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## All Branch Mail Out #35

**Date:** June 2, 2025

**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, May 17, 2025

**Message:** Comrades: On behalf of NS/NU Command Past  
Chairman Tom Young, please find attached minutes  
of Executive Council Meeting – May 17, 2025

**The Royal Canadian Legion  
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command  
Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2025**

**In Attendance:**

George Della Valle	Acting President
Harry Jackson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Conrad Gilbert	Treasurer
Tom Young	Chairman
Donna McRury	Immediate Past President
Clarence Dawe	Commander District A
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Ken Babcock	Acting Commander District D
André Boudreau	Commander District E
Joanne Geddes	Commander District F
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Executive Director
Carrie Hogan	Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Don McCumber	President
Jarrold Selkirk	Commander District G

**Present To Bring Greetings:**

Bill Chafe	Dominion Executive Council Chair
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NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00am.

**1. Opening Ritual**

NS/NU Command Acting President George Della Valle conducted the Opening Ritual.

**2. President's Remarks**

Acting NS/NU Command President George Della Valle welcomed all to Convention. He expressed that there were a lot of emotions over this Convention, especially with the poor health and absence of President McCumber. Comrade George said that he was in contact with Comrade Don multiple times a day and we would get through Convention and make him proud. He wished good luck to all the candidates with their elections.

### **3. Appointments:**

NS/NU Command Acting President George Della Valle proposed the following appointments for the 2025-2027 term:

Grand President	Ron Trowsdale
Honourary President	Clarence Dawe
Chaplain	Steven Cochrane

**M – 1**

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury

That the proposed appointments be ratified.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

### **4. Introduction**

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young introduced Dominion Executive Council Chairman Bill Chafe who stated it was an honour and privilege to be here. Comrade Chafe said he was born and raised in Dartmouth and visits every two years. He acknowledged that it was devastating to have our President absent but was sure that the leadership in the room would make sure the Convention went off without a hitch. He was looking forward to speaking with us all throughout the weekend.

### **5. Correspondence**

NS/NU Command Chairman Young read a message from NS/NU Command Past President Steve Wessel sending his regrets as it would be the first NS/NU Command Convention that he would miss in over 30 years. Comrade Wessel extended best wishes for deliberations and congratulations to the newly elected Command Officers. Comrade Wessel also extended congratulations to Comrade Clarence Dawe, who as our Command President, participated in the Consecration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa on May 28, 2000, 25 years ago.

### **6. Honours and Awards**

NS/NU Command 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Harry Jackson, assisted by DEC Chairman Bill Chafe presented the following awards:

Dominion Executive Council Chairman Bill Chafe left the meeting.

**7. Late Resolutions**

NS/NU Command Resolutions Committee Chairman Conrad Gilbert advised the meeting of two resolutions referred to Constitution and Law Committee returned to Executive Council for decision.

Resolutions Committee proposed concurrence of Resolution 25/005.

**M – 2**

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Jackson

That Executive Council accept the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee of concurrence with the resolution.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

Resolutions Committee proposed non-concurrence with Resolution 25/006.

**M – 3**

Move by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That Executive Council accept the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee of non-concurrence with the resolution.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**8. Veteran Ombudsman Town Hall Meetings**

The meeting was reminded that The Veteran Ombudsman Town Hall Meetings have been pushed ahead to September. ABMO will be circulated. Executive Council was asked to encourage Branches to attend.

**9. Balanced Living Project**

With reference to information circulated in advance of the meeting, a proposed development for the Lake Echo area to build a complex for Veteran Housing was discussed. It was noted that the project is backed by a not-for-profit organization and will make allowances for affordability for Veterans. It has yet to be determined what the application process will look like. The project seeks a letter of support in principle from NS/NU Command.

**M – 4**

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That Executive Director provide a letter of support under the President’s signature, to Balanced Living in support of the proposed project.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**10. Trained Complaint Committees**

Executive Director Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte suggested that a standing complaints committee be established and trained by Command to operate in every Zone to deal with complaints at Branch level.

**M – 5**

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That NS/NU Command establish in the new term a Complaints Committee in each Zone trained by NS/NU Command.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**11. Review of Convention Agenda**

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called for questions on the Convention agenda.

**12. Other Business**

**THE MEETING MOVED TO IN CAMERA**

**Clarence Dawe – Question on presentation on Bullying / Harassment**

Comrade Dawe said that Comrade John Leyte was asked to do a presentation on bullying and harassment. Comrade Dawe questioned who asked him to do the presentation. Executive Director Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte informed the Executive Council that Comrade John Leyte requested to do a presentation at the training sessions for Convention and that Command declined the offer.

**PEI Command Convention**

An invitation for NS/NU Command President was received from PEI Command to attend their 67<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention May 23 – 24, 2025.

**M – 7**

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That Comrade Della Valle attend the PEI Command Convention.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**Peacekeepers Award**

Comrade Della Valle referenced an ABMO from several months ago regarding the Nova Scotia Government awarding Certificates of Recognition to Nova Scotian Peacekeepers who served during the period of 1947 to 1988. After speaking with the Kyle Graham, Military Relations, it was agreed to award these Certificates of Recognition to Nova Scotian Peacekeepers who served beyond 1988.

**13. Adjournment**

**M – 8**

Moved by Comrade Dawe

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

11 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

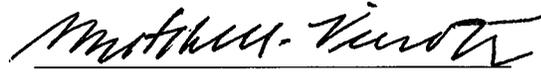
**14. Closing Ritual**

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



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