



**Ottawa Branch of  
The Royal Canadian Regiment Association  
Annual General Meeting 30 October 2024**

Item	Topic	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1	Opening remarks	The Annual General Meeting (AGM) commenced at 1220 hrs 30 Oct in the Infantry Room of the National Capital Region Officer's Mess (NCROM).	
2.	Minute of Silence for departed Branch members, supporters & spouses	Branch President Bob Near opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Elliston, wife of Ray Elliston, who passed away 20 Feb 2024.	
3.	Branch Membership report	Current membership stands at 97 on the Member 365 list, with 116 names on the contact list. Slightly up from last year.	Sandy McQuarrie to send membership list to Branch VP and treasurer.
4.	Financial Report	Branch Treasurer provided the financial report.	
5.	Auditor report	Joe McNulty provided the auditor's report, confirming that the financial report provided a true and accurate picture of the finances, with a negligible variance of \$1.45.	
6.	Proposed budget for period 01 November 2024 - 31 October 2025	Treasurer proposed the Branch budget plan for the next year. This includes investigating switching banks from TD to BMO to try and avoid excessive fees.	Noted that our Website was paid for for multiple years and therefore shows as \$0.00 in the budget plan.
7.	Motion to adopt the Financial report, Auditors report and Budget plan as presented.	Moved by Phil Bury and Seconded by Sandy McQuarrie	Motion Passed.
8.	Branch Calendar of Events review	Nov 11 ceremony at Chelsea Que Pioneer Cemetery at the grave of Pte R.R. Thompson (Queen's Scarf winner)	Bob Near to have our Branch our wreath refurbished/prepared.
9.		Nov 15 the NCROM closes for renovations until mid April 2025. Branch meetings and events will have to be held	Exec will investigate. Note St. Andrew's Day celebration will



		elsewhere. Possible locations include the Lord Elgin Hotel, the Ottawa Police Association Mess, and Royal Canadian Legion local halls.	be held 27 Nov at the Ottawa Police Association Lounge
10.		Discussion on moving the date of meetings back to Fridays at whichever new location was selected.	For info.
11.		14 December Regimental Birthday Dinner. Dinner will be held at the WO& Sgt's mess as per last year. Advertising on websites, facebook, etc will start after Nov 11. Discussion on communications methods and frequency.	Need to invite Regimental GOFOS and advertise on multiple platforms. Suggested to use the event planning Tool on Member 365. Suggested to use links to various platforms in email vice sending attachments.
12.		Ortona Toast to be held around 21 Dec. Location GGFG WO & Sgts Mess. Reg force elms to organize.	Joe McNulty can provide info on a cheaper food option that can be used at the GGFG Mess.
13.		Paardeburg Ball event. Discussion on moving the event to an earlier date in Feb.	
14.	Call for Nominations for Election to Branch Executive for 2024-2025	<p>Bob Near is retiring as Ottawa Branch President, having served 3 years as Vice President and 9 years as President.</p> <p>There are seven Executive Positions to be filled: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Serving Members Reps, Member(s) at Large.</p> <p>Except for the President, the existing Executive members have indicated their willingness to serve another year. Drew Halpenny as VP, David Johnston as Treasurer, LCol Joe Hartson as Secretary, Joe McNulty as Member at Large, Maj Ben Reavely as LO to the Army Staff, and CWO Roger Shaver as LO to the NCMs.</p>	Mr Dave Hill accepted the nomination as Branch President.



		There is one new nomination This is for the position of Branch President. Bob Near nominated LCol (ret'd) DAVID HILL.	
15.	Motion to approve nomination for President and acclamation of Executives.	Motion to elect Dave Hill as Branch President and the executive as stated. Moved by Rick Reid and seconded by Phil Bury.	Motion approved.
16.	Vote of Thanks.	Motion for a vote of thanks to Bob Near for his years of dedicated service to the Branch and the Regimental Association.	Motion unanimously and wholeheartedly approved.
17.	Points from members	Suggestion to have Bob Near as branch historian. Discussion on how to increase Reg Force member attendance and the idea, similar to the London Branch, to hold regular gatherings for coffee.	Bob accepted the unofficial role.
18.	Book draw	Three books presented for the book draw. Winners were Joe McNulty, Sandy McQuarrie and Hugh Macpherson .	
19.	AGM closure	Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.	

Joe Hartson  
LCol  
Branch Secretary