

Edmonton Salutes

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VIA - Google Meet - Calendar

9:00am - 11:00am

March 22, 2024

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

- Alex Tsang
- Brian Hodgson, Chair
- Dan Derouin
- Darren Krill
- David Mcrae
- Dean Ervin
- Georgette L'Hirondelle
- Justin Wright
- Kaetlyn Corbould
- Karen Principe
- Lacey Laing
- Laurie Hackett
- Lorne Strachan
- Mike Killick
- Nicole Goehring
- Rebecca Balanko
- Rick Palfrey
- Roza Parlin
- Scott Lundy
- Terianne Bowyer

Guests

- Thomas Sands, RCAF 700 Wing
- Cpt Aaron Niles, RCAF

Military

- LCol Shawn Thompson, CFB Edmonton

City of Edmonton Staff/Secretariat

- Julie Elford
- Megan Tam

Regrets

- Katie Berghofer, Strathcona County (in Ottawa for a Board of Directors' meeting)
- Sarah General, HMCS Nonsuch
- Haydar Al Dahhan, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Maj Graham Kallos, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
- Mac (Robert) Torrie, Edmonton Legion
- Ziad Aboultaif, MP



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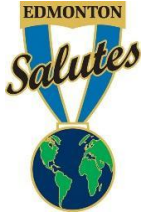
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Item	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	1.1 - Chair Brian Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:06am	Meeting called to order at 9:06am Chair opened the Committee's meetings with Land Acknowledgement.
2.	Introductions	
	2.1 Introductions/ Welcome Guests	The Chair welcomed all members in attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences to Mac Torrie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Vicky Torrie's memorial is at Kingsway Legion on April 3 • Today we have members joining us from RCAF to do a presentation: 1) Aaron Niles 2) Thomas Sand
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 - MOVED to approve the modified Agenda for Edmonton Salutes Meeting of March 22, 2024	Moved by K. Corbould. Carried
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	



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	5.1 - MOVED to approve the Edmonton Salutes Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2024	Moved by A. Tsang. Carried.
6.	Guest Speaker	
	6.1 - Guest Speakers: Captain Aaron Niles, RCAF Canada Thomas Sand, Chair RCAF 700 Wing	<p>Captain Niles presents on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trees for Life initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.treesforlife.ca/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ those who are interested can contact Aaron Niles ● RCAF Centennial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://rcaf2024arc.ca/ ○ https://rcaf2024arc.ca/about-us/illustrations/ ○ https://rcaf2024arc.ca/about-us/trees-for-heroes/ ● Email contact about these initiatives: aaron.niles@forces.gc.ca <p>Tom Sand presents on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently 65 members in the 700 Wing ● Email contact: 700WingRCAFA@gmail.com ● RCAF 100th Anniversary Dinner on April 13: Guest Speaker is the Air Force historian. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESC has sponsored and will have a table
7.	Reports	
	7.1 - Chair Report MOVED to accept the verbal report	<p>The Chair provided a verbal report. Key items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Events attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EUSI seminar and mess dinner on March 9



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	<p>provided by the Chair of the Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Third Canadian Div. disaster planning exercise ○ 408 Business Luncheon on March 15 ○ 106th Anniversary Battle of Moreuil Wood Daytime event and Ball on March 21 ○ MFRC Open House on March 21 ● Upcoming Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RCAF 100th Anniversary Dinner on April 13 ○ MFRC Yellow Ribbon Gala on May 11 ● Brian presented Membership Report on March 8 to Edmonton City Council: Scott Lundy and Kaet Corbould were reappointed <p>Carried.</p>
	<p>7.2 Administration Report</p> <p>MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by admin.</p>	<p>Admin provided a verbal report. Key updates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To build off the presentations - April 1st High Level Bridge has been lit blue for the RCAF centennial. City will make a post and folks can share to amplify it in their networks ● Budget update: We are doing good. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$57,130 remaining of total ● 2023 Final Report and 2024 Work Plan will be submitted April 17th and will be presented to the Committee of Council on May 14th, 2024 ● Strategic planning meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2025-2028 Work Plan meeting will be held June 7th, 9 a.m - 10:30 a.m. ○ Calendar invitation has been sent. ● In-person meetings for the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 2024 - Katie Berghofer has



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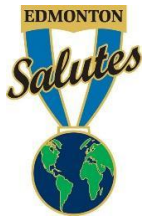
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		<p>offered to host at Strathcona County - this will be a hybrid meeting and ESC will send out additional information before the meeting (parking, building access, etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Katie has requested those who are coming on the 24th to please bring forward ideas on how Strathcona County can respectfully add a permanent feature to their infrastructure to acknowledge and show respect for veterans and active members. They had a previous motion to paint a poppy on a crosswalk. However, the poppy should not be driven or walked on.○ Dean Ervin at the EIA offered to host (September) <p>Carried.</p>
	<p>7.3 - Members/Sector Reports - Military</p> <p>MOVED to accept the verbal reports provided by the Military.</p>	<p>Updates provided by:</p> <p>Lieutenant-Colonel Shawn Thompson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hosted MLA Wright last week. He met with the base commander and members of our team.● The Lord Strathcona House celebrated the 16th anniversary of the battle of Moreuil Wood with their parade and dinner.● Ramping up For What the Army calls the “committed phase” of the managed rightness plan, where they manage the rotation through operational deployments.



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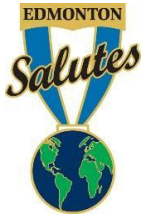
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will see Royal Canadian artillery beginning to deploy as part of operation impact next month and that's focused on positions in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. ● In June, the Laurie's Strathcona horse will deploy a squadron on operation reassurance in Latvia. ● Also in June will begin deploying on Operation Unifiers - essentially a mission to assist training of Ukrainian forces. ● Recruitment updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ personnel shortfalls: currently approx. 80% of positions are filled; technician level staff are about 60-70% ○ 15-20% of the Canadian Brigade coming from reserve units <p>Lieutenant Sarah General for Navy/HMCS Nonsuch not in attendance</p> <p>Maj Graham Kallos for Air Force / 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron not in attendance</p> <p>L. Hackett moved the sector report. Carried.</p>
	<p>7.4 Subcommittee Reports</p> <p>7.4.1 Strategic Action</p> <p>7.4.2 Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>7.4.3 Bylaw and Policy</p>	<p>No reports from Strategic Action</p> <p>No reports from Budget</p> <p>No reports from Bylaw and Policy</p>



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	7.4.4 Membership and Orientation	<p>Reports from Membership and Orientation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming orientation on the 27th • Working on membership lists • Process for inviting guests to committee <p>Carried.</p>
7	<p>7.5 Other reports</p> <p>MOVED to accept the verbal report provided by sector.</p>	<p>Councillor Principe: nothing to report</p> <p>Community Members: nothing to report</p> <p>Municipal Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan reported on behalf of Cllr Katie Berghofer <p>Sector Reports: nothing to report</p> <p>Carried.</p>
8.0	New Business	
	8.1 No new business	No new business
9.0.	Next Meeting	
	9.1 Next Meeting	



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10.	Adjournment	
	10.1 MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:05am	Carried. Meeting ended at 10:05 a.m.
Upcoming Committee Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 26, 2024 - virtual		