation. • We have no guest speakers this month. • Introduced Pat Kerekes, City Administration, who will be supporting the committee. • B. Hodgson and N. Weber commented on connectivity issues during the last meeting. Noted that their absences will be excused due to connectivity issues.
3.	Determination of Quorum	
	3.1 - Quorum of at least 13 members was confirmed by administration Y/N?	Yes
4.	Approval of Agenda	
	4.1 - Dave McRae MOVED to approve the Agenda for Edmonton Salutes Meetings of October 27, 2023	Carried
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	
	5.1 - Katie Berghofer MOVED to approve the Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2023	<p>Carried</p> <p>Noted that attendance will be adjusted to reflect connectivity issues.</p>
6.	Guest Speaker	
	6.1 - No guest speaker today	
7.	Reports	
	7.1 - Chair Report	<p>The Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to connect at the last meeting • Attended the Global Business Forum in Banff, not representing the ESC but in a different capacity. Understanding what is going on around the world is important. Themes were discussed and some of the presenters were noted. • CFLC Reservist Luncheon - Noted the

	K. Principe MOVED to approve the Chair's report.	<p>importance and success of the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meeting with the Col of Strathcona Light Horse regiment to get an update on the unit.● Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Will be attending the one at City Hall● Military Cup Golf Tournament - Mentioned where the proceeds went. <p>Carried.</p>
7.2 - Administration Report	7.2 Scott Lundy MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by the administration.	<p>Admin provided a verbal report. Key updates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Governance Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Members can now serve up to 8 consecutive years (up from 6).○ Former members must have a 2 year break before joining again○ Must present annually a work plan and resources needed○ We can continue to have subcommittees through an exemption○ We are exempt from the attendance, alternate appointment policy and annually appointing chair and co-chair.● Chair and Vice Chair Election Process in January. Elections at the next meeting. Forms need to be submitted by November 10, 2023.● November 18 RCA Concert at West Ed - we have an option for a booth.● Remembrance Day Ceremonies - will send out a list right after this meeting along with dates/times you can pick up a wreath if needed● Edmonton Salutes has been invited to an Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at City Hall at noon on Nov 8.● Budget update - We are doing good.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Balance is: \$36,188.80○ With funding requests for today and promised funds we are sitting at: \$5,688.80 <p>Carried.</p>
7.3 - Members/Sector Reports - Military		<p>LCol Shawn Thompson provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Soldiers are undergoing individual and collective training (Build phase)● Next year several deployments are scheduled for May -Nov, July - Dec, and Dec - June 2025. <p>LCol Shawn Thompson listed the following upcoming events:</p>

	<p>Jibs Abitoye MOVED to accept verbal reports provided by the Military.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 29: NHL Heritage Classic (more information to follow) ● Nov 3: Veterans Mess Dinner ● Nov 2-9: Veterans week ● Nov 15-17: Pride Meetings to discuss and promote diversity ● Nov 17: Business Luncheon ● December 11: Holiday Concert (ESC members are invited) <p>Commander Sarah General Navy/HMCS Nonsuch sent her regrets. City admin spoke to the following:</p> <p>Maj Graham Kallos for Air Force/408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron sent his regrets.</p> <p>Carried.</p>
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<p>7.4 Subcommittee Reports</p> <p>7.4.1 Strategic Action</p> <p>7.4.2 Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>S. Maybee MOVED to approve the Committee's funding of the A Dance to Remember and Hot Chocolate for the Beechmount Ceremony with No Stone Left Alone.</p> <p>7.4.3 Bylaw and Policy</p> <p>7.4.4 Membership & Orientation Subcommittee</p> <p>F. Malott MOVED to accept verbal reports and updates provided by the Subcommittee chairs.</p>	<p>No reports from Strategic Action</p> <p>Two items for S Maybee to bring forward, which were in the Agenda package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to fund the A Dance to Remember Gala / No Stone Left Alone - \$7,500 sponsorship • Recommendation to support the purchasing of Hot Chocolate for the Beechmount Ceremony with No Stone Left Alone - note this will come out of the Military Liaison Budget with ESC being the face of the sponsorship. <p>Carried.</p> <p>** Brian Hodgson and Steve Maybee announced that after 31 years that he will be retiring from the Edmonton Airports on Dec 31. Somebody else will get appointed to this Committee before the end of the year.</p> <p>K Corbould they are waiting for the bylaw changes requested to include Morinville as one of the members. At their next meeting they will be discussing that the organizations ESC is supporting through funds and attendance are aligning with the committee's mandate.</p> <p>L. Strachan asked administration to complete attendance for the last year of meetings. This is not to be punitive, but to see how the committee can engage with members who may be struggling to attend.</p> <p>Carried</p>
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7.5	Other Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Tsang asked if anyone from the ESC wanted to speak about their Military experience at a couple of school events on Nov 3 and Nov 10. Let him know. • The following municipal representatives noted their re-appointment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillor Principe with City of Edmonton ○ Councillor Berghofer with Strathcona County ○ Councillor Killick with St. Albert ○ Mayor McRae with Redwater ○ Councillor Balanko with Morinville • K. Berghofer announced an event being hosted by Strathcona County at Millenium Place - Military Appreciation on November 11. • D. Derouin from Sturgeon County shared about a meeting he attended regarding an initiative to find a location for Last Post / Military museum. The Villeneuve Airport may be a potential location. • D. McRae He attended the swearing of the eight newest members of the Canadian Military - he was a proud father of one of them. • M. Killick mentioned an event that he attended with the St. Albert Legion # 271 and raised their flag both as Deputy Mayor and representing Edmonton Salutes. He will do poppy sales. He has been engaged in the Nov 11 planning of activities with the Legion. He will be speaking at the launching of Cadet Week in Sl. Albert on Nov 2 to welcome and recognize the cadets and their work. • R. Balanko noted a Military History Living Library will take place on Nov 3rd from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm - a very unique experience and very well attended. Link will be sent.
8.	New Business	
		<p>Chair, B. Hodgson noted that the committee needs to discuss and motion next meeting how to spend any remaining funds in the budget. Ideas noted for discussion included the Veterans Association Food Bank and EUSI. However, the funds EUSI need will be for next year so A. Tsang will submit a request for next year.</p>
9.	Next Meeting	
	9.1 Next Meeting	<p>November 24, 2023 - Virtual All attendees will vote on chair and vice chair</p>

		nominations.
10.	Adjournment	
	K. Corbould MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.	Carried. Meeting ended at 10:07 a.m.
<p>Upcoming Committee Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 24, 2023 • December 8, 2023 - Volunteer appreciation lunch (will be a meeting if needed) 		

Edmonton Salutes Guest Speakers - Nov 24, 2023

Profiles

Chuck Isaacs

President of the Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta and retired Métis sergeant from the Canadian Armed Forces.

In 1992, Issacs was deployed as a combat engineer to the former Yugoslavia. Issacs left the military in 2001.

He now helps young Indigenous people wanting to get involved in the military and is the president of the Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta.

The Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta (AVSA) was founded by First Nation, Metis and Non - Status Veterans in 1983. Their mandate is to organize and unite all Aboriginal veterans for advocacy and support for each other and to facilitate activities such as the duties we undertake for other organizations who call upon us for parade and honouring assistance. Their goal is to honor all the Veterans who are still with us and those who have passed on to ensure future generations will know the contributions made by Aboriginal Veterans.

In addition to AVSA, Isaacs has been recruiting for the Bold Eagle program, which combines Indigenous culture and teachings with military training. A partnership between the Department of National Defence, First Nations and Aboriginal organizations from Western Canada, the Bold Eagle program includes a four day culture camp followed by a military recruit training course.

Colonel J. Paul de B. Taillon (Retd)

During his 30 service in the Canadian intelligence community, Dr. Taillon conducted intelligence and counter-terrorism/counter-intelligence operations. He was the first CSIS officer assigned to JTF-2. Dr. Taillon also served as an army reserve Colonel, and from 2006-2014, he was the strategic and counter-insurgency advisor to the Commander Canadian Army.

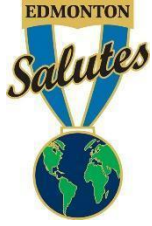
He has operational experience with American, Canadian, British forces in the latter case serving with The Parachute Regiment and the Special Air Service Regiment. He served in Oman, Bosnia, Kosovo, Ukraine and Afghanistan. He conducted 22 foreign Military Training Team (MTTs) missions under the auspices of US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). He was the first CSIS officer assigned to JTF 2 and subsequently deployed in a military capacity with them to Afghanistan.

Dr. Taillon holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, a Master of Arts in War Studies (Royal Military College of Canada), a Master of Arts in International Affairs (NPSIA Carleton University) and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies (US Army War College).

Dr. Taillon is an Adjunct Fellow at Joint Special Operations University in Tampa, Florida, and taught at Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. He was on staff at the NATO Special Operations School in Chievres, Belgium, Directing Staff (DS) at CF Command and Staff College, Toronto, DS at the USMC Command and Staff College, Quantico Virginia, instructor at the National Defence University in Kiev, Adjunct Professor Royal Military College of Canada and is currently the Academic Advisor to Samuel Associates in Ottawa. He has published over 80 books and articles on terrorism, insurgencies, strategy, military operations, geostrategic issues, national security and military history.

He is the Honorary Colonel of The Canadian Grenadier Guards, is the Chairman of the Board of St John Federal District and is the Academic Advisor for Samuel Associates.

Event / Item	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	Committed	Funds Remaining	YTD Actuals Oct 31, 2023
Edmonton Salutes Committee					
Annual Budget		\$64,000.00			
Recognition					
Edmonton Salutes Ads/marketing	\$595.24	\$1,000.00	\$625.00	\$375.00	\$595.24
Sponsorship of a Military Family Event (Like Citadel Theater Christmas Events)	\$19,575.38	\$20,000.00	\$20,490.75	-\$490.75	\$1,000.00
Community and Military Relations					
Winspear Centre Support to the Royal Canadian Artillery Band Christmas Concert	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Edmonton Salutes Community Grants	\$9,900.00	\$11,500.00	\$12,394.28	-\$894.28	
Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) Yellow Ribbon Gala	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	
Community Event Expenses and Admin (Examples: Tickets for Chair to attend community events, business cards, courier services)	\$566.02	\$1,500.00	\$740.87	\$759.13	\$2,711.86
Military Relations and Appreciation Events		\$5,000.00	\$2,795.92	\$2,204.08	
Committee Expenses					
Edmonton Salutes Volunteer Appreciation Event	\$1,082.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$1,894.28
Edmonton Salutes Monthly meetings - hosting	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$207.90	\$292.10	\$607.96
Parking - Monthly meetings and other events	\$21.59	\$250.00	\$11.43	\$238.57	\$11.43
Salutes Merchandise	\$0.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	
Total projects to date - ESC	\$49,740.23	\$64,000.00	\$57,691.15	\$6,308.85	\$9,445.77
Remaining Budget		0.00	6,308.85		



Edmonton Salutes Election of Committee Chair

Nomination and Biography

Nomination

I Lorne Strachan nominate Brian Hodgson to serve as Chair of the Edmonton Salutes Committee as established by City of Edmonton [Bylaw 19018](#) for the 2024-2026 Committee year.

If elected by the Voting Members, the nominee agrees to serve the term as the Committee's Chair.

Signature of Nominee

Date

Nomination Statement

Please provide up to 250 words identifying why you, the nominee, would be the best candidate for the position of Chair of Edmonton Salutes. The Statement can include biographical information, ideas about the Committee's work, a vision for the future of Edmonton Salutes, and/or other pertinent information. This statement will be shared with all Committee members prior to the vote for Chair. The information can be written below or submitted in a separate file.

See Attached Word doc "Nomination Statement and Biography Brian Hodgson"

Please submit this nomination to edmontonsalutes@edmonton.ca by November 10, 2022 Date.

Nomination Statement

For a second term, I nominate Brian Hodgson as Chair of, the Edmonton Salutes Committee.

Firstly, Brian has had the honour to serve as Chair for the past two years and would very much like to continue as the committee moves out of the constraints and limitations imposed during the Covid interregnum.

In addition, Brian as the Chair, has run meetings with the greatest degree of collegiality always mindful of the valuable time of committee members but ensuring that all points of view are heard. Having been intimately involved in the ESC governance review and each of the ESC sub-committee's formation and subsequent meetings Brian has a complete understanding of the underpinning of the ESC and its supporting framework. Under his leadership, he has mentored my development as a sub-committee chair ever mindful of the work that subcommittees do, and encouraged me to see the flair, creativity, and commitment folks bring to the table. Brian maintains and enhances relationships with the Canadian Armed Forces - Regular and Reserve - locally, provincially, nationally, and with various veterans' groups. Finally, Brian as a military historian brings context to ESC discussions with his extensive knowledge of the history, customs, and traditions of the Canadian Armed Forces which we all benefit from.

I would be privileged to endorse Brian for a second term as Chair.

Lorne Strachan

ESC Member

Biography

Brian Hodgson of Edmonton was an Intelligence Officer with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). He saw duty in the Service's Counter

Espionage, Counter Terrorism, and Security Screening Branches. He left CSIS in 1992 to become the Sergeant-at-Arms with the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, a position he held until 2019. He also served as the Assembly's Director of Visitor, Ceremonial, and Security Services and as the first president of the Canadian Association of Sergeants-at-Arms. Among his duties, he was responsible for the conception, planning, and execution of major events involving the Canadian Armed Forces and veterans on the grounds of the Legislature Building or within the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Brian has a lifetime of Reserve Army service which included postings across Canada and in Germany. In 1979 he transferred from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment to the South Alberta Light Horse (Royal Canadian Armoured Corps). Commissioned from the rank of Sergeant in 1981, Lieutenant-Colonel Hodgson subsequently commanded his regiment, which is split between Edmonton Medicine Hat, from 1996 to 2000. In 2004 having taken leave from his employment with the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, he volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan, the first member of his regiment to do so. He continues to serve on the South Alberta Light Horse Regiment Foundation Board.

In prior service in the British Army, he saw operational tours in the Gordon Highlanders in Cyprus, Northern Ireland, and on Public Duties at The Castle, Edinburgh and HM The Queen's Guard, Balmoral in Scotland.

He is a graduate of the University of Alberta, the Sir William Stephenson Academy, the Canadian Forces Reserve Command and Staff College in Kingston, and of the Joint Reserve Command and Staff College in Toronto.

He is a past president of the Canadian Association of Sergeant at Arms, Edmonton Robert Burns' Club, and Edmonton Sir Winston Churchill Society and a former board member of the Edmonton United Services Institute, Churchill College Cambridge Scholarship Fund, the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame Dinner Committee, HM The Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Dinner Committees, the Vestry Committee of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (Cavalry) Association, the Capital Health Foundation and CARE Canada. He was formerly a member of the Edmonton Police Foundation, Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police, and Whitemud Equestrian Learning Centre Association.

Currently, Brian is Chair of the Edmonton Salutes Committee, Salvation Army Edmonton Advisory Board, and Nancy Fairley Scholarship Fund. He was formerly on the boards of the Canada West Military Museums and the Northern Alberta Military Museum Initiative and was a Trustee for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum.

At present, he is a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion AB-NWT Command Branch, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association and he is a Life Member South Alberta Light Horse Regimental Association.

In 2008 he was elected a Fellow Royal Canadian Geographical Society (FRCGS) and in 2009 was elected as a Governor (board member) of RCGS. In 2020 he was awarded the RCGS Joseph Bernier Medal. Brian also has received the Canada 125 Medal, HM The Queen Elizabeth's Golden, Diamond Jubilee, and Platinum Jubilee Medals, and the Alberta Centennial Medal.

He holds a skeleton sled competitors' license. A keen devotee of many forms of equestrian activity, he represented his regiment in international show-jumping competitions on numerous occasions. Brian is also a freelance writer. His numerous articles and book reviews have been published in the National Post, the Edmonton Journal, and the Calgary Herald.



Edmonton Salutes Election of Committee Chair

Nomination and Biography

Nomination

I Rick Alfrey (name) nominate BRIAN Hodgson (name) to serve as the Chair of Vice-Chair (please circle or bold position) of the Edmonton Salutes Committee as established by City of Edmonton [Bylaw 19018](#) for the 2024-2026 Committee year.

If elected by the Voting Members, the nominee agrees to serve the term as the Committee's Chair.

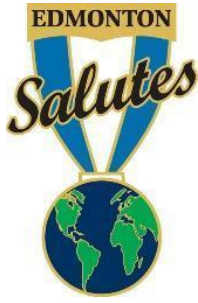
Signature of Nominee

Date

Nomination Statement

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Please submit this nomination to edmontonsalutes@edmonton.ca by November 10, 2024 Date.



Edmonton Salutes Election of Committee Chair

Nomination and Biography

Nomination

I, Kaetlyn Corbould nominate Roza Parlin to serve as the **Vice-Chair** of the Edmonton Salutes Committee as established by City of Edmonton [Bylaw 19018](#) for the 2024-2026 Committee year.

If elected by the Voting Members, the nominee agrees to serve the term as the Committee's Chair.

Signature of Nominee: Roza Parlin

Date: 30 October 2023

Nomination Statement

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