



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment**

### **The Regimental Senate**

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21 November 2017

Minutes of the 2 RCHA Regimental Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
Held at 2 RCHA RHQ, Garrison Petawawa, 21 November 2017

Attendees:

Col (Ret'd) Dave Marshall, Chairman  
CWO (Ret'd) Dale Batten, Vice-Chairman  
LCol Geoff Hampton, CO 2 RCHA  
CWO Rodney Gallant, RSM 2 RCHA  
LCol Sonny Hatton, Secretary  
CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 1300 hrs by the Chairman.

Agenda Item II – Chairman's Introduction

2. Following introductions of those present, the Chairman commented on 2 RCHA's Canoe River Ceremony held the same morning and mentioned how it was a proper, somber service. Regrettably it was indoors again due to inclement weather. Following the ceremony, he accompanied the CO and RSM to new Canoe River memorial cairn at Artillery Park for its inaugural blessing at 1130 hrs. He looks forward to future parades outside facing the new Canoe River Memorial Cairn.

Agenda Item III – Review of Last Minutes (read by the Secretary)

3. The minutes of the last Regimental Senate Executive Committee Meeting of 24 June 2017 were reviewed and accepted.
4. The following two points were clarified:
  - a. BGen Beno had presented a cheque of \$1000 for the Canoe River Memorial Cairn. It was deposited in the Association Bank Account on 21 November 2017 as sufficient funds had already been raised and spent for the creation of the Canoe River Memorial Cairn by the time the cheque was received.
  - b. The name of Artillery Park will remain as Artillery Park. Agreed to by the Executive.



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#### Agenda Item IV – Financial Report:

5. The current was setup on 21 November 2017 as a joint account under the name 2 RCHA Association. The opening balance is \$1012.39.
6. The Chairman of the Senate, Vice-Chairman of the Senate, and the President of the 2 RCHA Association all have access to the account.

#### Agenda Item V – New Business:

7. Adoption of Constitution for the 2 RCHA Association
  - a. At the request of the Chairman, LCol (Ret'd) Tony DeJacolyn prepared the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the constitution for the 2 RCHA Association. It was circulated amongst Senate members for feedback and a second draft was completed with some feedback. The Chairman informed other Senate members it would be tabled for adoption at this meeting and is not a matter to be voted upon.
  - b. The Chairman proposed the Constitution for the 2 RCHA Association be adopted as it currently reads within the next 30 days. The motion was passed.
8. Association Executive Positions
  - a. The Chairman opened discussion by stating that the Senate Executive needs to establish a couple of principles within the Association, with the first being the nomination of President. He approached CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer over one month ago to be 1<sup>st</sup> President of the Association. CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer is the best fit as he is well known in the Gunner Community and 2 RCHA. The inaugural position is best suited to a retired CWO vs. officer and CWO Dan (Ret'd) Moyer is also very well-respected in the local Petawawa/Pembroke community. CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer graciously accepted his nomination as the 1<sup>st</sup> President of the 2 RCHA Association.
  - b. The Chairman moved that CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer be designated the 1<sup>st</sup> President of the 2 RCHA Association. The motion was passed.
9. Senate and Association Communications
  - a. The Chairman wondered if the 2 RCHA Senate can tag onto some of the extant forms of communication (2 RCHA website, 2 RCHA Facebook page, etc.). It was agreed that Facebook is not ubiquitous among potential Association members, thus it would be necessary to communicate through a website or through traditional media.



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- b. CO 2 RCHA added that the Regiment publishes two newsletters annually that are mailed to all members:
    - i. One for internal consumption generally discussing Regimental business and operational tempo (Fall); and
    - ii. One that is operational, but with additional information for history and traditions, events, etc. (Spring). This newsletter would be a good one to include Association news.
  - c. It was discussed and agreed that the Regimental newsletters need to migrate onto the Regimental Website with links from Facebook.
  - d. It was proposed that the 2 RCHA Senate and 2 RCHA Association have web pages that are incorporated into the 2 RCHA website. LCol Hatton agreed to work with Bdr Nicholson, the current webmaster for the 2 RCHA website. This approach was approved by CO 2 RCHA and DIRLAUTH was granted by CO 2 RCHA.
    - i. Senate Communications for the website will go through LCol Hatton; and
    - ii. Association communication for the website will go through CWO (Ret'd) Moyer.
  - e. The Vice-Chairman proposed promoting the 2 RCHA Association at the various reunions and gatherings coming up this year: the Shilo reunion, the Eastern Ontario Gunners, the Airborne Gunners, the Atlantic Gunners, the Kingston Gunners, etc.
  - f. The question was asked, "How do we register and track our Association members and how do we go forward?" It was proposed that a simple database could be established that would include: Name, rank, email, and phone #. LCol Hatton agreed to work to set this up and a 1 January 2018 deadline was discussed. (Update: LCol Hatton has since received a screening message for deployment to LATVIA and has been unable to work on this action item when these minutes were published).
  - g. It was recognised that the Association has not been advertised yet as a President was required (now CWO (Ret'd) Moyer) and a means for communication/recruitment was also required. It was understood by all that members of the 2 RCHA Association do not need to be retired to be a member.
10. Update on Artillery Park and Canoe River Memorial Cairn Projects
- a. The requirement to revitalise Artillery Park originated from BGen (Ret'd) Beno's comments on the state of park following his visit for the CO's Change of Command Parade in 2016. RSM Lundrigan and WO Moloughney went to work building the gate



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while the CO and the Senate set in motion the building of the Canoe River Memorial Cairn.

- b. The only outstanding work to be completed is to acquire and fit the muzzle brakes for the two barrels making up the gate posts. Sgt Leblanc is working this piece.
  - c. The next phase will Connect Artillery Park to the other parks in the area via a concrete pathway. 2 RCHA is procuring materiel this FY to be built by 2 CER Sappers in the Spring of 2018.
11. Regimental Update from the CO and RSM:
- a. The Regiment is working on a heritage project by restoring the gun quad from the Petawawa museum. The intent is to have it operable for parades, funerals, etc. Estimated completion date is 15 May 2018.
  - b. Dedication of Carmichael III, the Heavy Loader belt, the Canoe River Memorial Cairn, and other small projects were all ideas initiated by the members of the unit, not the CO and RSM.
  - c. The Regiment intends to undertake renovation to the White Horse in front of RHQ that was donated to by 7 Toronto Regiment. WO Moloughney will remain following his retirement as the OPI for Regimental history and traditions.
  - d. The Regiment is working to procure an M109 to place in new traffic circle on base.
  - e. The Regiment intends to erect a large 2 RCHA sign on the Regimental Maintenance building that will be visible to traffic entering base via the back gate.

#### Agenda Item VI – Points from the Floor

12. The Chairman requests donations from Senate members to help offset set cost restoring the 25 pdr gun quad and limber, which are expected to cost approximately \$25k.

13. CO 2 RCHA mentioned the following dates:

- a. 7 Apr – WO Moloughney DWD at the Reichwald WO & Sgts' Mess;
- b. 2 June – 2 RCHA Officers' Spring Ball at the Normandy Officers' Mess; and
- c. 9 June – 2 RCHA Sr NCO's and Warrant Officers' Spring Ball at the CFB Petawawa Golf Course.



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#### Agenda Item VII – Chairman’s Concluding Remarks/Action Items

14. The Chairman closed by saying he is indebted to the folks around the table for their support. We are winning more than we are losing. We need to assist CWO Moyer in setting up the Association and understanding the roles of the Senate and the Association. Read the constitution. The Senate focus will be on soldiers in 2018 and he hopes to raise more money for programs, activities, things for soldiers: sick and injured, those in need, etc. He wants to know where is the gap in what the public provides and what our soldiers need and focus our efforts there. Is it family doctors, spousal employment, a hospital visits program, or perhaps soldier comforts?

#### Agenda Item VIII– Next Meeting

15. The Chairman proposed the next meeting for 9 March 2018. He will confirm to the Senate Executive Committee whether it will be a full meeting of the Senate membership or just the Senate Executive Committee.

#### Agenda Item IX - Adjournment

16. The CO motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 1430 hrs.

S.T. Hatton  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Secretary

D.D. Marshall, OMM, CD  
Colonel (Ret'd)  
Chairman