



1180-1 (President)

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HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE (HSRS) MEETING, TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2021

Chair: Col P.J. Williams (Ret'd) – President

Members in attendance:

LGen M.K. Jeffery (Ret'd)  
LCol D.Y.G. Brassard – CO 1 RCHA  
LCol U.J.F. Wolanski  
Maj L.M. Jackson – Treasurer

Members unable to attend:

MGen R.W. Goodyear  
Col T.R. Young (Ret'd)  
LCol S.G. Haire  
Maj J.R. Fisher (Ret'd)  
Maj S. Kiropoulos (Ret'd)  
Maj H.B. Nelson, COS CFB Shilo

1. Item 1 – Welcome Opening Remarks

- a. The meeting was called to order at 1010 hrs Central Standard Time (CST) by the Chair.
- b. The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the meeting, which was conducted as a teleconference, using Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) for the first time. The Chair noted that he would endeavour to conduct meetings this way in future. He noted that since the last meeting, LCol Jeff Lyttle the outgoing Commander Home Station, had unexpectedly

passed. CFB Shilo and 1 RCHA were continuing to support the Lyttle family, who will be moving to Ontario. 2 RCHA will hold a memorial service for LCol Lyttle in future. The Chair also noted that RSM 1 RCHA, CWO Rigby, was appointed as RSM RCA on 26 May 21, while remaining in his current post. He offered his congratulations to CWO Rigby on the Senate's behalf.

2. Item 2 – Confirmation of Agenda

- a. There being no additions, the President confirmed the Agenda.

3. Item 3 – 1 RCHA Update

- a. LCol Brassard provided the following update:

- (1) as part of the Army's Road to High Readiness (R2HR) the 1 RCHA Fire Support Coordination Centre (FSCC) was recently validated on Exercise UNIFIED RESOLVE. A, B and C Btys were similarly validated on Ex FROZEN GUNNER. 1 RCHA will be on High Readiness (HR) for one year from 1 Jul 21;
- (2) 1 RCHA is the lead unit in Manitoba for DNDs:
  - (a) Op LASER: CAF response to a worldwide pandemic situation; and
  - (b) Op VECTOR: CAF support to the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial governments for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

In support of these operations 1 RCHA deployed three Task Forces across Manitoba. Elements of the Regt were reinforced by CAF medical, military police and RCAF assets. Notably, in support of Indigenous Services Canada, 1 RCHA assisted in the delivery of some 6000 doses of vaccine and is currently providing support to hospitals in Winnipeg;

- (3) at end Aug 21, 1 RCHA will deploy approximately 100 soldiers to the UK for two months to conduct Public Duties as part of UBIQUE 150. Social engagements are planned with the Captain-General, the leadership of the Royal Artillery and Canadian Gunners serving in the UK;
- (4) the Regt has procured a quantity of serialised 1 RCHA UBIQUE 150 belt buckles. The intent is to keep the cost at \$130.00 less taxes and shipping. A photo of the buckle is enclosed. These can be ordered by contacting Sgt Michael Allary (Michael.allary@forces.gc.ca);
- (5) the conduct of 1 RCHA UBIQUE 150 activities are contingent upon federal and provincial health regulations in force at the time; and
- (6) Maj Andrew Curr, having just completed the Joint Command and Staff Programme (JCSP), will replace Maj Youngson as 2IC this summer.

4. Item 4 – C Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division Training Centre Update

- a. Major Jackson provided the following update:

- (1) Reserve Summer Training (RST) commenced this week;

- (2) there are some changes to the conduct of the Primary Leadership Qualification (PLQ) course and the Army Junior Leader's Course (AJLC). The Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) will be incorporated into the Developmental Period 1 (DP 1) course; and
- (3) Maj Jackson is posted in August to the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) in Wainwright, AB as head of the Artillery Observer Controller Team (OCT). She will be succeeded by Maj Ian Van Dyke currently BC C Bty 1 RCHA. The President thanked Maj Jackson for her service as Treasurer and stated that he will keep her on distribution for future correspondence.

5. Item 5 – Approval of Previous Minutes. As noted by the President, the minutes of the previous meeting had been approved and posted to the RCA website in both English and French.

6. Item 6 – Actions arising from previous Minutes.

a. the President continues to pursue the option for a 'Donate' button on the RCA website ([www.rca-arc.org](http://www.rca-arc.org)) for the Home Station Regimental Fund, in order to better enable donations. The President approached the Colonel Commandant this week and will advise the Senate as to progress on this issue. **Secretarial Note:** In subsequent correspondence with the Col Comdt, RHQ RCA and the Royal Canadian Artillery Association (RCAA), several issues were highlighted:

- (1) software limitations have only allowed the RCA website managers to point donations at two separate bank accounts, supporting the RHQ RCA and the RCAA. A third, for the Home Station Regiment Fund, would need to be paid for;
- (2) each organization is also paying for its in payment gateway to process credit card payments. For RHQ RCA, they are charged with .0265% interest on all credit cards except for American Express which is at .028% interest for each transaction. On top of that there is a \$ 0.30 charge for processing each transaction and \$0.30 charge on each cancelled transaction. For the RCAA, Mastercard charges 2.11%, while Visa charges 2.24%, and which amounted to \$603.80 in total fees paid for the last fiscal year; and
- (3) the ability to donate via interac e-Transfer to a Home Station Regimental Fund bank account. If it is a BMO account, it may be possible for the balance in that account to be automatically transferred to the Fund's NPF account on a periodic basis.

b. in support of UBIQUE 150, the President wrote a series of short, illustrated histories of Gunner units which had served/are serving in Shilo, specifically:

- (1) 1 RCHA;
- (2) 3 RCHA;
- (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Surface-to-Surface Missile Bty (2 SSM Bty);
- (4) The Royal Canadian School of Artillery (RCSA); and
- (5) The Home Station/CFB Shilo.

These articles were submitted to the 2IC 1 RCHA, Maj Youngson for publication in *The Shilo Stag* base newspaper (<https://www.cafconnection.ca/Shilo/In-My-Community/Shilo-Stag-Newspaper.aspx>) on Thurs 24 Jun 21. The *Shilo Stag* is published every second Thursday. Maj Jackson confirmed that a similar article on C Coy and its antecedents would be produced. **Secretarial Note:** the first article, on the RCSA, was published in the *Shilo Stag* on Thurs 24 Jun 21.

7. Item 7 – Election/Appointment of Executive Members. The Senate unanimously agreed to reappoint Maj Fisher to the Senate Executive.
  8. Item 8 – Home Station Regimental Fund Update
    - a. Maj Jackson stated that the Fund now stands at \$2200.00, as a result of a \$100.00 donation to the RCHA Memorial Rededication Project as agreed at the last meeting;
    - b. there were no new donations to the Fund since the last meeting;
    - c. corporate sponsorship for certain activities in support of the Fund appears to be within NPF regulations. A corporate sponsor would have to write a cheque to the fund, as a donation;
    - d. Maj Jackson highlighted some challenges in using the Fund for supporting individuals (ie bereavement, birth of a child, etc.). Two such options exist:
      - (1) make provision in the Constitution for a fixed payment to an individual in the case of a death of an immediate family member or the birth of a new child, for example; or
      - (2) raising monies outside the Fund, through personal donations. Any monies so raised would then be given to NPF, to be held In Trust. At the appropriate time, NPF would send a cheque in the amount of the funds being held In Trust to the individual in question.
- The Chair stated that he and the Treasurer would prepare a proposed revision to the Constitution for discussion at the next meeting. The proposal would be forwarded to Senate members for consideration prior to the next meeting.
9. Item 9 – Future activities potentially meriting Senate support
    - a. The Chair mentioned stated that such activities could include:
      - (1) support to members of the Home Station Regiment in need. No such cases were brought forward for discussion. CO 1 RCHA expressed the view that the Fund should be able to support families in the case of the death of a family member, etc;
      - (2) the August 2021 militaria auction, an initiative designed to raise monies for the Fund. Maj Fisher (Ret'd) stated that he has approximately \$2500.00 worth of items; and
      - (3) corporate sponsorship for Ex HEAVY LOADER on 20 Oct 21. This is a weightlifting competition hosted by 1 RCHA, involving participants from all Regular RCA units. CO 1 RCHA will inform the President of what such sponsorship might consist of and the Treasurer will confirm with Base NPF that

such the Fund could accept a donation from potential sponsors. The President stated he was prepared to send a letter to potential sponsors to solicit their support.

10. Item 10 – Expansion of Senate Role to Include Advocacy for Home Station Issues
  - a. there are no issues requiring Senate attention at this time;
  - b. the incoming Commander Home Station, LCol C.A. (Chris) Wood (RCEME) is having handover briefs this week. Once he has settled in the President will contact him and brief him on the Senate; and
  - c. other Home Station personnel changes of note:
    - (1) the Base Chief of Staff (COS), Maj W.H. Nelson is posted this summer to HQ 37 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG) in Vancouver, BC as the G7; and
    - (2) 2IC 1 RCHA, Maj S.D. Youngson will replace Maj Nelson as Base COS.
11. Item 11 – Communications Strategy. For now, communications will be effected primarily via the *Canadian Gunner News* e-newsletter and other interactions such as letters, emails, etc. Anything beyond that such as social media engagement will be deferred until a person with this competency is identified. In the meantime, the President encouraged Senate members to try and find such a person. The President sent out a letter on 6 Apr 21 to former COs and RSMs of Home Station Regiment units calling for their support to the Senate and its work. No responses were received. CO 1 RCHA stated that he intended to send a newsletter to former COs and will include the President's letter.
12. Item 12 – Update on 150th Anniversary of A & B Bty (UBIQUE 150). Key points to note are:
  - a. the 1 RCHA UBIQUE 150 “Fire plan” outlining key activities is enclosed; and
  - b. The President congratulated 1 RCHA and the team led by Capt Eric Taborowski on their award of Third Prize in the UBIQUE 150 “Good Shooting” Video Contest. The videos are available on the RCA website at: <https://rca-arc.org/ubique-150-good-shooting-contest-videos/>
13. Item 13 – Any Other business.
  - a. the President briefed that the Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI) sponsors the annual Captain Nichola Goddard Award. The award is named in honour of Captain Nichola Goddard, MSM, a 1 RCHA Forward Observation Officer (FOO) killed in action in Afghanistan on 17 May 06. The award was created to recognize and honour a young Canadian innovator and trailblazer who has made an inspiring early or mid-career contribution to Canadian security and defence. The President suggested that Home Station Regiment units/sub-units may wish to consider making submissions for this award. The annual submission deadline is 31 Jan. Details are at: <https://cdainstitute.ca/the-captain-nichola-goddard-award/>. The CDAI point of contact is Jennifer Giguere, Director of Operations: [jennifer@cdainstitute.ca](mailto:jennifer@cdainstitute.ca); and
  - b. the President noted that a former CO 1 RCHA, LCol S.G. Haire is promoted Col this summer and is posted to the Strategic Joint Staff in Ottawa as Director Strategic Effects and Targeting. **Secretarial Note:** in subsequent correspondence, LCol Haire stated that it

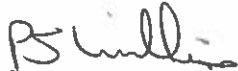
was his intention to participate in future Senate meetings. Col T.R. Young (Ret'd), another former CO 1 RCHA, also indicated his desire to engage in Senate affairs.

14. Item 14 – Date/time of next meeting. October 2021, to be confirmed, and possibly scheduled so coincide with UBIQUE 150 week in Shilo (18-23 Oct 21). During this week the RCA Regimental Leader Course (formerly the Junior Officer Course) and the RCA Board will be conducted. Options for dates will be circulated secretarially and based on the majority preference, meeting details will be promulgated in advance. In addition, given that some Executive positions will come up for re-election in Sep, the call for candidates and elections may also be conducted secretarially.

15. Item 15 – Adjournment

As motioned by LCol Brassard, seconded by LGen Jeffery (Ret'd), and unanimously supported, the Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1105 hrs CST.

Approved /  Not Approved

  
P.J. Williams  
Colonel (Retired)  
President

Enclosures: 2

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**1 RCHA  
U150 Fireplan**

- 21 May 1 RCHA U150 FPC
- 26 May Coast to Coast Toast
- 26 May Canoe River Memorial Flare Raising
- 26 May 1 RCHA Parade
- 12 Jun MB Fair Parade
- 18-27 Jun Red River Ex
- 1 Jul CFB Shilo Canada Day
- 1-3 Jul Army Reunion
- 24 Jul 1 RCHA Family Day
- 28 Jul UK PD Virtual Rece
- 28-30 Jul BATTLEFORD GNR
- 29 Jul 1 Aug Threshermen's Reunion
- 10 Aug SUNSET GUNNER
- 13-14 Aug Mt Gnr SJP Visit
- 19-25 Aug WESTERN GNR
- 6 Aug GOLDRUSH GNR



- Legend:**
- RCA Signature Activity
  - RCA / National Event
  - 1 RCHA Key Event
  - 1 RCHA Minor Event
  - 1 CMBG Task
  - Other
  - Cancelled

- Cdn Army Run 10-19 Sep
- Freedom of City Parade Fall
- UK PUBLIC DUTIES
- Comd Tm Visit to UK 4-8 Oct
- Regt'l Leaders Cse 18-23 Oct
- HQ EX HEAVY LOADER (VH) 20 Oct
- UBIQUE 150 Salute 20 Oct
- Winnipeg Jets Fall
- Winnipeg Blue Bombers Fall
- Brandon Wheat Kings Fall
- St Barb's Day Dinner 4 Dec
- Kingston Cup 4 Dec

1 RCHA UBIQUE 150 Belt Buckle

