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*Rest In Peace.*

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### *Chaplain's Message* *June 2022*

## Obeying the Red Hand... or Not

There is an intersection near my home, through which I regularly drive, and often cross on foot. It has a complete set of traffic lights, including a full system of pedestrian lights: "walk;" a count-down to the "don't walk" light (the illuminated red hand); and even audio beeps to inform visually impaired pedestrians which direction they're allowed to cross.

Almost every day, I see pedestrians who pay no attention to these signals. They look both ways, and cross, ignoring the red hand. Even the occasional cyclist will pedal vigorously across, "against the red," when there are no oncoming vehicles.

For my part, I obey the pedestrian signals. And, I sometimes feel uncomfortable, standing there, with no cars coming, obediently waiting for the "walk" signal, while one or more people breeze by me, crossing, with the red hand clearly indicating that they are to stop, and wait, like me. Uncomfortable? Sometimes I feel downright angry!

Am I being too prudish? Or am I just being a good citizen, obeying the rules?

I often think of my friend, now deceased, who was a Roman Catholic priest, and who once described to me his view of the difference between Anglicans and Roman Catholics, linking the two denominations to the cultures of England and Italy – arguably their "home" countries. "In England," he said, "if a motorist comes up to a red traffic light in the middle of the night, with no other vehicles to be seen in any direction, he stops, and waits for the light to turn green. By contrast, an Italian motorist in the same situation – after carefully making sure there is nothing coming – will disregard the red light and drive through. The English, and the Anglicans, will not make a rule unless they intend everyone, under all circumstances, to keep it. But, in Italy, and in Roman Catholicism, there may be a rule, but in a circumstance where that rule is not helpful, it can be dispensed with. You've heard about 'Papal dispensation,' haven't you?"

My friend's words have stuck with me, ever since, and I am frequently reminded of them at that intersection. Is my discomfort and anger at people who defy the "red hand" signal, merely due to my British heritage? Are such folks just coming from a culture where rules can be dispensed with? Sure, these individuals may not be specifically Italian; perhaps they are simply influenced by the growing North American culture of distrust of authority. But, I suggest that it is a cultural thing, not simply individual choice – a cultural environment in which dispensing with a rule is considered acceptable.

Speaking of culture and traffic, my daughter, who is a Flight Attendant, was recently assigned to an aircraft that flew to and from Delhi, India. She has worked that route a couple of times, and has often heard about a shop in Delhi that sells some uniquely beautiful fabric. So, during her recent layover, she caught a "Tuk Tuk" – an enclosed three-wheel motor scooter that looks like a miniature bus – and asked the driver to take her to the address of that shop. On the journey, there was so much traffic, with cars, bikes, Tuk-Tuks and pedestrians all in motion, and with very few traffic lights, that the experience was unnerving, even frightening. Nonetheless, she was delivered to the shop, and back to her hotel with her treasures, without incident.

People who live in Delhi are used to it. They travel those streets regularly and know what is dangerous and what is safe. But could I drive a vehicle there? It is almost certain that I could not do it well, or safely.

My third and last anecdote involves a visit to a computer and cellphone store. One of the technicians, a young woman who was born in India, stood beside me, as we both waited for some data to be transferred into my device. We chatted, and at one point, I asked her to tell me her name. She cheerfully replied with a word that I could not, for the life of me, decipher. "Could you spell that for me, please?" I asked. She proceeded to spell out R.A.B.H.Y.A. – and then repeat: "Rabhya." I've since looked it up, and it's one of the 50 most popular names for girls in India. Anyone in that country would recognize it instantly, just as I would recognize Mary, or Cheryl, or Margaret, or many more girls' names that are familiar to me within my own culture.

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Rabhya was friendly, and a good conversationalist, with impeccable, accent-free English. She – a Canadian citizen – was brought to Canada by her parents when she was nine. She still speaks Hindi at home.

Being “at home”

When we are in our homes, patterns of dress, behaviour, and conversation are familiar. We have become used to them, knowing how to respond when things happen. Customs and rules are well-worn and well-known.

Outside our residences, there are also many ways in which we are unconsciously “at home.” We expect to speak our language and be understood; we know what signs and traffic lights mean; in a shopping mall, the sign that says “50% off, today only!” does not need to be explained.

And, we are not so comfortably “at home” if all the signs around us are in languages that we don’t understand. Every seasoned traveler knows this, but what if our own home and region has dozens of languages, and all sorts of customs? Wouldn’t it be, every day in every way, like standing at that intersection, thinking you’re supposed to stop, while others blithely cross with no regard for the red hand?

In a culture where everybody has the same language, rules, and customs, everything from business to entertainment to personal relationships goes smoothly. In a culture with all sorts of languages and conflicting customs, nothing can get done smoothly. Accidents and messes will be common.

The Bible story of the Tower of Babel fits here. Genesis 11 says that people with a common language and culture were able to engage in an extraordinary project, and, when they lost their common language and culture, their project fell apart. A culture cannot function without a whole bunch of things held in common, and commonly understood.

Human cultures are a mix of language, written laws, and unwritten customs. And, as a culture begins to get established, it either forces the stranger to learn its ways, or it treats the stranger as unacceptable. Basically, it says, “Change and be like us, or go away!”

In many ways, Canada is a product of this process. Indigenous people were forced to conform to British culture, and there is the disquieting history of the mistreatment and/or exclusion of Jews, Chinese, Japanese, and other cultures. Yes, some Black slaves from the U.S. were able to escape to Canada, and the French were allowed to retain their language, but neither community fully integrated into the dominant culture of Canada. We only need look at the current “Bill 96” in Québec – a law promoting the use of French throughout the Province. People who speak French at home, want to be “at home” in business, education, recreation, and government. Increasingly, in Québec, no matter who you are, or what your culture, you must speak, work, and play in French, unless you’re in your own residence. It is very much the phenomenon of “Change and be like us, or go away!”

Meanwhile, over the past 80 years, there has been a significant shift in this country towards a new social value: “inclusiveness.” Refugees from around the world have been welcomed, and apologies for Japanese internment camps and Indian Residential Schools have become frequent and sincere. I can remember a time when the whole nation stopped to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25. Churches were packed, and all businesses were closed. Now there is a push to create official public holidays on the important days of many cultures, whether it be Eid, or Diwali, or Vaisakhi (a Sikh holiday), or Vesak (the Buddha’s birthday), or Chinese New Year, and who knows how many other festive days there might be!

But “inclusiveness” has its limits. People of different cultures are definitely rejected if their values are not those of the proponents of inclusion. I once asked a member of a committee instituting “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion” (EDI) in their business, whether a “white supremacist” would be included in their organization. “No,” was the reply, “not unless they change.” I think that, if I had suggested including a member of the Taliban, or a “Freedom Convoy” trucker, I would have gotten the same reaction.

It amuses me that those who promote diversity and inclusion have something in common with those who want to retain and restore a European and colonial culture in their country! Both groups say, in effect, “Change, and be like us, or go away.”

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But my Christian faith has taught me to believe that, while all humans are different from one another, all are of equal value in the eyes of God. And, I must be respectful of others – even of other religions and cultures – for they are all children of God, and there may well be something that I can learn from them.

Meanwhile, for better or worse, I am “at home” in my Canadian, Christian-influenced culture. I will celebrate “Canada Day,” even though my Indigenous friends remind me that when this country was created, their heritage was denigrated and suppressed. I will thank Indigenous people for accepting much of the inventions and technology that the settlers brought, and will also thank them for, in many cases, accepting Christianity, and becoming “at home” in the faith.

But I also know that no community can survive if all opinions, all practices, all languages, hold equal importance and weight. Some “values” and some behaviours are simply dead wrong, and even those that may be harmless, and just “different,” cannot be held as being of equal weight. Either we’re supposed to stop and wait at the red hand, or we are permitted to cross when no traffic is coming. Not both.

The Rev’d Canon Tony Harwood-Jones, Chaplain.

## **BURMESE**

With her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II celebrating her 70th anniversary on the throne, a lot has been said about the Ceremonial duties that have governed her life. The most significant role was the annual troop-ing of the colours which was a parade led by the Queen herself. For many years, she rode Burmese who was a gift from the RCMP. In a recent interview, she said that of all the horses she rode, Burmese was her favourite. Burmese was a calm docile mare who was undisturbed by all the noise that was inherent in riding through crowds that numbered in the thousands.

Burmese’s comportment was in complete contrast to her sire Faux Pas who was in this writers opinion the nastiest horse to come out of the Ft. Walsh remount station in Alberta. In the summer of 1962, Faux Pas alongside a second stallion, Willie George were moved from the remount station to Depot Division where they both terrorized recruits who were sent in to groom them each morning. Both of these horses were only ridden by experienced instructors, but recruits were the “grunts” who had to groom them.

While Willie George was a cantankerous beast, Faux Pas gave new meaning to the word nasty. He routinely bit or kicked the person grooming him. To counter his biting, we had a special halter which included a wooden mouth piece that forced his mouth open. We were also instructed to tie this halter with a very short rope so that he had more trouble kicking. I don’t know why, but it seemed that whenever our troop had morning stables, I was assigned Faux Pas for grooming. We quickly formed an understanding that I was the boss and he learned to stand still when I was in his box stall.

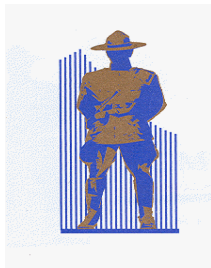
Recruits were not the only ones who suffered through problems with Faux Pas as he took any opportunity to make the instructors job more difficult. The most memorable instance of man against horse occurred one afternoon when our troop was scheduled for outdoor riding. The late Sgt. (Soon to be S/Sgt) Harry Armstrong brought Faux Pas out of the stables to give him an exercise ride. Harry was an accomplished rider and it was said that he could bring a horse to its knees by squeezing the horses girth. Faux Pas was being his usual independent self and so Harry decided to give Faux Pas the historic squeeze. It didn’t work as Faux Pas just sidled over to the lamp post located nearby and unceremoniously rubbed him off.

Such a contrast; a gentle and cooperative mare, the offspring of such a mean horse.

Alan Whitson—KIT Editor



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YOUR INVITATION  
to the

## **31st Annual**

R.C.M.P. "D" DIVISION

### **SLAIN PEACE OFFICER FUND**

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT (Farmer Fred's)**

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**IF you don't wish to register and pay online:**

Contact: Len Del Pino  
Ph. (431) 337—2682  
delpinolen@gmail.com  
To make alternate arrangements.

**Please join us. It will be fun!**

Len Del Pino, Chairman, Slain Peace Officer Tournament Committee

**CRITICAL: The cut-off date for  
Registration & Payment is 1 July 2022**

The purpose of the Slain Peace Officer Fund (SPOF) Golf Tournament is to raise money for the SPOF. This Tournament was founded 35 years ago by Fred Ross and the late George Frame. Its goal is to assist families of members of the Force killed in the Line of Duty. If you like golf and getting a chance to see people, you haven't seen for awhile enter the tournament. If you want to support the SPOF, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Len Delpeno to donate.



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### WELFARE & BENEFITS 2022 MAY REPORT

**ALL MEMBERS PLEASE**, contact non-Association, retired members, Civilian Members, Municipal Employees, & Auxiliaries, inviting them to join the Association. This would assist us in helping them and their families in times of need.

**Widow/Widower Support Group** second meeting at the ANAVETS Club, Winnipeg for 11:00 AM on 2022 June 16. Several have agreed to attend.

You should know that no one is required to attend meetings, but feel free to contact Ellen Jacobs 204-479-2783 for more information.

I may not attend ALL OR ANY meetings, but the Welfare & Benefits Director and or Advocate will always be available as a resource to assist.

### **SOME NEEDING A CALL, VISIT or PRAYER**

We would appreciate someone agreeing to take over this part of W & B, please call Russ if you can assist.

George POWELL at Seven Oaks Hospital. Please phone before attending, If no answer he may be receiving care. 204-795-6573

Dianne AITKEN is now in the Carberry Personal Care Home due to Dementia, she may be a safety risk if remaining at home. Call 204-834-2390. Send cards Box 925 Carberry, Manitoba R0K 0H0 or email [daitken@mts.net](mailto:daitken@mts.net)

Alex Graham would welcome calls on his cell [204-573-3331](tel:204-573-3331)

Dennis Hawkins still has issues but welcomes a call at [204-886-7702](tel:204-886-7702).

Wally Sheen – Sanford, MB – call but remember to ask questions he can give a “yes” or no” answer, due to his inability to give long answers. 204-736-4603 or email [radmoresheen@hotmail.com](mailto:radmoresheen@hotmail.com)

Helmut Neufeld is getting stronger, and welcomes calls or emails from old friends. 204-365-6195 or [ha-venese50@gmail.com](mailto:ha-venese50@gmail.com)

Maureen “Moe” Miller, wife of Bernie, advises he is in Personal Care Home in Brandon. Maureen could use a friendly call from old friends, and if you want information on Burnie call 204-728-1596.

Good to see Lance Rayner is recovering from treatment/surgery.

Bruce ONOFREYCHUK must be recovering as he is never home when I stop by to say hi.

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We hear of other members & family having much needed knee & hip surgeries, cancer treatments and other illnesses and are recovering at home but wish to remain anonymous.

Note if we missed anyone, please advise so, we can include them in next report.

### **LAST POST**

On 2022-04-24 **S/Sgt. Edmund Felix ROULEAU**, Reg. # 19026, passed away at Roozen Hospice Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta after a brain tumor, with hospital staff present.

Postings: "B", "A" "D", HQ & "K" Divisions

1955-07-05 - Recruit Training, 1956-03-17 - Protective, 1956-08-29 - Historical Unknown, 1959-01-16 - Ashern Detachment, 1960-06-30 - Flin Flon City Detachment, 1961-05-14 - Flin Flon Detachment, 1962-08-23 - The Pas Town Detachment, 1962-08-27 - Flin Flon Detachment, 1963-02-28 - Purchase Discharge, 1966-05-30 - Rehire, Flin Flon Detachment, 1967-05-01 - Labrador West Detachment - 1967-05-01, 1968-11-08 - Wabush Lake Detachment, Promoted to Corporal 1969-02-01, 1971-07-02 - CPIC Coord Section, Promoted to Sergeant 1972-06-01, 1974-08-05 - CPIC Coord K-Division, Promoted to Staff Sergeant 1975-10-01, 1978-04-01 - Edmonton CPIC Coord, 1985-10-03 - Discharged to Pension.

Ed:

born 1936 Nov 17 to parents Remi & Lucie

- siblings - Valmont, Gerald, Charles, Aline, Lorraine, Therese, Lucille & Claude
- wife - Maureen Rouleau "nee" Madden (parents John & Mary) 1958 in Ottawa, then married 1960 July 23 in St John's NFLD.
- children - Denise, Rene & Ed
- grand children - Janae & Josh – Kyle & Leah – Brady & Tieggan
- predeceased by his parents and siblings except Claude who lives in Arizona
- was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion #43 and in 2013, referenced their 100-year-old building in Pincher Creek, AB
- served as President / Past President of Legion Branch #43, several years.
- attended Cub Scout meetings 60 years
- was a member of the RCMP Veterans Association Edmonton Division

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Cremation had taken place with Funeral & Interment at Pincher Creek, AB on 2022 May 28.

**On 2022 May 9 S/Sgt. Thomas Wilson BAKER**, Reg. # 18761, DOB 1935-12-31 it is with heavy hearts that we say farewell to our remarkable Dad, Tom Baker, who is now at rest after a lengthy illness.

Tom:

Born in Cadomin, Alberta, a coal mine town where his father worked.

1959 married his sweetheart Lois, with whom he had four children. In their early days, the Baker family was on the move often, but finally settled in Port Coquitlam in 1973.

stoic, practical, and generous, as well as being the most honorable man you could meet, respected the dollar, and worked tirelessly to ensure the well-being of his family.

a naturally gifted storyteller, with a sharp wit and an acute sense of recall & never forgot a fact or a face.

and Lois travelled much of the world together and attended countless Veterans Associations gatherings and in his heart, was always a Mountie.

Predeceased by wife Lois (2019) and survived by his children, Kerry, Jim (Julie), Linda, Darlene (Rod), and grandchildren, Charlotte, Spencer, Lauren, Stuart, Alana, and Evan. He was intensely proud of his family and loved his children and grandchildren immeasurably.

After spending his formative years in Edmonton, joined the R.C.M.P.

Postings: "D", HQ Security Service, and "E" Divisions

1954-10-06 - Recruit Training, 1955-07-12 - Winnipeg Detachment, 1955-07-29 - Brandon Detachment, 1955-07-30 - Historical Unknown, 1957-10-21 - Shoal Lake Detachment, 1958-04-26 - Brandon Detachment, 1959-03-10 - SIB Invest Sec D-Div, 1960-10-03 - I Dir D Br, Promoted to Corporal 1964-05-01, 1967-06-28 - Security & Intelligence F-Div, 1969-08-01 - Saskatoon SD Security & Intelligence, 1973-07-03 - SS 'B' Ops., Promoted to Sergeant 1973-10-01, 1976-05-02 - Historical Unknown, 1977-04-01 - Vancouver 'B' Ops., promoted to Staff Sergeant 1977-09-23, 1978-10-16 - Discharged to Pension.

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During his tenure, he was recognized for his intellect, keen observation skills, and exceptional police work.

Former RCMP Veterans' Association Member  
Vancouver Division

After 24 years of service, retired and honed his skills as an entrepreneur to create a new and successful career in real estate and land development.

On to your next detachment, Dad. Yaki Dah!

Online condolences can be left at [vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca](http://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca)

**Your association is expressing our deepest sympathy to the families of all the deceased and wish a speedy recovery to those with illnesses.**

**“DON’T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN”** The Pandemic restrictions are all but gone, but **remain safe by washing hands often, do not touch mouth, nose, or eyes, keep active, keep social distancing when in unknown areas, and wear masks if you feel unsafe in public areas and businesses where businesses require the.**

We have aided and provided information to many Veterans and spouses on issues where they have requested the matter remain private.

**Remember we can only assist if you, the membership advise us of situations where assistance is appropriate.**

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## *Keeping in Touch*

### ENTERTAINMENT REPORT FOR JUNE 2022

Next General Meeting and Special Event:

Date: **Saturday, June 25th**

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Location: Dunford Estates, Headingley, MB (home of Dave & Donna Dunford)  
PR 334, approx. 5 km North of Headingley (Map & directions below)

Occasion: **"Dining with the Dunfords"**, aka "The Pig Roast" only this time with a Ukrainian theme

Once again with the events of the past two years winding down, we would like to return to our traditional "get togethers" and re-visit the Pig Roast at the Dunford's place and hopefully enjoy some camaraderie in the open air...or at least under the tent!

With the events occurring in the Ukraine right now and with Donna's strong ties to the region, we thought we'd honour the Ukrainian people with a touch of traditional Ukrainian food to compliment the pig. Yes there will be perogies and holupchi, along with borsch and even Kutia to compliment the normal veggies and salads and meats...so bring your appetite and be prepared to feel really full. Donna will be preparing the bulk of the food, so you know it will be excellent because that's what she told me to say!

Cost will be **\$20/person**, payable at the door/workshop. No need to make or bring a dish as Ukrainian Babas always cook too much food to start with, but if you're a baker and would like to bring a pie or ice cream or a dessert, that would be helpful. Please drop me a line if you're planning to bring a dessert so I know how much room to leave on the table...thanks.

Also, please **drop me a line** ([randypr@mymts.net](mailto:randypr@mymts.net), or 204-895-3940) if you're planning to come so that we can keep a head count and make sure that we'll have enough food and room for all to be comfortable. Dave has already lined up the tent, so between that and his workshop, weather will not be a problem. If you recall our last Dinner, even strong winds are no match for "Dining with the Dunfords".

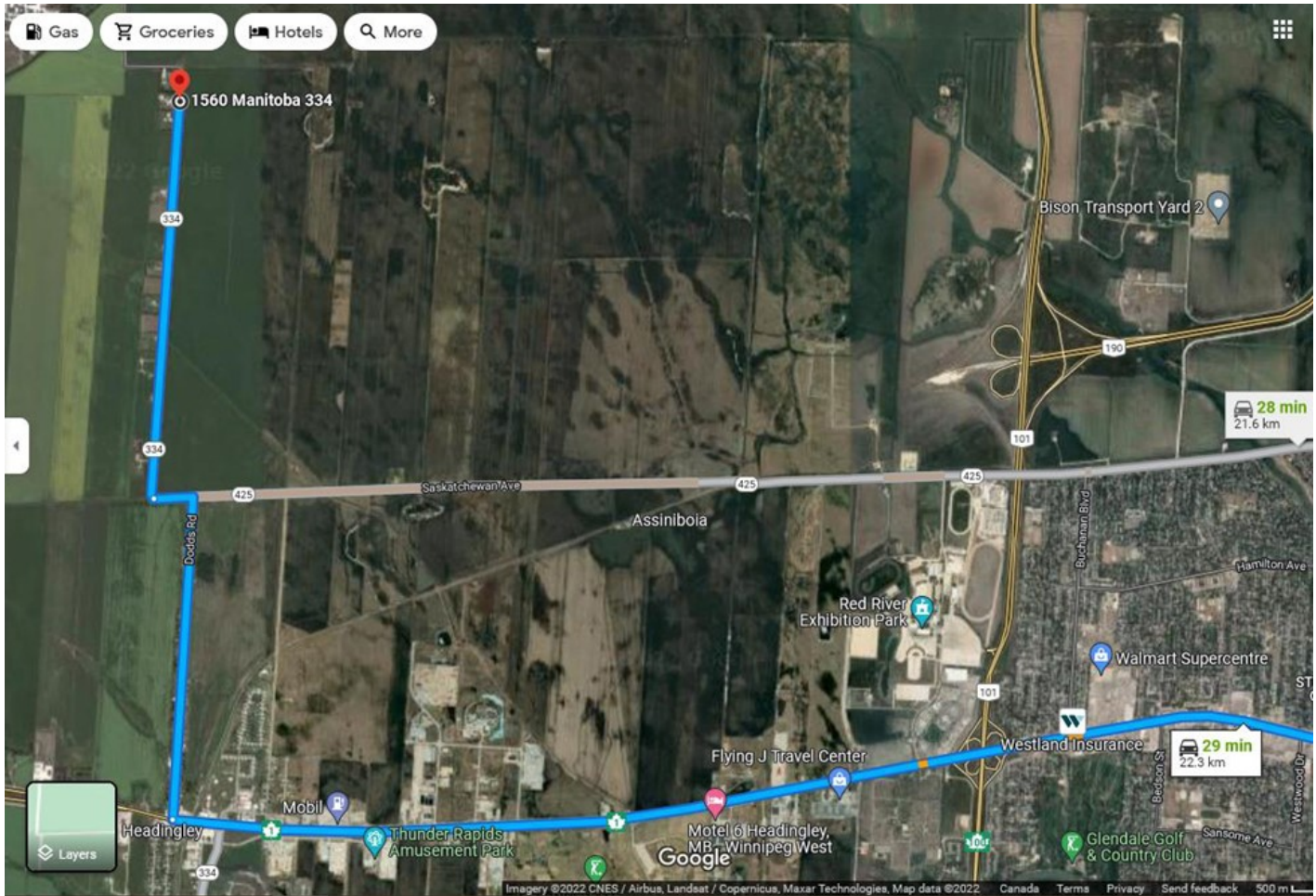
**Directions**.....from the city, head West on Portage Avenue out to Headingley. There is a set of lights just past the Headingley Traffic Services office and just before Nick's Inn, and just past that is a set of train tracks. A good stone's throw past the tracks you'll see signs for PR 334 (also identified as Dodd's Road) and an ice cream store with a big Coke sign on the corner....turn right at that corner and you'll be traveling North on PR 334. You'll travel about 2 km before Dodd's Road ends and you'll turn left on Saskatchewan Ave for 0.3 km before turning North again to stay on PR 334. It's about 3 km North on 334 and you'll see a Ukrainian flag on the Dunford's address sign to welcome you to the right place.

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BYOB if you'd like something more than soft drinks. We'll have coffee available and Donna tells me she'll have Rhubarb Slush and lemonade on hand, as well. I was planning to wear my Ukrainian embroidered shirt that I made (myself) when in the Regina Lab, but the dry Manitoba air seems to have made it shrink, but if you've got fancy Ukrainian wear, please don't be shy to show it off. There may even be a door prize in it for you!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Dave & Donna Dunford Estates on **Saturday, June 25th, at 4:00 P.M.** General Meeting first, dinner will start at 5:00 P.M.

### Minutes

#### General Meeting & Awards Dinner/Dance May 7, 2022

- Meeting called to order by** President Russ Hanna welcomes all members and guests. Acknowledges presence of "D" Division C/O Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLatchy and her spouse Michel. Comment regarding short General meeting and announcements before presentation of Awards.

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### **. Prayer and Binyon Pledge for the Fallen and moment of silence in remembrance of:**

- 1) Reg. #18498 S/Sgt. William John (Bill) Davidson
- 2) Reg. # 26340 Cpl. J. Earl Adams
- 3) Reg. #23912 Cpl. Richard Murray (Dick) Johnson
- 4) Reg. #21779 S/Sgt. William Gordon (Bill) Roberts
- 5) Reg. #28054 Cpl. David James Fogarty
- 6) Reg. #14794 Sgt. Gerald George Sage
- 7) Reg.# 21618 S/Sgt. Daniel Ian Mackenzie
- 8) Reg. #15695 Sgt. John Gilbert (Jock) Forbes
- 9) C00687 C/M I.S. (Scotty) Davison

10) A Funeral Service was held for Reg. #26752 S/Sgt. Steve Neill Brown at 1:00 P.M. on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at St. Mary's Rd United Church, 613 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg.

11) A Memorial Service will be held for Reg. #24387/0.1328 Insp. Earl Dennis Basse, at 1:00 P.M. on June 29, 2022, at RCMP Depot, Regina, Saskatchewan.

### **3. Current Business**

- A) Motion by Rod Noseworthy and seconded by Don Webster to "Approve the Minutes of the April 2022 General Meeting. All in favour. Carried by a show of hands.

### **4. Announcements of Important Initiatives and/or any Director's Reports**

- 1) Membership Report - (Stu Stuart-Absent) Several new members and updated 8 files. Just a note to remind members to advise the Membership Director when they have a telephone, address, or email change. Members are also reminded that the National Database must be updated by them or if they are unable to update their file advise the Division Membership Director who will in turn contact the National Database Administrator to make necessary updates.
- 2) Trust Fund 2021 Financial Report- Gary Carr (Absent) 2021 Financial Report was introduced. A \$2000 Bursary to the University of Winnipeg and a \$1500 Bursary to the University of Manitoba. A \$500 donation was made the Layton Fire Fund.
- 3) Welfare Report- Russ Waugh – Russ provided update on developing the Widow / Widower support group.
- 4) Entertainment Report – Randy provided update on our June 25th meeting and dinner at the Dunford's as well as plans for the Fish Fry at Gimli Park, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. New Business/Question Period**

- 1) Seeking input / ideas from the membership for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCMP in 2023.
- 2) Manitoba Division Executive position for elections November 2022 will be published in KIT beginning in June.

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3) Retirement presentation was made to "D" Division C/O Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLatchy by Russ Hanna:

Ladies and Gentlemen on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLatchy will be retiring. Originally from Nova Scotia, Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLatchy fulfilled a childhood dream in 1988 when she was sworn in as a regular member of the RCMP. Her first posting after graduating Depot was in Prince George, BC in general duty policing.

Since then, her career has taken her across the country with many postings including The Musical Ride, Immigration/Passport & War Crimes investigations, Major Events Security, and Director of the Parliamentary Protective Service. Her extensive 34 + year career has been filled with unique opportunities including being embedded with Team Canada for two Olympic games.

In 2019, she was promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissioner and became the first female Commanding Officer of the Manitoba RCMP.

Jane – on behalf of our Manitoba Division RCMP Veterans Association I am very pleased to present you and Michel with these gifts as a token of our appreciation for your ongoing support, and we wish you much success and happiness in your future retirement.

### **6. Awards and Special Recognition-2021& 2022 Service Bar Presentations:**

Russ Hanna acknowledged initiative of Mike McDonald to present Service Bars to Associate members given their tremendous contribution and volunteer support to our Association. Ten-year (10) Service Bars were presented to Rod Noseworthy, Val Noseworthy, Gayle Frame, Ellen Jacobs. Twenty-year (20) Service Bars to Russ Waugh, Bob Anderson. Twenty-five-year (25) Service Bar was presented to Murray McNeill. Thirty-five-year (35) to Wayne Lymburner.

**9. Next General Meeting-** June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Dunford Dinner

**10. Next Executive Meeting:** May 17, 2022, at ANAVETS 283 @ 11:00 A.M.

**11. Meeting Adjourned**

**12. Dinner & Dance (Entertainment Randy)**

## **Minutes** **Executive Meeting** **May 17, 2022**

**Order:** Call to Order by Russ Hanna @11:02 A.M.

Attendees: Russ Hanna, Bob Wass, Doug Agnew, Murray McNeil, Stu Stuart, Russ Waugh, Randy Prokopanko, Gary Carr, Rod Noseworthy, Mike McDonald, Alan Whitson

**Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion to accept the Minutes of the April 19, 2022, Executive Meeting was made by Bob Wass and seconded by Gary Carr. The motion was carried.

**Accounts-** Doug Agnew presented Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2022. He advised transferring funds back into GICs as they mature. He made a motion to accept the statements as presented, which was seconded by Murray McNeill. The motion was carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Trust Fund:** Gary Carr reported that the Trust Fund has a balance of \$12,734.96 and there is \$10,000 in the GIC. A donation of \$96.00 from Canada Helps. Org was received and will be deposited into our general account.

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**Credentials and Membership** - Stu Stuart reported that our membership stands at 424 in total and 15 new members have not been sworn in to date. He continues to process new applications and will be mailing out name tags.

**Welfare and Benefits:** Russ Waugh reported that the new Widows & Widowers Support Group has been established and will be having their first meeting this month. Anyone interested can contact Russ and confidentiality will be maintained.

**Entertainment:** Randy Prokopanko reported that the Awards Dinner & Dance had 61 paid attendees, which resulted in a loss of \$519.00. The band was excellent, and the evening was a great success due to the hard work of Randy and his committee members. Randy advised that the next event is the Dunford Farm BBQ on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost should be around \$20.00/person. A map and details to come. A Fish Fry is also scheduled for Gimli on September 10, 2022.

**Correspondence Received:** Six (6) Dues

### **Unfinished Business**

Corporate Report- Russ Hanna advised that he will add the new Widows & Widowers Support Program to the report and forward it to National.

RCMP Veterans' Plaque at ANAVETS- Russ Hana indicated that arrangements are being started to install a plaque for the RCMP Veterans'. It will have an historical element in its presentation.

Executive Directors Manual- Russ indicated that swearing documents for new members will be added into the manual.

**Awards and Recognition:** Mike McDonald advised that Service Bar Awards will continue to be presented at General Meetings and Events. The 2022 awards that have not been presented will be mailed out at the end of summer.

**Communications:** Murray McNeill talked about the issue of numerous fan outs and the strain it puts on the Google Mail System. There were 32 fan-outs last month for a system that was designed for significantly less. The numbers are down this month and the executive agreed that we need to monitor the use of fan outs more closely, so we don't overload the system. The Bell MTS customer issue was in the media this week and problems with MTS for our members may resolve themselves over the next few months.

**KIT:** Alan Whitson discussed general KIT issues and commented on how lengthy it is getting. The executive agreed to look at ways to pare down their submissions.

### **New Business:**

1)- Donation to the 2022 Slain Peace Officer Golf Tournament- Mike McDonald is now sitting on the organizing committee of the SPOF. A motion has been passed to donate \$400.00 and a cheque was issued by Doug Agnew and given to Mike.

### **Good of the Association:**

Russ Hanna noted that Alan Whitson was the lone member that stood up in his red blazer for the Binyon Pledge and prayer at the Awards Dinner. He congratulated Alan for his effort, as well as the beautiful singing with the band later in the evening. He suggested going forward that he would ask all those able to stand for the Binyon Pledge at future meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Russ Hanna adjourned the meeting at 12:10P.M.

**Next General Meeting:** June 25, 2022, BBQ Dinner @ Dunford's

**Next Executive Meeting:** June 21, 2022 @ ANAVETS 283 11:00A.M.



## Keeping In Touch



I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars but I really think it's the Vodka



**I tried to re-marry my ex-wife.  
But she figured out I was only after my money.**