

**Minutes – C&E Heritage & Museum Committee**  
**1400-1600 hrs 18 May 2017 @ WO & Sgts' Mess**

**In Attendance:** Karen Young, Annette Gillis, Lloyd Tien, Foundation Rep, Terry Murphy, CAFL Rep, Bob Taylor, Tony Fequet, Lt Robert Holt, JSR Rep, Jim Holsworth, Jim Hueglin, Tony Charters, LCol Jason Walkling, CO JSR

**Standing Invitation:** Home Station COs, Col Cmdt, Chair Fdn, President C&E Assn, Col of the Regt JSR

**Regrets Given:** Peter Sheramata, Maj Steeve Lavoie, Branch Adjt, Joe Costello, Sgt Richard Gilbert, 21 EW Rep

1. **Minutes.** From 23 March 2017 disseminated. 20 April 2017 meeting cancelled, no minutes.

2. **Business Arising:**

a. Status CAFL proposal for Museum. Ongoing

-need for project meeting

Terry Murphy

Terry expressed concerns that the line history project would be determined by the Museum. He was assured that the H&M Committee, Museum staff and Foundation are sincerely trying to assist CAFL in defining the project and building it into the Museum Business Plan and Foundation fundraising strategy.

**Action.** The Chair offered to arrange a meeting of all involved to help define the project and develop an implementation plan.

b. Status Hill 70 Project. Ongoing

-inscription for tree/cairn, dedication 22 August

Branch Adjt / CWO

The Chair advised that the Branch CWO is finalizing the inscription, and a delegation of C&E personnel in Europe, led by Col Schwab, would represent the C&E Association and Branch at the 22 August dedication. There have also been expressions of interest by retired members to attend.

**Action.** Branch Office to coordinate Branch involvement.

c. After Action Battlefield Study Tour 1-10 April

-Survey done, AAR being written

Bob Taylor

Jim Holsworth

-follow-up presentation on 22 August (to discuss)

Karen

Survey of all participants done, and an AAR is written to capture lessons learned and recommend options for a future battlefield tour. The idea of a post-tour event on, or near, 22 August was discussed to thread together the WWI themes.

**Action.** The Chair, with Bob and Maj Allaire, to finish the AAR for follow-up staffing to the Association and Branch. Karen and Jim will explore options for speakers and the presentation on, or near, 22 August.

d. After Action, Garrison Vimy events 7-9 April

-next occasion for Freedom of City, City proclamation

Home Station CO

The CO JSR and Karen outlined the successful ceremonies and gala. It is hoped that an event After Action Report be written to identify lessons learned and best practises for similar future events.

**Action.** Branch Adjt is requested to circulate the event AAR for planning of future similar events.

3. **For Information / Awareness:**

a. Memorial project

-Wegner Point Memorial 7 May 2017

The Chair briefed on the successful and very meaningful 49<sup>th</sup> memorial for the fallen paratroopers in Petawawa.

**Action.** The Chair will follow-up with Director Signals and CO 2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn for commemoration in the future, in particular the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. **(Done.)**

b. Problem Definition Paper on Governance & Accountability

-being written, to be circulated following meeting

Chair

**Action.** The Chair is completing the problem definition paper for deliberation in Committee and submission to stakeholders and the Association and Branch leadership.

#### 4. For Discussion / Decision:

##### a. **Tasks / Goals** needing priority attention

Karen / Annette

-review of draft Accessioning / De-accessioning Policy

The draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting. Some comments were received (Joe Costello, Tony Charters, Peter Shermata); however, time prevented any meaningful review.

**Action.** Committee members are asked to review the Accessioning / De-accessioning Policy and provide comments to the Chair by 15 June. They will be collated and presented for discussion at the 22 June meeting.

##### b. **Tasks / Goals** in need of full discussion and resources identified

Chair

-intent to 'brainstorm' the broader process of capturing our history

Jim Hueglin / Annette

Time did not allow a full discussion on history collection and the supporting IM plan, though the Heritage requirements have been expressed to the Association for inclusion in the C&E IM structure. A full discussion with all stakeholders is still needed.

What was discussed is the **Oral History Project**. Jim Hueglin and Annette have done a preliminary trial interview (with Jim) and have arranged for three local veterans to be interviewed over the summer. Mention was made of other local veterans and the need to interview Dave Hart.

**Action.** Jim, Annette and Mike McDonald (Base Video) will do the first interviews, and start to build a list of others who could be interviewed. Jim was also going to approach 34 Signal Regiment to see if there is already a video or audio of Dave Hart.

##### c. Confirm theme and launch planning for 2018 theme of 'Helping Canadians'

Chair

The committee agreed with the theme of 'Helping Canadians' for 2018, but limiting the scope to domestic operations (floods, Y2K, Oka, Olympics, FLQ crisis, etc.). The aspect of Canada's North (NWTY Radio, DEW Line, NORAD, etc.) would be too broad and merits special attention, perhaps as a focus for 2019.

**Action.** An outline plan and communiqué (like the one for 2016 and 2017) is needed that summarizes the heritage activities for the 2018 theme Helping Canadians. A committee member is asked to write.

It is understood that the annual theme is only a guide to synchronize heritage activities across the C&E community, and other commemorations and milestones would be recognized, especially if grant money can be sought.

**Action.** Lt Rob Holt, assisted by Bob Taylor, offered to draft a 5-year outlook of commemorative events and milestones that can be used to cue heritage activities, annual themes and grant submissions.

The Chair noted that 2018 will be the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The RCCS, military C&E in Canada, and the 50<sup>th</sup> of the Branch. It appears that no planning has started for any event or reunion (and it may be too late to start planning). Equally, there appears to be no AAR written from 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, plus there remains confusion with the Signallers Club as to who has the lead in planning the traditional 5-year reunions.

**Action.** The Chair will initiate communications with the Association and Branch, expressing the Committee's concerns, and with a recommendation to start planning immediately or cancel any form of reunion or special 115<sup>th</sup> / 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. The Branch Adj is requested to circulate the AAR from the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary for reference.

#### 5. New Business.

#### 6. Adjournment.

a. Next meeting 22 June 2017 @ Museum

b. Adjournment NLT 1600 hrs

The Committee adjourned at 1550 hrs, with acknowledgement and thanks to LCol Jason Walkling, CO JSR, for his ongoing support to the committee and interest in the advancement of our C&E heritage. The Committee thanks him for his leadership in commanding the Signal Regiment and wishes him well in his future endeavours. VVV