



**LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS)
CEREMONIAL MOUNTED TROOP FOUNDATION
2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



Minutes
26 June 2026

Attendance-In person & online

Society Position

AGM Former CO	LCol	E.D.	Angell
AGM Former RSM	CWO	A.S.	Batty
AGM Incumbent-OC A	Maj	A.P.	Berube
Board/Civilian Mbr	Mr.	R.T.	Booth
AGM Incumbent-Ops MWO	MWO	A.D.	Burris
Board/CoTR	Col	J.	Cade
Board/Society Secy	Maj	K.I.	Callens
AGM Incumbent-OC B	Maj	D.W.	Carter-Wright
Board/Former RSM	CWO	M.A.R.	Chenier
AGM Incumbent-SSM B	MWO	K.G.	Chuback
Board/Regtl 2IC	Maj	S.G.	Couture
AGM Incumbent-PMC Sarcee Rm	WO	K.A.	Crowe
Board/Civilian Mbr	Mr.	A.	Fanni
Board/Civilian Mbr	Ms.	M.	Gallagher
Board/Civilian Mbr	LCol	S.W.	Gifford
AGM Incumbent-SSM A	MWO	K.E.	Hodgson
Board/RSM	CWO	B.E.	Holmes
AGM Incumbent-SSM HQ	MWO	R.W.W.	Kearns
AGM Former CO	Col	S.G.	Long
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col	E.G.	MacEachern
AGM Incumbent-TQ	MWO	S.P.	McLoughlin
Board/CO	LCol	A.	Nitu
Board/Former CO	LCol	M.G.	Onieu
AGM Incumbent-Adjt	Capt	D.	Patt
Board/Civilian Mbr	Mr.	R.T.	Prokopy
AGM Former RSM	Capt	D.A.	Ross
Board Observer-Emeritus	MGen	H.C.	Ross
Board/Former RSM	Capt	R.	Stacey
AGM Incumbent-Ops O	Capt	T.A.	Underwood

Proxies-Col (Ret'd) Cade

AGM Former RSM	CWO	J.	Dorrance
AGM Former CoTR	Col	I.D.M.	Egener
AGM Former CO	LCol	J.L.	Ellard
Board/Civilian Mbr	Dr.	D.	French
AGM Former Strat CO-Other Reg Unit	LCol	C.S.	Gardner
AGM Former Strat CO-Other Reg Unit	LCol	V.F.	Hayward
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col	C.M.	Hazleton
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	CWO	T.C.	Holland
AGM Former Strat CO-Other Reg Unit	LCol	M.D.C.	Johns
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col	V.G.	Kirstein
Board/Regtl Col	Col	M.	Lubiniecki



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AGM Former CO	LGen	D.A.	Macaulay
Board/Civilian Mbr	Mr.	S.	MacDonald
AGM Former CO	MGen	J.J.	Major
AGM Former Strat CO-Other Reg Unit	LCol	J.P.	Nguyen
AGM Incumbent-OC C	Maj	C.D.	Peterson
AGM Former CO	MGen	P.J.	Peyton
AGM Incumbent-SSM C	MWO	E.J.	Pickell
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col	C.J.	Quinlan
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col	D.A.	Rundle
AGM Incumbent-OC HQ	Maj	B.R.	Simpson
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col	J.M.	Snell
AGM Former RSM	CWO	P.J.	Wonderham

Proxies-LCol Nitu

AGM Former RSM	CWO	N.V.	Mills
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Proxies-Capt (Ret'd) Stacey

AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Capt	W.A.	Laughlin
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Proxies-Maj (Ret'd) Callens

AGM Former CoTR	BGen	D.C.	Hilton
Board/SSS	LGen	S.R.	Kelsey
AGM Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Capt	L.M.	Taylor

Proxies-CWO (Ret'd) Batty

AGM Former RSM	Capt	K.E.	King
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86 Voting Members

Total Yes & Proxy: 59

Regular Member represented 68.60%

1. **Opening Remarks** – The Chair confirmed quorum and opened the meeting at 1435 hrs. He reminded everyone that AGMS are a mandated requirement for charitable organizations. They provide the regular voting members with an overview of operations and financial position over the last fiscal year.
2. **Review of 2024 Foundation AGM Minutes** – The 2024 AGM Minutes were distributed in the pre-reading materials. No errors or omissions were noted.
3. **A motion** was made by LCol Nitu, **seconded** by Ms. Gallagher, to accept the 2024 LdSH (RC) Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation minutes dated July 2025 as presented. **CARRIED.**
4. **Foundation Operations Overview** – The Chair provided an overview of Foundation operations to include:
 - Improving Governance to include:
 - 3 Year Business Plan Updated
 - Improved Budgeting Process
 - Creation of a Risk Register with Risk Mitigations
 - Implemented a Financial Policy
 - Expanding Board Director Experience
 - Engaged a Professional Bookkeeper
 - Fundraising. Given the current economic climate today, donations continue to drop. The Board held a Strategic Planning Session in early June to concentrate on fundraising for the Foundation. We will be pursuing a series of small partners and sponsors in addition to the continuation of the Tripartite agreement.



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- Events: SMT performance activities were expanded in 2025. Our relationships with the Household Cavalry and the RCMP Musical Ride are expanding. SMT mounted the Kings Guard in honour of our 125th and had WW2 uniformed videttes for events associated with the Liberation of the Netherlands.

5. Committee Volunteers: The Chair acknowledged the committee volunteers as follows:

Committee Volunteers

Audit and Revenue Generation Committee

Chair: Tristy Mallette

1. Ross Prokopy (Investments)
2. Major Steve Couture
3. Captain Nathan Bogya (Accounts O)

Governance Committee

Chair: Michelle Gallagher

1. Chris Waters
2. Richard Stacey
3. Tom Burnie

Communications Committee

Chair: Jennifer Wright

1. Candace Thompson
2. Catherine Whitman

Plans Committee

Chair: Shane Gifford

1. Faith Rhodes
2. Chris Bradley
3. Tom Burnie
4. Mike Onieu

Nominating Committee

Chair: MGen (Retd) Cam Ross

1. Lieutenant General Derek Macaulay
2. Colonel Mark Lubiniecki
3. Tony Batty
4. Brian Roach

6. **2025 Financial Reports** – The Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee reviewed audited financial statements were distributed in the pre-read package. Although the financial figures were not as good as the previous year due to the delayed Tripartite agreement and Celebration 2025 events, the report shows we are responsibly managing our financial accounts.
7. **A motion** was made by CWO Chenier, **seconded by** Maj (Ret'd) Callens, to accept the audited 2025 Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation financial statement as presented. **CARRIED**
8. **Appointment of Auditor**– **A motion** was made by Ms. Gallagher, **seconded by** LCol (Ret'd) Gifford, that GALLO LLP Chartered Professional Accountants be appointed as the 2026 auditor with remuneration being in line with the contract prepared and signed between the Board and Gallo LLP. **CARRIED**

Annual Reports

9. **Board of Directors** – The pre-read material highlighted the work of the Board over 2025 to include:
 - The Board continues to reduce operating SMT costs without reducing our standards.
 - The Board is trying to establish multiple small sponsors rather than one large one. The Chair highlighted the donation from Fox Creek Legion which made a sizable contribution towards the purchase of our new horse, “Sherman.”
 - Considering partnership with a local horse breeder
 - The Business Plan, Risk Register and Financial Policy provides good governance practices
 - Purchased three horses.
 - Tripartite Agreement is renewed for two more years.



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- Service in kind payment at show venues is helping with SMT expenses.

10. **Projects:** The Chair noted there is currently only one helmet manufacturer available to replace the Brass ceremonial helmets for the troop. The Board recently approved up to \$25K to replace 5 helmets that need to be replaced immediately. The Board is also looking for longer term solutions to replace, restore or adopt a different troop haulage system and to expand the ride program in 2026.

11. **Strathcona Mounted Troop Report:** SMT had a good ride season with expanded venues in 2025. We have also seen new revenue generation from the Fox Creek Legion, use of CanadaHelps, a #GivingTuesday campaign and smaller corporate sponsors. The focus going forward will be to seek more modest sponsors but in greater numbers. The Foundation is also considering a new fundraising opportunity through an Adopt-a-Horse program.

12. The Chair highlighted the herd noting that Sovereign has retired to a good home, and three new horses have been added: Spitfire, Shadbolt and Sherman. The RCMP gift horse initiative fell through due to Treasury Board concerns. The Troop will be trialing new saddles in 2026 to potentially reduce the physical strain on the horses. The training helmets used by SMT have been replaced and an annual uniform replacement program has been implemented to avoid large scale buys.

13. **Governance Committee:** The committee's work was focused on:

- Updated Director's Handbook. An updated version was provided to the Secretary in April.
- Governance Review Project: This project is looking at options for Board restructure consideration by interviewing prior board members to gather their feedback.

14. **Plans Committee:** The Planning Committee activities included updating the 3-year business plan, hosting the Strategic Planning Sessions on Risk Management and fundraising, and the development and adoption of the Risk Register.

15. **Finance & Audit Committee** – The Committee Chair reviewed the annual audit and recommended its approval. Our investment portfolio is being managed by Stevenson Holtby Investment Management Group and is doing well, despite no new monies being invested in 2025. The Society & Foundation investments are separate but managed through identical stock portfolios. The goal is to build up investments to a level where interest revenue, in an emergency, can sustain the Troop for one year.

16. **Communications Committee** – This committee aides the Foundation by supporting the #GivingTuesday campaign and has reviewed the Adopt-a-Horse plan.

New Business

17. **Election of Board of Directors** – Each year at the AGM the Board of Directors is retired, and the new Board is elected by the regular voting members. The proposed 2026/2027 Foundation Board of Directors:

- Chair: Col (Ret'd) Jamie Cade
- LGen Derek Macaulay (SSS, Director)
- LCol Alex Nitu (Senior Regimental Advisor, Director)
- Maj (Ret'd) Kelly Callens (Society Secretary, Director)
- Maj Steve Couture (Society Operations Advisor, Director)
- CWO Ben Holmes (Senior NCM Advisor, Director)
- Capt (Ret'd) Richard Stacey (Incoming Director)
- Ms. Michelle Gallagher (Director)
- Corporal (Ret'd) Alexander Fanni (Director)
- CWO Marcel Chenier (Director)
- LCol (Ret'd) Shane Gifford (Director)
- Mr Scott MacDonald (Director)
- Col (Ret'd) Scott Long (Director)
- Mr. Ross Prokopy (Director)
- Dr Dan French (Director)
- Col Mark Lubiniecki (Regimental Colonel/Director)
- Ms. Faith Rhodes (Director)
- 2 Vacancies



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18. The non-voting advisors to the Board include:

- Emeritus (Advisor): MGen (Ret'd) Cam Ross
- Regimental Association President: CWO (Ret'd) Tony Batty
- Accounts: Capt Nathan Bogya
- Administrative Executive: Mrs. Kathy Batty

19. A motion was made by LCol Nitu, **seconded** by LCol (Ret'd) Gifford, to approve the 2026/2027 Board of Directors as presented. **CARRIED** with one abstention received by proxy.

20. The retiring directors and Advisors were recognized and thanked:

- LGen Steve Kelsey
- Mike Onieu
- Bob Booth
- LCol Nathan Hevenor
- CWO Nathan Mills
- Mr. Sol Rolinger

Open Discussion/Adjournment

21. Open Discussion – MGen (Ret'd) Ross iterated the importance of getting SMT out into the public eye during the off season. He urged the Command Team to promote community outreach by showcasing the Troop with schools, cadets and other organizations.

22. Adjournment – The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

23. A motion was made by Ms. Gallagher, **seconded** by CWO (Ret'd) Batty, to adjourn the meeting at 1501 hrs. **CARRIED**

Approved for Distribution – 8 July 2026

Col (Ret'd) J Cade
Chairman

Maj (Ret'd) K Callens
Foundation Secretary

Documents circulated prior to AGM.

- 2025 Foundation AGM Brief