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**The Beginning**



**The End**



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The  
CALGARY MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is a non-profit registered society  
which fosters the study of the  
military and the police, and the heritage of  
Canada, the British Empire, and the world  
as well as the preservation of military  
artifacts and records.

The CMHS meets once every calendar month  
at: Petty Officers' Mess  
HMCS Tecumseh  
1820 - 24th Street SW  
Calgary AB T2T 0G6

## Notice of Next Meeting

The next CMHS meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, November 20th, 2018**  
**19:00 (7:00 pm)**

At the Petty Officers' Mess, HMCS Tecumseh.  
Members are reminded that an offering of foodstuffs for the Legion Food Bank is  
considered your unofficial entrance fee to our regular scheduled meetings.

The unofficial agenda of this meeting will be:  
Introduction of guests, Minutes of last meeting Correspondence, Membership report  
Treasurer's report, Old business / New business Break, Show & Tell  
The President, **Allan Ross** would like to invite everyone to remain after the meet-  
ing for an informal time of fellowship.



Part 2 of this news-  
letter is an Essay  
on John McCrae by  
Sir Andrew Mac-  
phail  
Published in 1919  
in a book "Titled In  
Flanders Fields by  
John McCrae"

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Canadians Resting in Mons November 11th 1918



**Canada's Answer**  
**Painting by Norman Wilkinson**  
**The Sailing of the First Contingent**

## Minutes of last meeting / Calgary Military Historical Society

### Meeting held on October 16, 2018 at the Petty Officer's Mess, HMCS Tecumseh

**1. Meeting called to order —** By President Allan R. at 7:00 PM. 20 members in attendance.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.** [Discussed no correction.](#) Member Mike C. moves that the Previous Meeting Minutes be accepted. Seconded by Barry E.

**3. Newsletter.** - Received, no comments or concerns.

### **4. 2018 Society Annual General Meeting.**

#### **4.1. Treasure 2017/2018 Year End Report.**

Report by Treasurer Floyd S. The Societies 2018 Financial Statement submitted to Service Alberta in the Societies Annual Return was filed by the Societies Executive and is available to all member for review upon request. Member Mike C. moves that the Treasures report be accepted as reported. Seconded by Cathy E. Approved.

#### **4.2. Membership 2017/2018 Year End Report.**

Report by Floyd S. Year closed with a total of 48 members including 4 Life, 2 Honourary and 42 Regular. Member Floyd S. moves that the Membership report be accepted as reported. Seconded by Barry E. and by show of hands, was approved unanimously.

#### **4.3. Motions That Were Tabled:**

4.3.1 - Motion tabled by Martin U.

*That, the Societies Constitution and Bylaws, specifically ARTICLE VIII Officers of the Society, Section 7, be amended by insert the red highlighted text into Article VIII Officers of the Society, Section 7, Sentence 1 as follows: Any member in good standing may **self-nominate** or nominate any other member in good standing.*

- The motion seconded by Bob M, and by show of hands, was **accepted** unanimously.

4.3.2 - Motion, tabled by Indra Ross

*That, an elected Office of Society Vice President be added to the Societies Executive.*

- The motion seconded by Barry E, and by show of hands, was **accepted** unanimously.

4.3.3 - Motion, tabled by Garry Milne

*That, the Societies Constitution and Bylaws, specifically ARTICLE XII Accounts, Section 3. Be amended by adding the red highlighted text to ARTICLE XII Accounts, Section 3, as Subsection a) as follows:*

*a) That the Society publish an accurate Annual Financial Statement and provide copies to the membership at the AGM.*

- The motion seconded by Dave L, and by show of hands, was **rejected** by a count of 18 opposed to 2 to accept.

**4.3.4 - Motion, tabled by Indra Ross**

*That, there should be two members in good standing, subject to the authority of the Societies Executive, managing the Facebook page and with the authority to:*  
*moderating the pages content;*  
*approving new members based on reading their Facebook content and making an informed decision on accepting or declining requestors.*

*Using the same information to decide if a Facebook Page member should be removed.*

- The motion seconded by Mike C, and by show of hands, was accepted unanimously.

4.3.5 - Motion, tabled by Indra Ross

*That, any funds being spent updating or maintaining the Societies Facebook Page be approved by the membership in advance of the work being completed.*

- The motion seconded by Mike C, and by show of hands, was accepted unanimously.

### **5. 2018 - 2019 Society Executive Election.**

#### **5.1. Nominations and Self-Nominations**

- Allan R. and Floyd S were nominated for another term as President and Treasurer & Membership Secretary respectively.

## 5.2. Self-Nominations

- Allan R., Floyd S and Martin U self-nominated for another term as the Society's President, Treasurer & Membership Secretary and Secretary respectively.

### 5.2. Nomination from the Floor

- A call for nominations for Vice President from the floor was conducted with member Mike C. self-nominating.

## 5.2. Results

- With no office contested, Allan Ross re-elected President, Mike Clare, elected Vice President, Floyd Stinson re-elected Treasurer & Membership Secretary and Martin Urquhart re-elected Secretary. All by acclamation.

### 5.2. Appointments

- The following appointments were approved by the membership for 2018-2019. Editor, David Gale, Historian Dave Love and Librarian Susan Elve.

### 5.3. Adjournment:

President Allan R. calls for motion to adjourn. Member Martin U. moves to adjourn. Seconded by Member Cathy E.

**AGM Adjourned. 19:48**

## **BREAK**

### 6. Show and Tell:

Brian H.: Royal Ceylon Air Force (RCYAF) cap badge and shoulder flash. Brian has Remembrance Day wreaths for sale

John E.: Flight jacket, Royal Navy Coastal Command with outer hood painted yellow to increase visibility for crew downed in water.

Bob M.: Selection of medals including French Medals of Honour for railway employees and an Italian Fascist Spanish War medal.

Dave L.: Selection of insignia to John "Jack" Cooper, Reg. Sgt. Major in RCEME and a Capt. in the reserves. Was a private at George VI coronation and the contingent Sgt Major at Elizabeth II Coronation.

David G.: MCC of C back issues (1973). Discusses German POWs in Alberta. In WW2, the POW camps at Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, Alberta, were the largest in North America. In 1971, the remains of all German POWs who died in Canada were moved, at the request of the German War Graves Commission, to the German War Graves Section in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Kitchener, Ontario.

Alan D.: Discusses Claresholm, Alberta's Harvard Memorial site, erected in 1998 in Centennial Park to commemorate the WW2 pilots who trained and the personnel who were stationed in Claresholm at the BCATP, No. 15 Service Flying Training School (#15 SFTS), June 9, 1941 to May 30, 1945 and the No. 3 Service Flying Training School (#3 SFTS), reopened from July 1, 1951 to August 25, 1958, to train pilots for the NATO Air Training Program (NATP).

Allan R.: Discusses the Sikhs in WW1 and WW2 display at the Military Museums Friday-Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 19 - 21, 2018.

### 7. Adjournment:

President Allan R. calls for motion to adjourn. Member Barry E. moves to adjourn. Seconded by Member Cathy E.

**Meeting Adjourned. 20:38**