



## MINUTES - 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OTTAWA & DISTRICT BRANCH, THE RCR ASSOCIATION

Meeting Date/Time: Friday October 31st, 2025, 12:00 Hrs

Location: NDHQ Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess (3rd floor), Athena Room.

Attendance:

- President: Dave Hill
- Treasurer: Dave Johnston
- LO to the Army Staff: Major Micheal Hobbs
- LO to the NCMs: CWO Roger Shaver
- Member at Large: Joe McNulty
- Sean Dwyer
- Rich Gallant
- Drew Halpenny
- Don Jazy
- Sandy McQuarrie
- Robert Near
- Rick Reid

Item	Topic	Resp	Notes
1	Opening Remarks	President	<p>The President welcomed everyone and outlined his priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing participation through outreach to inform gatherings of regimental members in our area</li> <li>• Seeking corporate donations to help subsidize the cost of some of our events, and assist the RCR Trust.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
2	Minute of Silence for departed Ottawa Branch members	President	Minute of Silence for departed Ottawa Branch members was observed.
3	Branch Membership Report	President	Ottawa Branch members – 95 showing on Member 365, with 110 on our Contact List.
4	Financial Report	Treasurer	<p>The branch is in very good financial shape with \$3,060.46 in the bank and no immediate commitments. This is due to the 2 donations we received last FY totaling \$2,500.</p> <p>There was discussion as to whether the branch needed the \$950 (\$10 per Associate member) the</p>



			<p>national association was going to provide or could we defer this until next FY.</p> <p>It was decided that the Branch will accept the money but put aside \$1,000 of our budget into a short-term financial instrument such as an interest-bearing account as a reserve.</p> <p>We will also review our budget in a few months to see if we need to revisit this decision.</p> <p><b>Motion as such was presented by Dave Hill, seconded by Rick Reid, carried.</b></p>
5	Auditor's Report on Branch Finances	Auditor	<p>Joe McNulty audited the budget and confirmed that</p> <p>"I have examined the 2024/2025 accounts and I have found them to be in good order and following acceptable accounting principles. I did notice that not everyone who attended some events pay for their tickets."</p> <p>The Audit was performed on 27 October 2025.</p>
	Tabling and Vote on 2025-2026 Branch Budget	Treasurer	<p><b>The 2025-2026 budget was tabled and approved.</b></p> <p>It was noted by the Treasurer that we are in good financial shape and, despite inflationary pressures, can maintain the same cost for the Regimental Dinner at \$85 each and Ortona Toast at \$10 each.</p>
6	Table Proposed Calendar of Events 01 Nov 2025 – 31 Oct 2026	President	<p>The calendar of events was discussed, and the following amendments were agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ortona Toast will be held on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> not Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> OPI Roger Shaver).</li> <li>• Paardeburg Dinner will be held on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> at the One UP Room in the Royal Oak in New Edinburgh (OPI Joe McNulty)</li> <li>• There will be no Friday lunch gathering in February</li> <li>• The War Museum Visit is scheduled during the last weekend of the Ontario March Break Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Bob Near will continue as OPI for Pachino Day at the East Side Marios in bells Corners</li> <li>• We will look at organizing a Pashmul Day (September 14<sup>th</sup>), event in our calendar.</li> </ul>



7	Branch Communications	Dave Johnston	<p>Branch communications include website, Facebook page and our monthly newsletter using mailchimp. Stats for each are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web Site has had an average of 5 visits per day,</li> <li>• Face Book Page has 594 followers (+30 from last FY), and</li> <li>• Email list 136 (+10 from last FY)</li> </ul> <p>There was a proposal by Sandy McQuarrie to investigate moving our website host from Wix which costs \$250 per year, to Google Sheets, which is free. All agreed, Sandy McQuarrie and Dave Johnston will investigate and report back.</p>
8	Call for Nominations for Election to Branch Executive for 2024-2025	President	<p>As there were no nominations for the Board the and the current Executive Members have Less VP vacancy) indicated their willingness to serve another year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Hill as President,</li> <li>• David Johnston as Treasurer,</li> <li>• Joe Hartman as Secretary,</li> <li>• Joe McNulty as Member at Large,</li> <li>• Maj Micheal Hobb as LO to the Army staff,</li> <li>• CWO Roger Shaver as LO to the NCMs.</li> </ul> <p>Joe McNulty volunteered to fill the vacancy of VP. He was acclaimed.</p>
9	Points from Members.	President	<p>The President called for points from other members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Hill noted that we should decide on a guest speaker for our Regimental Dinner on December 6<sup>th</sup> soonest.</li> <li>• Dave Hill noted that the executives need more help in conducting our affairs and asked that we nominate and accept both Sean Dwyer and Rich Gallant as Members at large. All agreed and motion was passed.</li> <li>• Sandy McQuarrie suggested that we consider guests/guest speakers for our monthly lunches.</li> <li>• Sandy McQuarrie asked that we all consider donating to the RCR family Trust.</li> </ul>



10	Book draw	President	Three books were provided and won by attendees.
11	Adjournment	President	AGM was adjourned at 1300hrs.

#### **Summary of Action items:**

##### **Branch Funds, OPI Treasurer:**

The Branch will accept the money but put aside \$1,000 of our budget into a short-term financial instrument such as an interest-bearing account as a reserve and review our budget regularly to determine the way forward.

##### **Pashmul Day OPI TBD**

We will investigate honouring Pashmul Day (September 14th) in our calendar of events and plan an activity around that date.

##### **Website Host, OPI Dave Johnston & Sandy McQuarrie**

Investigate moving our website host away from Wix which costs \$250 per year to Google Sheets which is free.

##### **Guest Speaker for Regimental Dinner & Friday Lunches' OPI All**

If we cannot determine a guest speaker ASAP the president will check his rolodex of Senior RCR Officers as guest speaker for our Regimental Dinner.