



**RCMP Veterans' Levee December 8th, 2017
 Hazelmere Country Club, Surrey, BC**



Terry Curtis, Laurier Cadeaux, S/M Mike Procyk, Keith Leishman, C.O. Dep/Comm'r Brenda Butterworth-Carr, President Donna Morse, Karen Frost, Ted Van Overbeek, Brian Brasnett.



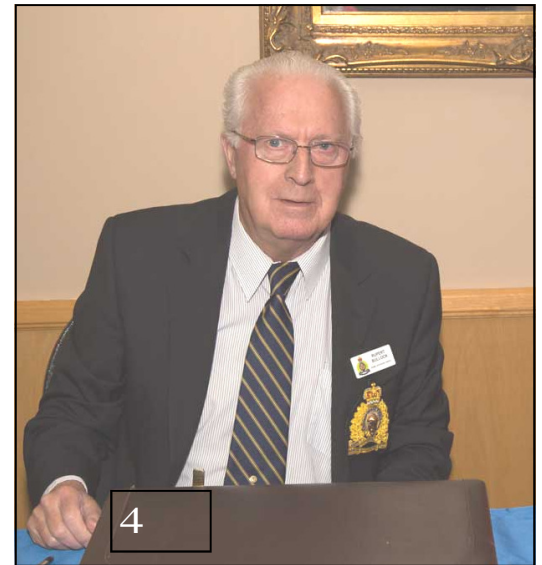
On left, 50/50 Winner Denise Martinson with Bob Underhill
 Above, Hazelmere Golf Club kitchen staff

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1. Dorothy Martinson in front of Karen Frost, 2. Karen Frost and Bev Bullock
 3. Joe Vadik, Vern Berry, Murray Johnson 4. Rupert Bullock

Photos of Levee by Sheldon Boles



The levee was held on Friday, December 8th, 2017, in the Panorama Ballroom at “Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club” in Surrey, B.C., from 3:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., with 82 in attendance. The overall atmosphere was very congenial and there was a sense of esprit de corps. The ballroom was decorated in a Christmas motif, complete with Christmas trees, poinsettias, etc. The buffet dinner featured a Chef-carved Baron-of-Beef, along with chicken, fish, vegetables, condiments, and salads, as well as a variety of fruits and desserts, tea and coffee.

“Peacekeeping & Foreign Service” was the theme for this Levee with a number of those RCMP members who served overseas in attendance (see attached photos). We are pleased that the Commanding Officer, “E” Division, D/Commissioner Brenda Butterworth-Carr, and S/S Major Mike Procyck, along with other serving officers and members were in attendance. We invited spouses/partners to attend this event, because many were also included in overseas postings, and in some cases, acted as “the second man.” Veteran, Ric Hall, superbly acted as Master-of-Ceremonies, and Vancouver Veterans’ President, Donna Morse, welcomed the special guests, and made a number of presentations. She installed D/Commissioner Butterworth-Carr as Honourary President; and RCMP Chaplain Jim Turner was sworn in as Chaplain for the Vancouver Division RCMP Veterans’ Association, replacing Padre, Frank McLeod, who recently retired from this position. With the theme of “Peacekeeping & Overseas Service,” we asked those attending, who served overseas, to place a marker on a large world map, showing their various areas of service. The decorations on each of the 10 dinner tables included a holder containing Canadian and NATO flags. Numerous items collected by these “Overseas” veterans were on display on side tables for



viewing, including passports, kits, photographs, memorabilia, etc., along with items displaying some of the Vancouver Veterans' Association's yearly events. RCMP Veteran, Laird Allan, with the assistance of RCMP "Overseas" Veteran, Arnie Atkin (who recently moved to Penticton, B.C.), compiled a continuous video presentation showing these Veterans, their locations around the world, their duties and work conditions, their fellow compatriots, environments/living conditions, etc. At the end of the evening, numerous gift items were raffled off to those in attendance, and it was noted that, through the courtesy of the "Hazelmere" staff, many guests stayed to visit after the main event ended at 8:30 p.m.

The 50/50 draw of \$180.00 was won by RCMP Veterans' Ladies Auxiliary Vice-President, Denise Martinson. The remaining \$180.00 will go toward the maintenance of the PRDA horse, "Dodger," one of the Vancouver Division Veterans' yearly Outreach projects.

The proposed theme for our 2018 Vancouver RCMP Veterans' Christmas Levee is "The Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society," and will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018.

We thank all who attended and contributed to another successful Levee this year, put on by the Vancouver RCMP Veterans' Association.

Submitted by Veterans' Social Director, Dorothy Martinson

Last Post

For 15 years, Dan Lemieux has supplied the newsletter with names of deceased members for the Last Post column. These details were mainly gleaned from publications and newsletters from other divisions. Major contributors were Sheldon Boles Communique' and Kamloops Division. These sources may be, or have been discontinued. It would be helpful if Dan could be advised of the passing of retired members so we can keep our membership informed in a timely manner, of relatives, friends or colleagues who have passed on. If you learn of the passing of a retired member, please notify Dan Lemieux at deebeel@telus.net or 604-926-7421.

Bill McCheyne

Long time members of Vancouver Vets will remember Bill as a very active member of Vancouver Vets, a former Vancouver president and a former president of the National Association. His long time friend Bruce Barbour states Bill is not doing well, suffering with memory loss. He is separated from his wife with the two occupying separate accommodation in the same facility. Bill's phone number is 778-728-0220 but he rarely answers or returns calls.

Newsletter Delivery

We, the executive of Vancouver Vets, are pleased that so many of you are choosing to receive the newsletter by downloading it from our website as this saves us printing and postage costs. The procedure is simple. You will need your Username and Password, available from Director Sheldon Boles if you don't have them. Then visit:
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2018 Dues Reminder

It costs this division for you to be a member of the Vets' Association so please pay your dues on time each year.

They are due January

1st

Editor



Treasurer's Report

The Vancouver Division ended the year with approximately \$10,000 in the bank. Draft financial statements have been drawn up which shows that we broke even for 2017. There will be a few minor adjustments before it is completed, however, it is not expected that there will be any material changes. The increase change in the price of the luncheons as well as the dinners has meant that we are no longer subsidizing these meals. To date, about 95 Veterans have paid their dues for 2018. I encourage all Members to pay their dues, by cheque, as soon as possible. Please remember that the dues for 2018 has been set at \$65.00 for everyone. On the National side, we have yet to receive the audits for 2015 and 2016 although they have been promised for many months. New auditors have been appointed for the 2018 calendar year.

Rupert Bullock, Treasurer

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Editor

Meeting for 2018 at Hazelmere Golf Course

Month	Executive	General
January	Jan. 5 th	(dark)
February	Feb 9 th	Feb 15 th Lunch
March	Mar 9 th	Mar 15 th
April	Apr 13 th	Apr 26 th Social
May	May 11 th	May 17 th
June	Jun 8 th	TBA Social
July	(dark)	(dark)
August	(dark)	(dark)
September	Sep 14 th	TBA Social
October	Oct 12 th	Oct 18 th
November	Nov 9 th & 30 th	Nov 15 th
December	(dark)	Dec 7 th Levee



From Your Division President.....

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and sincerely hope that 2018 will be filled with much health and happiness for you and your loved ones.

The first executive meeting for 2018 was held on January 5th. Many ongoing topics were discussed including the future of Fairmont Barracks situated on the Heather Lands in Vancouver.

V/Pres. Bob Underhill and myself attended a dialogue hosted by the City of Vancouver Planning Department on December 15th, 2017. A summary of that dialogue is included in this report.

Unfortunately, when the Federal Government handed the land back to the Musqueam/Squamish/Tsleil-Waututh Nations, no notations were made as to the future of the historic Fairmont Building. Now that the First Nations have full ownership of the lands, the Chiefs are adamant that the building will not remain on their lands. Further information will be forthcoming from the City, but it certainly appears that a decision may already have been decided as to the future of the building. Note that the recommended concept for the Heather lands will be forwarded to City Council by early Spring with a final decision to be made by early Summer. If you have any questions or would like to participate in future dialogues with the City, please advise.

The Division Executive are still seeking members who would be willing to serve in an executive positive for a two-year term. Job Descriptions have been rewritten and were presented to the Executive on January 5th. All were approved and will be presented to the membership at the February 15th, General Membership Meeting.

Members are still being sought to fill the following Executive positions:

Director Communications (currently being covered on an interim basis by Eric Ross, Director Strategic Planning)

Director Membership (currently being covered on an interim basis by Ric Hall, Liaison to the Force)

Secretary (Mert Rowden has agreed to continue in the role until a replacement steps forward)

Director Health, Welfare and Advocacy (currently being covered on an interim basis by Ron Budd)

Liaison to the NCO's Mess – Presidential Appointment (vacant)

As you are aware, for the past few years the Division has had a yearly theme which culminates at our Levy. It has been 30 years since the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society was established and I am very pleased that your Division will be honoring this worthwhile cause during 2018. Cst. Bruce Denniston, Reg #30106, was diagnosed with leukemia in 1987 while stationed at Powell River Detachment. The Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry, now known as One Match, had very few registered donors in 1987 but the community of Powell River and Bruce's RCMP colleagues rallied to the cause and the word spread for the need for donors, not only for Bruce but for other patients in similar circumstances.

This was the beginning of the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society and over the past 29 years the Society has continued to raise money to help the Registry find donor matches as quickly as possible. It also provides volunteer couriers, mostly retired RCMP members, who travel to hospitals around the world to bring back lifesaving bone marrow and stem cells for patients. In fact, there are several of our Vancouver Division members who volunteer their time for this worthy cause.

It is shaping up to be another busy year for the Division and any assistance our members can provide to the Executive and the Division would be appreciated.

Please get involved – after all, this is YOUR Division.

TO ALL MY FRIENDS!!

I'm passing this on because it worked for me today. A Dr. on TV said to have inner peace we should always finish things we start & we all could use more calm in our lives. I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiuminun scriptins, and a box of chocletz. Yu haf no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all who need inner piss. An telum u luvum

Mary Quismus

from Russ Borys



President's Welcome

President, Donna Morse, welcomed the 43 members in attendance. The National Anthem was sung, led by Gordon Cave. The last post was played and there was a minute of silence for those who have passed away since the last meeting:

#21110 – Dean Wilson Benson

#18350 – Ralf L. Aldrich

#15960 – Ernest Alex Gullason

#15690 – Allan Coulter

Galene Woolgar – Wife of Ret. S/Sgt. Ron Woolgar

Cst. John Davidson (Abbotsford Police Department) – Died tragically doing his duty on Monday, November 6, 2017.

Frank McLeod then said grace following which there was an adjournment for lunch.

Business Meeting

Resumption of Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Morse at 1:00 p.m. with thanks being given to Hazelmere Golf Club staff for preparation of the meal.

Celebration of Life – President Morse noted that a Celebration of Life will be held on November 16, 2017 in honor of Cst. John Davidson. All members are invited to attend (including Vets) and that transportation may be arranged from E Division. Gordon Cave is the contact person. There will be live television coverage beginning at 11:00 a.m.

2017 Levee – The Levee will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at Hazelmere Golf & Country Club. The theme will be 'Foreign Service of RCMP Members'. Dorothy Martinson requested that any member that had served in the RCMP Foreign Service and has memorabilia, that could be displayed on tables, to please contact her.

Job Descriptions – President Morse noted that at least four positions on the Executive were vacant and that some of the current Executive are having to do double duty. Past President and Nominations Committee Chairman Keith Leishman described the outstanding positions and that he had been unable to find members that were willing to take on these jobs. He called for volunteers from the floor for these positions, however, there were none. He noted that failure to fill these positions may mean that we have to cut back on some of the services that the Vancouver Division provides.

Fairmont Barracks – President Morse noted that an article had appeared on CBC on October 28, 2017 concerning the future use of the RCMP Fairmont Barracks at 33rd & Heather St., Vancouver, BC. Dick Hawkshaw noted he was a member of a committee with senior officers several years ago with the idea of making the location a retirement home for veterans. A BC Society had also been formed. A lack of concrete action was primarily due to the cost of renovations and the lack of funds to complete the project. After several meetings, with little or no progress, the Society was allowed to expire.

New Members – Only one new member was in attendance – Bob Pinkewycz, Reg. No. 37305. President Morse and Membership Chairman Ric Hall performed the swearing in.

Health & Welfare – Ron Budd reported that there appear to be homeless members but does not have any statistics at this time.

Treasurer's Report – Rupert Bullock reported that there is approximately \$12,000 in the Association's bank account, money is coming in for the Levee (\$50/person) as well as 2018 membership dues (\$65/person). The audit for 2015 should have been completed by the end of October but there has been no report yet. The audit for 2016 presumably is underway but we've had no report.

50/50 Draw – The draw was won by Keith Leishman who received \$95.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.



**December 15, 2017 Heather Lands/Fairmont Dialogue
Hosted by the City of Vancouver Planning Department**

Attendees:

Chief Ian Campbell, Squamish Nation
Matthew Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
Brennan Cook, Musqueam Squamish Tsleil-Waututh (MST) Development Corporation
Gil Kelley, General Manager of Planning, City of Vancouver
Kirsten Robinson, Planning, City of Vancouver
Scott Bell, Planning, City of Vancouver
Susan Haid, Planning, City of Vancouver
Helen Cain, Heritage, City of Vancouver
Marco D'Agostini, Heritage, City of Vancouver
Ginger Goznell-Meyers, Aboriginal Relations, City of Vancouver
Allan Buium, Riley Park South Cambie (RPSC) Vision Implementation Committee
Carol Ann Soong, RPSC
Ronnie Yakoleff, RPSC
Bill Yuen, Heritage Vancouver Society
Judith Mosley, Vancouver Heritage Foundation
Julia Hulbert, Vancouver Heritage Commission
Deana Grinnell, Canada Lands Company (CLC)
Judy Oberlander, Consultant
Bob Underhill, RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division
Donna Morse, RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division
Invited but not in attendance: Angela Kermer, RCMP Aboriginal Policing Services

Purpose of Dialogue:

- Overview of Heather Lands Process and the Fairmont Building
- Planning Process and Policy Context
- Vancouver City's reconciliation framework
- CLC and MST Cultural Centre Proposal
- Nations Perspective of the Fairmont Building

NOTE: The Fairmont Building was not depicted in the three pictorial concepts of the Heather/Fairmont Lands which were on display at this meeting. When the question was posed to the City, Bob and I were informed that two of the concepts could go ahead with the Fairmont Building remaining intact.

Background:

In 2011, Canada Lands Company (CLC) formed a partnership of the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (collectively the MST Partners) to redevelop the Heather Lands which are owned by MST. The City, at the request of the CLC and the MST Partners, have been working collaboratively, since 2016, with the landowners and the local community to develop a policy statement to guide the future development of the 21 acre Heather Lands site. The launch of discussion regarding the lands commenced in July 2016 with the principles and concepts presented in November 2017. The three pictorial concepts, mentioned above, were part of this presentation. The plan is to have the preferred concept presented to community and council in spring 2018 with a final decision in early summer 2018.

Dialogue Overview:

The dialogue started with Chief Ian Campbell addressing the group. Chief Campbell was very passionate regarding his belief for the need of reconciliation for the three nations. He spoke of the long history of Fairmont, the RCMP and the negative impact that history has on the MST First Nations people. CLC is supporting the removal of the building for reconciliation and transform the land to a cultural centre. MST Development Corp spoke how the Fairmont building is a symbol of colonization. While MST is not outwardly stating the building should be torn down, Chief Campbell is emphatic the MST nations will not pay any costs associated to the upkeep/retention of Fairmont. If a third party is found, with the funding available to move the building to another site, this would be acceptable to MST Development, CLC and the City. The RPSC group are not in favour of the removal of the Fairmont building from Heather Lands. It appeared that RPSC was, also, not involved in the initial planning process. Most of the afternoon was spent in group discussions. Unfortunately, Chief Ian Campbell did not stay as he had another engagement. While the Chief was leaving I did approach the Chief requesting an opportunity to speak with him, at some later date, but it is unknown whether this will occur. A report will be submitted by the consulting group overseeing the afternoon activities which will be forwarded to our membership when received. I have now been in contact with Cpl. Angela Kermer, RCMP Aboriginal Policing Services. Cpl Kermer was very supportive of the Division's stance regarding the continuation of Fairmont Barracks as a heritage property. She will be escalating this issue up the chain of command and will further advise. If there is anyone within our membership who would like to assist, or has further input as to how to proceed with this issue, please contact either Bob Underhill (runder@telus.net) or myself (donna.morse@shaw.ca).
Donna Morse, President
RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division



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R.C.M.P. Veterans' Ladies' Auxiliary

November 30, 2017 Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Luncheon: Due to so many other RCMP-related events being held during the first part of December, our Executive decided to hold our Annual Christmas Luncheon on the last day in November, which was also more convenient for "Hazelmere." Held in the Garden Room at "Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club" in Surrey, B.C., we had 52 in attendance. Of note, Hugh and Alice Meiklejohn were celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary that day, and Dave and Kathy Turnbull were planning to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 14th. We welcomed guests and members who had not been able to attend meetings during most of the year and it was great to get together with them again at this time. The buffet luncheon consisted of Baron-of-Beef, turkey & dressing, fish, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads, condiments, fruit plate, & desserts. "Hazelmere" had decorated their banquet rooms in Christmas décor, giving a festive atmosphere to our event. The Executive had purchased numerous gift items that were raffled off to all in attendance, each person having the same chance at winning due to everyone being given a raffle ticket as they entered the Garden Room for the luncheon. We again continued with our custom of everyone joining hands at each table and singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," at the end of our event. The Ladies Auxiliary members were reminded that the next luncheon /meeting date would be in February 2018.



Auxiliary's 82nd Birthday/Anniversary. The actual date is February 26th and the original year was 1936. We have been meeting on the first Thursday of the month for the past 82 years! We ask all who have items in the RCMP tartan to wear them for this event, and it is interesting to see what items show up each year, especially since the Auxiliary adopted the official RCMP Tartan as it's official dress fabric, now used for scarfs, kilts/skirts, slacks, tams, capes, etc. It is fortunate that we have Auxiliary member, Violet Holmes as one of our members, as she is the designer of this official tartan. If any Auxiliary member has finished making an afghan/blanket over the Christmas holidays, they are asked to bring it to this meeting for delivery to the "Variety Club" who are always in need of these items for distribution to various hospitals. Since this meeting will start the year 2018, we ask Auxiliary members to please consider donating gift items (generally valued between \$5 to \$10 each) for the raffle held at the end of each meeting.

We used up all of our on-hand raffle items at the end of 2017.

Ladies Auxiliary Yearly Membership Dues: A reminder that yearly membership dues, in the amount of \$25.00, are due by January 1, 2018. These may be paid at the February 1st Luncheon/Meeting, or mailed to Membership Convener, Barbara Scobie: #23, 2081 Winsfield Drive, Abbotsford, B.C. V3G 1C7. All Cheques and Money Orders are to be payable to: R.C.M.P. Veterans' Ladies Auxiliary, Vancouver.

Dorothy Martinson, President, RCMP Veterans' Ladies Auxiliary (604) 261-4630

R.C.M.P. VETS' LADIES AUXILIARY COFFEE KLATCHES

CHILLIWACK/ABBOTSFORD: Last Wed. every month, 10 am Chilliwack at "I-HOP" Cottonwood Corners/Freeway, and alternating monthly in Abbotsford at "Ricky's Restaurant" (Best Western) off Clearbrook Road & Freeway. Myrna Meyer (604) 847-8977.

WHITE ROCK/SURREY/RICHMOND: Third Wed. every month, 10 AM at White Spot restaurant, 1681 152nd Avenue (Semiahmoo Mall) White Rock Kathy Turnbull, 778-292-1864.

VANCOUVER: First Thurs. Summer months & January only, 9:30 AM, "Bean Bros., W. 41st. Ave. in Kerrisdale. Dorothy Martinson (604) 261-4630.

NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER: Summer months only. TBA

COQUITLAM/PT. MOODY/NORTH FRASER: Third Thurs. every month, 10:30 a.m., "Coquitlam Grill," 2635 Barnet Hwy. Helen Kielan (604) 936-6062

DELTA/SAWASSEN: Locations vary each month., Last Thurs. each month, 10:30 a.m. Sheila Zerr, 604-943-3012 Email: Sheila Zerr (srzerr@telus.net)



White Rock Koffee Klatch

Ricky's Restaurant on King George Hwy.
10:00 AM, Second Tuesday of Every Month

Abbotsford Koffee Klatch

Roseland Family Restaurant, 5 Corners
33550 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford
10:00 AM, last Wednesday

Richmond Koffee Klatch

Minoru Seniors Centre, Minoru Blvd and Granville Ave.,
9:45 AM, 4th Thursday of every month

Friday Lunch Crew

Every Friday at 11:00 AM at the Legion in Ladner.

Chilliwack Vets & Ladies Coffee Klatch

Homer's Restaurant
46090 Yale Road, Chilliwack
2nd Monday each month, 10 AM

North Shore Koffee Klatch

The 2 Lions Pub, Westview Mall, 11:00 AM,
1st Tuesday of every month

Vancouver Koffee Klatch

White Spot Restaurant in Oakridge Mall
Second Thursday each Month, 10 AM
Call Herb Martinson, 604-261-4630

Coquitlam Koffee Klatch

Coquitlam Grill on the Barnet Hwy.
3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM

Maple Ridge Coffee Crew

Town Hall Public House, 206-20690 Lougheed Hwy.
Every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM

Langley Koffee Klatch

Langley Golf Centre, 21550—44th Avenue, Corner
of 216th Street and 44th Avenue, Langley 9 AM, first
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- RCMP Veterans' National Association: www.rcmpvetsnational.ca.
- <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>

Dinners and Lunches Call Secretary Mert Rowden at 604-434-0424 prior to meeting to ensure a meal will be available for you. Bars open 11:30AM/5:00PM, meals served 12 NN/5:30PM

Are you shut in? Would you like a visit from a fellow vet? Call Jim Druchet at (604)-536-1925.

Dues The dues for the Veterans Association at \$65.00 per year and are due on January 1 of each year. Funds should be forwarded to the Veterans Association office using **our mailing address.**

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By Dan Lemieux

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- 22832 Wayne Thomas Rusk
- 21278 Patrick Joseph King
- 17156 William John Becker
- 18987 Leopold E.E. Sharp
- 29007 J.P.P. Thomas Clements
- 21580 D.G. Jackson
- 23232 Graham Deanne Cole
- 37279 Peter James Scott
- 17260 Allan L Beach
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