



**2025**

**MINUTES for RGM – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 19:30 hrs**

**HEADQUARTERS MESS, LEIKIN**

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting Called to Order by Vice-President Luisa Russo-Lemay.

*"We would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered on the un-ceded traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Nation, and recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in this region."*

*« Nous tenons à souligner respectueusement que nous nous rassemblons sur le territoire traditionnel non cédé de la Nation anichinabée et à reconnaître la présence ininterrompue de membres des Premières Nations, d'Inuits et de Métis dans la région. »*

- 2. Safety Briefing and Roll Call:**

Conducted by Ron Mostrey with 41 members in attendance.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION:** That the agenda provided by the Division Admin Officer be approved.

**Moved by:** Jack Hearfield    **Seconded By:** Alex Young                    **CARRIED**

- 4. LAST POST:**

This is the Memorial Roll for former and current RCMP employee(s)/spouse(s) who have served in "A", "N", "CPC" or "HQ". The list is based on the Notice of Passing Away being received between April 9<sup>th</sup>, to May 12, 2025.

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Reg. Nbr</b>	<b>Death Date</b>
<b>BROOKS</b>	Harold Edward	Supt (ret)	15444 / O.788	2025 04 04
<b>ARSENEAU</b>	Patrick H.	Sgt (ret)	29142	2025 04 07
<b>KLATT</b>	Delburne Doyle "Del"	Insp (ret)	18186 / O.798	2025 03 26
<b>AUSTIN</b>	Peter Francis	Insp (ret)	18219 / O.867	2025 04 08
<b>NICOL</b>	Deborah Lynn	CM (ret)	C/1058	2025 03 01
<b>FOWLER</b>	Leroy Clare	CM (ret)	C/1017	2025 03 16
<b>KERR</b>	James Edward	Sgt (ret)	24921	2025 04 08
<b>JONES</b>	Richard Adam Charles	Cst (ret)	29733	2025 04 11



<b>MACKEY</b>	Richard Winn	Sgt (ret)	19321	2025 04 12
<b>BROCKWELL</b>	Howard Thomas	Cpl (ret)	29365	2025 04 16
<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Reg. Nbr</b>	<b>Death Date</b>
<b>ZAWYRCHA</b>	John	S/Sgt (ret)	16946	2025-04-22
<b>GRANT</b>	Albert Philip Paul	Cpl (ret)	27617	2025-04-20
<b>RUD</b>	Joan	Past Pres. ODVA Wives Assn.		
<b>DENNIS</b>	Edward George	Supt. (ret)	24138/O.1368	2025-05-03
<b>RAMSAY</b>	Robert John	S/Sgt (ret)	23977	2025-05-04
<b>PAYETTE</b>	Jacques	S/Cst. (ret)	S/0625	2025-05-06
<b>DELORME</b>	Luc	Supt. (ret)	35672/O.2254	2025-04-30
<b>McDONALD</b>	Clarence Roger	Cst. (ret)	42873	2024-05-08
<b>FREEMAN</b>	Ralph Joseph	Cst (ret)	42538	2024-05-07

**We Will Remember Them.**  
*(Moment of Silence to be observed.)*

#### 5. Adoption of Minutes:

A draft copy of the minutes for the meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the RGM Meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved.

#### 6. Opening Remarks:

Vice-President Luisa Russo-Lemay welcomes everyone in attendance to the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, RGM.

#### 7. Old Business:

No Old Business dealt with.



## 8. New Business:

### 8.1. Budget:

Treasurer provided the members an update on the status of ODVA finances.

#### Operations Account:

Balance May 13, 2025

**\$160,957.02**

Includes \$339.98 Interest

#### Reserve Account:

Balance May 13, 2025

**\$97,479.00**

Includes \$230.39 Interest

Total of both above Accounts: **\$258,436.69**

Expenses for Operations include expense claims, catering, floral arrangements, and BTF Case 2023-02.

Revenues for Operations include payment of dues, Quartermaster sales and proceeds from RGM 50/50 and door prize draw sales.

### Budget Update/Quarterly Spend Reports

Expenditures from January 1 to March 31, 2025, are as follows:

Division Executive	\$3,225.98
Entertainment	\$3,444.29
BTF Expenses	\$2,599.88
Quartermaster Inventory	\$1,234.80

### 8.2 Guest Speaker:

Kevin Mole Presentation on Beechwood – Completion of Legacy Pathway.

Kevin spoke about the History of the of the RCMP Veterans Pathway project in its last of seven planned commemorative features that were initially set for this Cemetery when it opened in 2004. It profiles the contributions of the RCMP to the development of Canada, captures highlights of the history of the RCMP since its inception in 1873, and recognizes all those who have served throughout the years. This project pays tribute to every person, civilian, or in uniform, who is and has ever been part of the Mounted Police family – throughout Canada and around the world.

Kevin extended an invitation to all members of ODVA to attend the ceremony at Beechwood Cemetery starting at 11:00 AM on Friday 23 May 2025. While not a



requirement, Veterans are asked to consider wearing blazer with large medals and commendations – no pins or nametags.

For those who may not be able to attend with us in person, a live stream has been set up at: <https://my.forever.link/rcmp-veterans-legacy-pathway> Clicking on this link a few minutes before 11:00 am will allow you to follow the ceremony from home.

We are pleased that Beechwood will be hosting a small reception on site for all those attending the ceremony. Bring your family and friends.

### **8.3. Calendar of Events:**

**Monthly** – Numerous Regional Breakfasts are planned

#### **MAY:**

22<sup>nd</sup>: RNMC Beechwood Flag Lowering (20:00 hrs)

23<sup>rd</sup>: RNMC Beechwood Flag Raising (06:00 hrs)

RCMP National Memorial - Legacy Pathway Official Opening (11:00 hrs)

#### **JUNE:**

6<sup>th</sup>: BBQ – Long Island Camp (\$30 per person) (16:00 hrs)

27<sup>th</sup>: RNMC Beechwood Honouring Judge George Springate (10:00 hrs)

#### **NOVEMBER:**

9<sup>th</sup>: RNMC Beechwood Veterans' Week Remembrance Service (11:00 hrs)

- 9. Draws:** 50/50: Mel Oickle  
Door Prizes: Cal Small, Jack Hearfield

### **10. Northern Canada Projects – Lynn Siegersma**

Lynn came to the front of the room and asked who knew about Northern Canada Project? She went on to explain that in 2017 the Project founder Cindy Dhillon in Kamloops, B.C. created a plan aimed at students and Elders through the Northern Canada Mini Project, which started out by sending assistance to one school through a 'secret Santa' campaign. When Cindy framed the project, it was meant to be like a Samaritans Purse only for Canada's Arctic kids. She described how wonderful things came in small packages; more people were convinced they could participate and put a smile on a child's or Elder's face.

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When Cindy died unexpectedly, a very small group of three (3) individuals created a new group to carry on her work. Anna Gray facilitates the RCMP participation. The group renamed to ***Northern Canada Project***. The program concentrates its efforts on helping Northern schools (HeadStart/Summer Backpacks, Secret Santa), food banks, soup kitchens, Elders groups, mental-health initiatives and others that seem to be forgotten, unfunded or underfunded.

The group outlines a community's needs based on the information received from an RCMP member or their spouse, teacher, social worker, mental-health worker, etc. Through this, Southern folks then access what they could offer from their own personal budget's and mobilize to help. This is not a "Charitable Donation" Organization.

- 11. Next Meeting:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Shenkman Centre, 245 Centrum Blvd., Orleans, ON K1E 0A1
- 12. Meeting Adjourned at 21:25 Hrs.**

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**2025 ODVA Officers and Directors:**

<b>President:</b>	Wayne A. Jacquard
<b>First Vice-President:</b>	Luisa Russo-Lemay
<b>Second Vice-President:</b>	David Jeggo
<b>Div. Administrative Officer:</b>	Estelle Legault
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lynn Siegersma
<b>Past President:</b>	Michel Pelletier
<b>Dir. of Membership &amp; Recruiting:</b>	Luisa Russo-Lemay
<b>Dir. of Member Services:</b>	Terence McDonald
<b>Dir. of Communications:</b>	Ron Lamb
<b>Dir. of Event Planning:</b>	Susan Munn
<b>Dir. Honours &amp; Recognition:</b>	Joanne White
<b>Dir. History:</b>	Vacant
<b>Dir. at Large – Lanark County:</b>	Michel Saurette
<b>Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	Marc Dureau