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## All Branch Mail Out #49

**Date:** June 2, 2023

**TO:** NS/NU Branches  
NS/NU Executive Council  
NS/NU Zone Commanders  
NS/NU Past Presidents  
NS/NU Command Staff

**From:** Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte  
Executive Director  
NS/NU Command, RCL

**Subject:** NS/NU Command Executive Council  
Meeting Minutes

**Message:** Comrades: On behalf of NS/NU Command  
Chairman Tom Young please see attached  
minutes of Executive Council Meetings:  
May 20, 2023 and May 23, 2023

**The Royal Canadian Legion  
Nova Scotia /Nunavut Command  
Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
May 20 2023**

**In Attendance:**

Donna McRury	President
Don McCumber	1st Vice President
George Della Valle	2nd Vice President
Conrad Gilbert	Treasurer
Tom Young	Chairman
Marion Fryday-Cook	Immediate Past President
Clarence Dawe	Commander District A
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Harry Jackson	Commander District D
Darryl Cook	Commander District E
Glen Leduc	Acting Commander District F
Cliff Laurin	Commander District G
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Executive Director/ Recording Secretary

**Present To Bring Greetings:**

Sharon McKeown Vice President, RCL

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30am.

**1. Opening Ritual**

NS/NU Command 1st Vice President Don McCumber conducted the Opening Ritual.

**2. Procedures**

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young reviewed the meeting's procedures.

### 3. Introduction

NS/NU Command President Donna McRury introduced The Royal Canadian Legion Vice President Sharon McKeown who expressed her best regards and wishes for a successful convention.

Vice President McKeown left the meeting.

### 4. Presidents Remarks

NS/NU Command President Donna McRury stated that she was honoured to serve as President over the term, thanked all for their kindness and wished all members of Executive Council much success in the future.

### 5. Appointments

NS/NU Command President Donna McRury proposed the following appointments for the 2023-2025 term:

Grand President	Comrade Ted Martens
Honourary President	Comrade Wilfred Edmond
Chaplain and Camphill Representative	Reverend Stephen Cochrane

### M – 1

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Leduc

That the proposed appointments be ratified.

13 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

### 6. Revised Travel and Expense Claim Form

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert reviewed proposed changes to the travel and expense claim form.

**M – 2**

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade MacDonald

That the proposal be accepted.

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
1 Opposed  
    McRury  
**Motion Carried**

**7. Late Resolution**

NS/NU Command Resolution Committee Chairman Conrad Gilbert advised the meeting that a late resolution submitted by Branch 47 circulated in advance of this meeting to Executive Council was considered by the committee to be a debatable issue therefore the Resolutions Committee recommends concurrence of the resolution.

**M – 3**

Moved by Conrad Gilbert, seconded by Darryl Cook

That Executive Council accept the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee of concurrence with the resolution. Discussion ensued resulting in the following decision.

2 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
11 Opposed  
    McRury  
    McCumber  
    Della Valle  
    Gilbert  
    Fryday-Cook  
    Young  
    MacDonald  
    Hoeg  
    Jackson  
    Leduc  
    Laurin

**Motion Defeated**

The explanation for the decision is as follows:

As the eligibility criteria for the issuing of Veterans license plates falls under the jurisdiction of the province of Nova Scotia and not NS/NU Command, the resolution can not be concurred.

**8. Land Purchase**

NS/NU Command Finance and Building Committee Chairman Don McCumber referred the meeting to the offer of purchase of a small parcel of Command Office property which was circulated in advance of the meeting.

**M- 4**

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That, provided any and all costs related to the sale and purchase of the designated section of property be covered by the purchaser D&T Holdings Limited, the offer be accepted.

13 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**9. Corporate Sponsorship Citadel Army Museum**

It was agreed that as the requested sponsorship was not a budgeted item the request not be entertained at this time.

**10. Request for Loan Branch 90**

Acting District F Commander Glen Leduc referred the meeting to the information circulated to Executive Council in advance of the meeting providing explanation on the route followed by the Branch in this matter.

**M - 5**

Moved by Comrade Leduc, seconded by Comrade Macdonald

That the application be approved.

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
1 Opposed  
(Hoeg)  
**Motion Carried**

The point was made that Branches must be informed to include first and last names of movers, seconders of motions and those in attendance of meetings.

### **11. Maturing Investments**

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert advised Executive Council that 3 investments would mature May 31 and that when terms become available a recommendation will be made to Executive Council and sent for an electronic vote.

Recording ceased. Executive Director was excused from the meeting and upon return was provided with a signed contract between Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and the Sub Executive of NS/NU Command to be held on file by the President of NS/NU Command with a copy to Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte.

### **12. Other Business**

#### Branch Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion ensued regarding the illegible signatures on some reports.

### **M – 6**

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That the Branch Monthly Financial Report form be changed to include a line for a printed name of the signatures that appear on the report.

13 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

Acting District F Commander Glen Leduc provided Executive Council with material for the training session on roles and responsibilities of District and Zone Commanders.

Branch 168 Update

District G Commander Cliff Laurin advised Executive Council that financial reorganization is in progress with Branch 168 and that he would keep Command abreast of the developing situation.

**13. Presidents Closing Remarks**

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command President Donna McRury thanked Executive Council and Staff for dedication and support over the term and wished all a successful convention.

**14. Adjournment**

**M – 7**

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

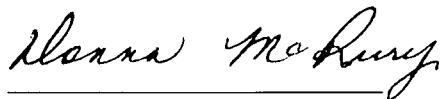
That the meeting be adjourned.

13 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

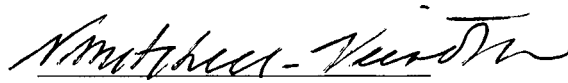
The meeting was adjourned.

**15. Closing Ritual**

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President George Della Valle.



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Poppy and Remembrance Committee

Clarence Dawe	Chairman
Andre Boudreau	Member
Joanne Geddes	Member

Finance/Building Committee

George Della Valle	Chairman
Harry Jackson	Member
Conrad Gilbert	Member

Complaints

Tom Young	Chairman
Conrad Gilbert	Member
Donna McRury	Member
John Langley	Member in Waiting
Wilson MacDonald	Member in Waiting

Legion Magazine Correspondent

James Leadbeater

Trustees

Steve Wessel  
Mel Crowe  
Marion Fryday-Cook

Benevolent

Donna McRury	Chairman
Executive Director	Member

Personnel

George Della Valle	Chairman
Conrad Gilbert	Member
Harry Jackson	Member

He notified the meeting that committee appointments for the term will be presented to Executive Council in September for ratification.

It was noted that staffing of Committees will be assigned by the Executive Director.

President McCumber recommended that until the Sub Executive meets in September and the incoming Executive Director is in place signing officers will remain the same as the preceding term.

**M – 1**

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade McRury

That the proposal be accepted.

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

The E.D. reviewed the contact information sheet and the need for business cards.

The outstanding matter of accommodation reimbursement of expenses for stays at private residences (i.e. at family or friends) while on Legion business resulted in the following:

**M – 2**

Moved by Treasurer Gilbert, seconded by Comrade MacDonald

That the reimbursement of expense for (approved) stays in private residences be set in accordance with the amount set by the national joint council (no receipt required) just as the meal and mileage rates are now set.

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

President McCumber advised the meeting that municipalities/Towns/Cities may have in place a process whereby income tax receiptable charitable donations may be made to that entity earmarked for particular not for profit organizations within the jurisdiction. He recommended that District Commanders explore this potential locally.

President McCumber requested that the Executive Director attempt to make arrangements for a group rate for the in person Executive Council meeting in September.

**5. Date/Time of September Executive Council Meeting**

The September meeting was scheduled for September 30 to begin 8:30 am at Command Office.

**6. Adjournment**

**M – 3**

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That the meeting be adjourned.

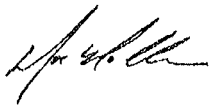
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0 Abstention  
0 Opposed

**Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned.

**7. Closing Ritual**

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Harry Jackson.



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