



Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting

8 December 2022

By video conference at 1700 MST

Present:	
Mr. Dave Pentney	Chair / Treasurer
Mr. Charles Reece	Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Hale	Secretary / Fundraising
Mrs. Donna Campbell	Heritage / Veterans and Family
Mr. Jamie Hamond	Cadets
Mr Quentin Innis	Governance Chair
Mr Stan Stapleford	Trustee
Absent / Regrets	
Mr. Derek Prohar	Educational Bursary
Mr Ernie Reumiller	Chief Financial Officer

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	<p>Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1707 (MST) hours, with a quorum.</p>	Chair
2.	<p>Opening Remarks: The primary objective to review the proposed objectives and purposes.</p> <p>Had had a series of conversations with CoR and Mike Day. Foundation knows that they are behind on reports to CRA. This was caused by changeover between treasurers and in one case with no handover. The Foundation has engaged Gallo to audit their books and ensure that they are following CRA guidelines.</p> <p>Everyone agreed that there should be one Charitable organization.</p>	Chair

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	<p>First option is the HGMF continue and The Foundation wind up its operation.</p> <p>Second is to narrow the scope of the Transformation Teams work in order to identify options for a new entity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable entity; • Public Foundation/Trust; or • Private Foundation/Trust. <p>What it would take to achieve the above and what are the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Not spending as much focus on the implementation of the changes</p> <p>The HGMF will continue to move forward while ensuring that the Transformation Team and Foundation are aware of how the HGMF is proceeding. The changes of HGMF charitable objects will benefit all.</p> <p>Dave moved that HGMF continue with planned operations while the Transformation Team investigates the advantages and disadvantages of a single charitable entity versus a Public or Private Foundation/trust. Seconded by Paul</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Proposed revisions of HGMF Charitable Purposes</p> <p>The proposed revisions were reviewed in detail and the final agreed upon changes are attached. Dave will take all the comments and distribute Version 3 of the proposed revisions to HGMF Charitable Purposes. The comments will be shared with the Colonel of the Regiment, Foundation, Transformation Team. It was stressed the input from others is still subject to final approval by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Dave requested Trustees to confirm in the next month if they wish to remain on the Board for another two years and continue on the same committees or try something new.</p> <p>In the next couple of months we have to confirm roles and recruitment of new Trustees.</p> <p>Paul advised he has almost completed updating the STI Brochure for the Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour. He will work on the response to CRA ref the charitable activity regarding Cadet involvement on the Battlefield Tour.</p>	

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5.	Next Meetings 26 January 2023 at 1700 MDT.	Chair
6.	Adjournment: There being no further business or objections the meeting was adjourned at 1800 hrs (Mountain) hours on a motion by: Donna Campbell.	

Paul Hale

Prepared by:
 Paul Hale
 HGMF Secretary
 12 December 2022



Approved by:
 Dave Pentney
 HGMF Chair
 12 December 2022

PROPOSED REVISION OF HGMF CHARITABLE PURPOSES

RELIEF OF POVERTY

Purpose

To provide emergency financial support to veterans and families by providing funds to assist in preventing evictions, provision of food cards, minor home repairs and accessibility modifications.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) works closely with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association (PPCLI Association). The PPCLI Association has a Voluntary Patricia Program (VPP) which is a network of trained, peer support volunteers who help veterans and their families get the help they need. Details of the program may be found at this link: [VPP – PPCLI Association Website](#). The PPCLI Association VPP works closely with the PPCLI Veterans Care Cell and other agencies to identify veterans in need. In extraordinary circumstances, particularly with respect to emergency financial support, the PPCLI Association will seek a grant from the HGMF to provide that emergency financial support. Funds are not provided to the individual, but will be paid directly to the landlord, for the purchase of food cards or to the contractor doing the repairs/modifications. Grants may also be made to other qualified donees such as: RC Legion Poppy / Service Officer - small bills, food cards; Veterans Association Food Bank (Calgary, Edmonton); Ottawa Inner City Ministry; VETS Canada; Renos for Heroes; Homes for Heroes; VAC Emergency Funds for Veterans and similar programs.

ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION

Purpose

To provide bursaries for post-secondary education to members of the PPCLI Regimental Family, defined as serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) posted to PPCLI battalions or Battle Groups (including reservists and support trades), members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), Titular and Honorary Patricia's, members of PPCLI affiliated Cadet Corps, and their respective families.

Activities in Support of Purpose

This is long-standing HGMF program, the details of which may be found on the HGMF website at this link: [Bursaries | HGMF](#).

OTHER PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY

Purpose

To provide a public amenity by providing funding to support the development and maintenance of the PPCLI Regimental Museum and Archives.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The PPCLI Museum and Archives is located within The Military Museums in Calgary, AB ([The Military Museums - The Military Museums](#)) and is operated by the PPCLI Regimental Headquarters in Edmonton, AB. Details may be found at [Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry \(PPCLI\)](#). From time to time the PPCLI Museum and Archives may seek funding from the HGMF in support of a particular museum project or for the purchase of a particular artifact when other funds are not available.

Purpose

To protect and preserve significant heritage sites by providing funding to support the development, restoration, and maintenance of PPCLI Regimental monuments and memorials with a view to commemorating the sites and educating the public about them.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The PPCLI maintains and continues to develop a comprehensive Monument and Memorials Manual ([Regimental Monuments and Memorials Manual « PPCLI](#)) and will, particularly as part of significant anniversary events, seek to update and maintain these monuments or create new ones. The HGMF often takes the lead on the development of new monuments/memorials, including funding, and provides funds for the restoration of existing ones.

Purpose

To provide funding for training for Peer Support Volunteers.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF will provide funding for training programs and workshops to enhance the knowledge and skills peer support volunteers. This training will include mental health and suicide awareness; compassionate listening; applied suicide intervention skills training and similar programs.

Purpose

To promote the mental health of veterans and families by providing funding for alternate types of therapy.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF provides funding to qualified donees that operate these programs such as: Can Praxis <https://canpraxis.com/>; Wounded Warriors Canada - Equine, Youth camps; RC Legion – VetBuild; VETS Canada – Guitars for Vets; True Patriot Love – Music and Art; the Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre and the University of Alberta – Virtual Reality; and Glenrose Hospital – CAREN and similar programs.

Purpose

To promote the mental health of disabled veterans by providing funding for specialized sports or safety equipment.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF will normally provide funding to qualified donees that support disabled veteran disabled athletes such as: Soldier On; and the Paralympic Foundation of Canada. The HGMF may fund specific requests for specialized sports equipment on a case-by-case basis when other sources of funding are not available for individuals identified through the PPCLI Association VPP or other agencies.

Purpose

To promote the mental health of veteran's family members by providing funding for services not covered or provided by others.

Activities in Support of Purpose

Veteran's Affairs Canada (VAC) has many excellent programs to support veterans and their families; however, there is little or no support for family members following a family break-up – an unfortunate outcome for families where the veteran is suffering from mental health issues. The HGMF will provide funding to provide veteran's families adjusting to a family break-up, on a case-by-case basis, for individuals identified through the PPCLI Association VPP, or other agencies, when other sources of funding are not available.

Purpose

To promote the mental health of isolated veterans by providing funding for the purchase and maintenance of communication equipment.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF will provide funding, on a case-by-case basis, for individuals identified through the PPCLI Association VPP or other agencies for the purchase and maintenance of pay-as-you go cell phones or other communication equipment when other sources of funding are not available. Donations may also be made to the Royal Canadian Legion and other qualified donees for this purpose.

Purpose

To promote the mental health and support for veterans who are long-term hospital patients, paraplegics, quadriplegics, or otherwise isolated veterans by providing funding for purchase and maintenance of communications equipment; access to education and recreational activities; and promoting interaction with others.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF provides funding to agencies which support Veterans with complex needs such as Sunnybrook Veterans Program; St Josephs Veteran Care Program (Parkwood Institute); and War Amps Canada and other qualified donees.

Purpose

To promote the mental health and well-being of veterans through the provision of Service Dogs by providing funds to accredited Service Dog providers.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF provides funding to accredited Service Dog providers who have a proven track record of providing Service Dogs to Veterans such as National Service Dogs, Kingston 4 Paws Service Dogs, and Wounded Warriors Canada PTSD Service Dogs.

Purpose

To provide transition employment assistance to veterans by allocating funds to assist in procurement of equipment and for training and certification.

Activities in Support of Purpose

The HGMF provides funding to qualified donees that operate these programs such as: Wounded Warriors Canada; Veterans Transition Network; the True Patriot Love Foundation and other agencies.

Purpose

To promote the efficiency of the Canadian Armed Forces

Activities in Support of Purpose

By providing funding to PPCLI affiliated cadet corps to support cadet training for youth. The HGMF will provide grants to cadet corps; funding to facilitate the HGMF Cadet Corps Trophy Competition; and provide funding for the purchase of PPCLI Regimental accoutrements. These are long-standing HGMF programs, the details of which may be found on the HGMF website at this link: [Cadets | HGMF](#).

By sponsoring the participation of PPCLI affiliated cadets in significant PPCLI Regimental events, museum and memorial visits as well as battlefield tours of PPCLI operations. The eligibility, selection and process criteria will be posted on the HGMF website in advance of major events.

By providing funding to support publications / artwork / documentaries on PPCLI history.

By providing funding to public events that commemorate the history and heritage of the PPCLI.

Purpose

To receive and maintain a fund or funds and to apply all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time, to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

Activities in Support of Purpose

This would be applied to donations, as approved by the HGMF Board of Trustees, made to qualified donees that support Veterans and their families and have compatible purposes such as Wounded Warriors Canada, Soldier On, the True Patriot Love Foundation and VETS Canada.

This would be applied to donations, as approved by the HGMF Board of Trustees, made to qualified donees that promote and celebrate the history and heritage of the PPCLI such as the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Fund.