



**Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association
Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Membership
for 23 May 2020 at 1300 hours EDT via Zoom.**

Executive / Board of Directors Present:	
Mr. Paul Hale	Director / President / Fund-raising
Mr. Dougal Salmon	Director / Vice President / Cadets / President Victoria Branch
Mr. Jim Croll	Director / Treasurer / Casino Chairman / President Calgary Branch
Miss Terri Orser	Director / Secretary
Mr Ted Giraldeau	Director / VP West
Mr Steve Bartlett	Director / VP East
Mr Jay Lapeyre	Director / Heritage
Ms. Sherri Casey Peterson	Director / Last Post / Communications
Mr Pete Leger	Director / Veterans and Family Support / VPP Facilitator
Mr Tim Penney	Director / Student Bursaries
Council Present:	
Mr Don Dalziel	President Ottawa Branch/ Governance Chair
Mr Dave Pentney	Kingston / Finance Chair /
Mr. Herb Kenny	President Edmonton Branch / Membership Chair
Mr Mike Austdal	Past President / President Wainwright Branch
Mr Glenn Ryan	President Atlantic Branch
Mr Greg Ferguson	President SW Ontario Branch
Mr Perry Batchelor	President Man & NW Ont Branch
Mr Julien McNulty	President Fraser Valley Branch
Mr Jed Jednorog	President Mid Island Branch
In Attendance:	
Madame Adrienne Clarkson	Colonel-in-Chief
MGen Peter Dawe	Comd SOF Com
BGen Vince Kennedy	Colonel of the Regiment
Col Kirk Gallinger	Vice President Regimental Strategy / BComd CFB Kingston
LCol Adam Moore	CO 3 PPCLI
LCol Mike Reekie	CO 2 PPCLI
Maj Adam Petrin	DCO 1 PPCLI
Maj Slade Lerch	Regimental Major
Sgt Blake Dunphy	RHQ Vets Care
Mr John McGregor	SW Ontario
Mr Doug Furchner	SW Ontario
Mr Bill Hewson	Ottawa

Mrs Norah Hewson	Ottawa
Mr Greg Bell	Ottawa
Mr Andrew Krieger	Saskatchewan
Mr Patrick Conlin	Edmonton
Mr Ron Morozoff	Calgary
Mr Barry Ashton	Calgary
Mr Philip Fisher	Calgary
Mr Nate Blackmore	Calgary
Mr Richard Cowling	Mid Island
Mr Butch Montreuil	Mid Island
Mr Dave Corbould	e-mbr
Mr Karl Gotthardt	e-mbr
Mr Kevin Raper	e-mbr
Mr Jason Zdyb	e-mbr
Mr James Stanton	e-mbr
Mr Colin Baker	e-mbr
Mr Mike Bludd	e-mbr

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1.	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1303 hours EDT with a quorum of 48 members.	President
2.	Minute of Silence. We observed a minute's silence for all those who passed away over the last year.	President
3.	Opening Remarks: Paul welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the Colonel in Chief, Madam Adrienne Clarkson for her opening remarks.	President
4.	Opening Remarks from the Colonel in Chief: Madam Clarkson spoke in depth about the effects of COVID-19 and how proud she is of the Association, the CAF and Canada about the way we have handled this challenge. She said the highlight over the past year was when she and BGen Kennedy went to Latvia, under the Canadian Command of Col Eric Laforest (who was also her aide de camp for two years at Rideau Canal). Canada is commanding approx. 1,500 NATO troops there. Looking at Russia and what is happening, she is not sure about the truth of what they are reporting reference COVID-19. The satisfaction of the Russian Government is at an all-time low and we should be aware that when people are disturbed in their own country, they look for ways to distract the blame onto the rest of the world	

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4.	<p>Madam Clarkson has become incredibly involved by taking a role with COVID-19 and the elderly. She recently did a Seminar at Massey about brain health and aging. She has a personal interest in it, especially when 80% of the COVID-19 cases are aged 65 and older and that the life expectancy of women in Canada is 86.</p> <p>She is also doing some further ventures at the Institute of Longevity which is a Canadian Branch of an international association.</p> <p>It is recognized that older people are generally having a rougher time with social distancing and isolation.</p> <p>Madam Clarkson said that the role of the CAF may change and warned that they may be called upon to do things they are not used to doing or that they think is inappropriate. Our soldiers must be prepared for the next two years as there may be some unprecedented calls upon us. Their skills and training will be needed to protect and assist Canadian citizens. Our Society may be organized in a slightly different manner, but she said she trusts the leadership of the Regiment and how they can and will react to these challenges.</p> <p>Madam Clarkson wished everyone all the best going forward.</p>	Madam Adrienne Clarkson
5.	<p>Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Pete Leger and seconded by Philip Fisher to approve the agenda. <i>Carried</i></p>	President
6.	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the 71st AGM of 8 August 2019: (as per slides).</p> <p>Paul reviewed the minutes from the 70th AGM since the meeting was virtual and printed copies of the minutes were not available.</p> <p>It was moved by Dave Pentney and seconded by Doug Furchner to approve the Minutes of the 71st AGM of 8 August 2019 as reported. <i>Carried</i></p>	President
7.	<p>Reports:</p>	
	<p>7.1 – President’s Report (as per attached slides).</p> <p>Initially had 55 registered for the Virtual AGM. Actual attendance is 48 with 10 out of 13 Branch Presidents participating.</p>	

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	<p>In Feb, an evidence-based report was produced with the assistance of the Canadian Institute for Mental Health and Veterans Research (CIMHVR). We had good documentation on assisting 64 individuals (8 women and 56 Men). 40 cases have been resolved, 10 are ongoing, 5 with no improvement, 5 where the veterans did not wish further contact and in 4 cases the individuals were not veterans In reality what we are really doing is peer support vice mental health and suicide awareness. Accordingly, we will refer to the workshops as Peer Support. The report was widely distributed throughout the Veterans community, VAC, the CAF, CIMHVR and the Centre of Excellence for PTSD.</p> <p>Paul highlighted the under new business we will be voting on a number of special resolutions with respect to Families of the Fallen and updated objectives for the Association.</p> <p>Paul reviewed the support that the Association provided to the Regiment, Veterans and Families in 2019 and indicated what was planned for 2020 / 2021. (as per attached slides)</p> <p>With respect of the amalgamation of the Foundation and the Association, the implementation directive was issued in February. Out of the four options, number three was the preferred option (dissolution of Foundation and its absorption into the Association. It will probably take a year or more for the Ways Team to examine all various options and make recommendations.</p> <p>The biggest concern is that whatever happens must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved by the membership, • achievable, • cost effective; and • within the capacity of our volunteers. <p>Everyone will be kept informed as the Ways Team completes their reports.</p>	<p>President</p>
	<p>7.2 - Finance Committee Report: (as per slide).</p> <p>Dave Pentney reviewed the Finance Committee report. 2019 was an exceptional year with a 14% or \$104,126 increase in our investments as of 31 December 2019.</p> <p>Due to COVID 19, we had a reduction of 1.5% or \$12,747 as of 22 May 2020. Marv Fenrich has done an exceptional job as our financial advisor.</p>	<p>Finance Committee Chair</p>

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	<p>7.2.1 – 2019 Financial Statements as of 31 Dec 2019 (unaudited) (see attached slides)</p> <p>Jim Croll reviewed the financial statements and commented the they have not been reviewed by our auditor due to COVID 19 restrictions. The audit has been delayed and hopefully will be completed by September.</p> <p>On slide two, Paul mentioned that the travel costs are mostly due to the Mental Health peer support workshops as they were not approved as a charitable objective until February 2019.</p>	Treasurer
	<p>7.2.2 – Current Financial Position (see attached slides)</p> <p>Jim Croll reviewed current financial positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Association Operating Fund as of 31 Mar 2020 - Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund as of 31 Mar 2020 	Treasurer
	<p>7.3 - Casino Report (see attached slide).</p> <p>With regards to the Casino account the slide has been updated and with the deposit it sits at \$94,525. We received \$53,413.42 in 2020. The Museum has now gone virtual and the money for that came out of the Casino Fund. Casino funds paid for the Virtual tour of the Regimental Museum and will fund the video portion of the Airborne display</p> <p>Next casino will most likely be in 2022.</p>	Casino Chair
	<p>7.4 - Membership Report as of 11 Apr 2020– (see attached slide)</p> <p>Herb Kenny reported that there has been a steady increase in membership. Also getting a better handle on taking the non-active members and putting them into their own category. Younger members are starting to join now. Herb also reported that there about 15 members who belong to both the Association and the Foundation.</p> <p>Paul mentioned that since the Association has started doing Peer support in 2017 the membership has gone up by about 200. The Younger Veterans are now seeing that the Assn is doing good things for the Veterans.</p>	Membership Chair
	<p>7.5 - Governance Report (see attached report).</p> <p>Continuing to work on By-laws, Directors Handbook, Articles of continuance and working with the Ways Team.</p>	Governance Chair
	<p>7.6 – HGMF Fundraising Report. (see attached report).</p> <p>Paul reported that in 2019 the amount raised exceeded our goals because donation requests were sent out to True Patriot Love, General Dynamics, and Cubic. In 2020 we have received \$7,000 from True Patriot Love and \$5,000 from SW Ontario in support of mental health. More requests will be sent out.</p>	HGMF Chair

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	<p>7.7 – Heritage Report. (see attached slide).</p> <p>Karen Storwick and Robert Curtin continue to interview veterans. It has been delayed due to COVID-19 but will pick up where they left off once they are able to. One project that was started was getting historical background on the Rebels hockey team that won the European Cup in 1971.</p> <p>Bob Stewart was thanked for editing the Memorials and Monuments manual. The MMM was completed just before Christmas last year.</p> <p>Mike Austdal, Dougal Salmon, Don Dalziel, and John Jolly were also thanked their various contributions. Doug Delaney and Terry Loveridge will be providing editorial assistance and they also report back on the status of the PPCLI memorials and monuments in NW Europe after their annual trips.</p> <p>Danny Denkowycz is collecting old battle school items and Jay will be in contact with him. Nate Blackmore reiterated that Danny has been doing some amazing work restoring Patricia memorabilia in Wainwright.</p>	<p>Heritage Director</p>
	<p>7.8 - Volunteer Patricia Program – (see attached slide).</p> <p>Pete Leger informed everyone that the program is doing very well. Contact with veterans though is critical, it lets individuals know that someone is there for them and cares.</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid has been changed to Peer Support workshops. The North Bay June session has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Currently looking for alternative ways to run the course and looking at running a Mental Health First Aid Refresher.</p> <p>Pete has distributed the Peer Support Evidence Based Report up his chain of command to show them what we are doing as a Regiment.</p> <p>Pete advised all to beware of some predatory agencies that want to use our work for their benefit. They charge for assisting veterans vice our process of helping at no cost to the veteran or their family.</p> <p>He is working on updating the VPP handbook.</p>	<p>VPP Facilitator</p>
	<p>7.9 – Educational Bursary Report (see attached slides).</p> <p>Tim Penney stated that the PPCLI Assn Student Bursaries has been renamed the HGMF Educational Bursaries. The deadline for entries to be received is 15 July. Tim asked that Branches send out reminders because he has only received four requests. The Committee sits at end July and successful applicants will be informed in early Aug and the cheques will be issued by 1 Sep. Plan is to award \$21,000 in Bursaries this year.</p>	<p>Bursary Chair</p>

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	<p>7.10 - Cadet Report (see attached slides)</p> <p>Dougal Salmon coordinates with RHQ and the Kit Shop regarding the Hat Badges and Shoulder Titles as the cost changes every year. He thanked both RHQ and the Kit Shop for their assistance. He said it is a good program that is working very well</p> <p>As far as the Cadet Corps Trophy, Esquimalt won it this year. Unfortunately, the Zone Trg Officer for the Yellowknife corps was not able to get there to do an assessment. Luckily, the RM and RWO were able to visit several of the Cadet Corps, including Yellowknife. 2020 donations to Cadet Corps will be distributed as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Vice President</p>
	<p>7.11- Regimental Major's Update (see attached slides)</p> <p>Maj Slade Lerch, RM, provided an update on current RHQ activities and projects as well as updates on the Museum and archiving. He also gave an update of the Kit Shop and although it is closed due to COVID-19 orders can still be taken online. Maj Slade spoke about the need to protect Regimental Intellectual Property. He advised that the French Grey Ball for 2020 has been cancelled and the conduct of the French Grey Golf Tournament is to be decided.</p> <p>Work continues on cataloguing and appraising artifacts in the Regimental Archives.</p> <p>Maj Adam Petrin gave an update on 1 PPCLI activities and their state of readiness. LCol Mike Reekie gave an update on 2 PPCLI and LCol Adam Moore gave an update on 3 PPCLI.</p> <p>Madam Clarkson said that she would like to see immediate post war stories covered in the next PPCLI History Book and to get stories from our more senior Veterans.</p> <p>Colonel of the Regiment suggested that anyone who has any stories should submit them to either Bob Stewart or RHQ.</p>	<p>Regimental Major</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>New Business:</p>	
	<p>8.1 – 2021 Association Operating Fund Budget (see attached slides)</p> <p>The proposed budget for 2021 was reviewed.</p> <p>It was moved by Jim Croll and seconded by Dougal Salmon to approve the 2021 Assn Operating Fund Budget. <i>Carried.</i></p>	<p>Finance Chair</p>

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	<p>8.2 – Appointment of Associate Auditors (see attached slide)</p> <p>Jim Croll explained that the Audit has not taken place this year due to COVID-19. They have provided excellent service to date.</p> <p>It was moved by Jim Croll and seconded by Dougal Salmon to approve the firm BDO Canada (in Calgary), Professional Accountants be retained as the Association Review Accountants. <i>Carried.</i></p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
	<p>8.3 – Peer Support Workshops: (as per slides).</p> <p>Pete reminded all that June workshop planned for North By has been postponed. Looking at options for virtual refresher. CAF is looking at conducting similar workshops for their staff.</p> <p>Paul informed participants of two virtual courses that are being conducted right now. On Facebook there is a link to the Canadian Mental Health Commission and two courses are “Caring for Yourself” (about two and a half hours long), and “Caring for Others” (about four hours long). There is one being developed for Veterans but the two that are being run are now are francophone serials, May and Jun. Paul encouraged everyone to take the workshops (essential workers).</p>	<p>VPP Facilitator</p>
	<p>8.4 – Special Resolution 01-20 – PPCLI Association Mission (see attached slide)</p> <p>Paul reviewed the results of the Regimental Strategy which one of the issues was that the Association did not have a stated mission. The proposed mission will be used on internal documents only.</p> <p>It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Dougal Salmon to approve Special Resolution 01-20. <i>Carried.</i></p>	<p>President</p>
	<p>8.5 – Special Resolution 02-20 – Updated PPCLI Association Objects</p> <p>Resolution was deleted due to recommended changes after it was initially distributed.</p>	<p>President</p>

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	<p>8.6 – Special Resolution 03-20 – Memorial Membership: (see attached slides).</p> <p>Paul reviewed the background behind Families of the Fallen paying Association dues. This issue has been under discussion at the Board and Council of Presidents for the past 14 months. After lengthy discussion it was decided that Families of the Fallen should not be only related to Combat Operations. Any death is tragic, and all families must be treated equally regardless of circumstances of the death. It was also decided that the membership would be without regard to the date of death. In theory we could have next of kin of World War One requesting to join the Association. It is not a new class of membership, rather it is a free three-year National membership with Families encouraged to join the nearest branch and consider becoming paying members after three years.</p> <p>It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Dougal Salmon to approve Special Resolution 03-20. <i>Carried.</i></p>	<p>President</p>
	<p>8.7- Resolution 04-20 – Updated PPCLI Association Objects: In Order of Priority: (see attached slides).</p> <p>The regimental Strategic review in August 2019 highlighted that we had different objects for the Association in different documents. The proposed objects have been discussed at the Board and Council of Presidents. In addition, they have been included in the recent newsletter so that all members could provide input or feedback. They have been listed in order of priority.</p> <p>It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Dougal Salmon to approve Resolution 04-20. <i>Carried.</i></p> <p>Paul is hoping that we can get a positive response back from Corporate Canada by the fall so that we can amend our articles of continuance.</p>	<p>President</p>
	<p>8.8 -Update on status for a new model PPCLI Foundation and PPCLI Association:</p> <p>Dave Pentney provided an update on the Ways Team progress to date.</p> <p>The Ways Team has met three times via teleconference and gone over the submissions by the HGME, Foundation and Association. Their next meeting is next week where they will be looking at the options moving forward. They do not feel constrained with the four options that were given to them. They will basically be doing option analysis over the next month and a half. These will be presented to the steering committee in concept form. All three entities must accept the option(s). This will be a lengthy and complex process.</p>	<p>Ways Team</p>

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	<p>8.9 – Atlantic Branch Presentation AGM 2021-30 Apr to 1 May. (see attached slides). Next year will be an election year.</p> <p>Glen Ryan gave an overview of the details for the 2021 AGM. The hotel is about 10 minutes from the airport. Parking is free if parking on the street. Underground parking is \$8.00 a day. Not sure about the Golf Tournament as the Golf Course may not be open yet but looking into other options. There are two types of rooms, one king size bed or two queen size beds and they cost the same. They are hoping to finalize arrangements once the hotel opens back up. It is currently closed due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>President Atlantic Branch</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>Steve Bartlett informed everyone that Tommy Anderson raised over \$25,000 for Wounded Warriors to be used for Service Dogs. He has finally been recognized. On the Facebook page it was written as \$15,000 but it is being rectified. For info, the Snowbird pilot that crashed in Kamloops is Col Jake Bell’s stepson. They are in Kamloops now and say that their son was in a wheelchair but is doing ok.</p> <p>Julien McNulty asked how members getting out of the Military are informed about the PPCLI Association. He said that in the past year he has run into three recently retired Veterans and asked if they knew about the Association and they had no idea. Paul has updated the release letter that explains about the Association and a list of Branches across Canada. They are automatically signed up as an E-mbr upon release. The problem is capturing those released outside of Edmonton.</p> <p>Maj Slade Lerch reinforced that as Patricia’s release they are urged to join the Association. As far as getting their information to the Branches it is a bit complicated but maybe putting some thought into asking the Veterans if their information can be passed to the nearest Branch or if it is okay if the Branch can contact them. It was suggested to get the RSMs and Sgt Maj’s involved.</p> <p>Paul said that another challenge is that many times the service member does not know where they will settle down.</p> <p>Pete Leger explained what he and Gen Dawe did to encourage soldiers to join the Association when they were in Battalion. The biggest challenge is soldiers who are released from locations outside of the Battalion.</p>	

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9.	<p>Sherry Casey-Petersen suggested that we get the information to the transition Centres of which there is 33 across Canada. Paul will send Sherry the information letter.</p> <p>Paul was talking with LGen Eyre last year and he was looking at making it obligatory upon release for individuals to join their affiliated Regimental Association. There is interest at the high levels.</p> <p>Nate Blackmore asked how do we interact with the more junior (6-11 years' service) members who are more interested in what is in it for them and make it attractive to join the Association. Why not have Branch representatives attend the SCAN Seminars to get the information out there. One hurdle may be getting enough volunteers from the various Branches.</p> <p>Paul brought up the fraudulent e-mails by scammers who imitating his e-mail are asking for I-tune cards for Cadets or Veterans. He said we only address fundraising issues through the HGMF.</p> <p>Herb Kenny also commented that his thoughts are most young soldiers when they get out are tired to the army and are looking for new things. After about two years they start looking to reconnect with the Regiment. We have to give them time to find themselves.</p> <p>Herb Kenny advised that they had a problem with pay pal for e-members. Therefore, he changed the payment plan for members to e-transfer or cheques. The membership dues are from 1 Jan to 31 Dec.</p> <p>Perry Batchelor reviewed some of the challenges faced by the Manitoba and NW Ontario Branch. The Branch was withering on the vine, but in the past year they have held a number of social events with the specific request that each member bring someone who was not a member of the Branch. This was successful and the Branch is now at 70 members. There was a lot of discussion surrounding obtaining members and really it comes down to us...we are responsible for getting new members.</p> <p>Paul stated that he and the CoR have been working on potential Battlefield Tours. April 2021 is the 70th Anniversary of Kapyong. The Korea Ministry of Veterans was planning on taking approx. 625 Korea Veterans there this year, but the tour was cancelled because of COVID-19. He has asked the Korea Ministry of Veterans if they plan on reinstating it for 2021. He also asked the VAC Memorial Office if they have anything planned for the 70th Anniversary and is waiting for an official answer. There is the potential for us to do a tour in April next year. 2023 is the 80th anniversary of the landings in Sicily and they are looking at a possible battlefield tour to Sicily and Italy in the May time period.</p>	

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10.	<p>Date, Location and Host Branch of next AGM:</p> <p>Moncton 30 Apr – 1 May 2021 – Atlantic Branch</p> <p>Saskatoon 20-21 May 2022 – Saskatchewan Branch</p> <p>Calgary 26-27 May 2023 – Calgary Branch</p> <p>Edmonton August 2024 – Edmonton Branch (110th Anniversary).</p>	President
11.	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>One project they are working on is in Mersham, UK. When the second Countess of Mountbatten died, she was buried in the same grave with Lord John in the St John the Baptiste Church in Mersham. There is nothing there that identifies the connection of Lady Patricia, the Countess of Mountbatten to the Regiment. They have asked the Mountbatten's' and the Braeburns' if they would permit us to put a plaque in or on the Church to draw the attention to the fact that they were both important members of the Regiment. The Mountbatten's' have agreed, just waiting for the Braeburns. Hopefully, this will be completed by 2023. More to follow.</p> <p>The St Mary's Band is the first brass band of the Regt and played at the original Princess Patricia's wedding. They still have the Regimental affiliation. He thought about inviting the band to play next year at our AGM dinner and perhaps have some of them join us for dinner.</p> <p>This year, thanks to Maj Slade, RM the Patrician was available almost at the same time for purchase on the PPCLI.com website as it was delivered to the serving component. To get a copy of the 2019 Patrician you can go to ppcli.com website to publications and you can order and get it delivered directly to your home. This will be the case for each year.</p> <p>Thanked everyone for taking over the responsibilities of the Association like Pete Leger, VPP Coord. He also gave a big thank you to Sherri Casey Peterson. She keeps searching all the websites to find every Patricia that has died, and she sends out the death notices. He tries to post condolences on every condolence site or send a letter to the families.</p> <p>He commented on how the updates from Bn Cos contributed to the AGM. The virtual meeting has gone with ZOOM and said that now we can invite more people to participate.</p> <p>The CoR congratulated the Association and especially this Executive under the leadership of Paul Hale for a very productive year in terms of changes to meet the challenges of the not for profit sector.</p>	

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11.	<p>The extension of the Memorial membership provides a clear example of the support for the bereaved. The newly stated mission and purposes and objects give space for undertaking full support when any need is identified. The institutionalization of the peer support structure into the VPP for mental health and suicide prevention sets a great example of the readiness to grapple with an age-old problem that has long eaten away from our community. He thanked everyone again who has worked on these issues, the Regiment and the Association is many different things to many different people but he thinks that the modern Association of Veterans and their families has an endearing role for the future of the Regt that we call PPCLI.</p> <p>He thanked everyone who attended the meeting, the organizers and anyone who has contributed to the effective discussion that has taken place today.</p>		CoR
12.	<p>Adjournment:</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1518 EDT on a motion by Greg Ferguson.</p>		President
	<p>Prepared by: Terri Orser National Secretary 12 July 2020</p>	<p><i>Paul Hale</i></p> <p>Approved by: Paul Hale National President 12 July 2020</p>	