



Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

**Annual General Meeting Board of Trustees
25 Feb 2024**

By video conference at 1730 MST

Present:	
Mr. Dave Pentney	Chair / Treasurer
Mr Pete Hofman	Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Hale	Secretary / Fundraising
Mrs. Donna Campbell	Heritage / Veterans and Family
Mr Quentin Innis	Governance Chair
Mr. Derek Prohar	Educational Bursary
Mr Bryan Bailey	Cadets
Mr Shawn McKinstry	Trustee
Absent / Regrets	
Mr Ernie Reumiller	Chief Financial Officer

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1706 (MST) hours, with a quorum.	Chair
2.	Opening Remarks: a. Welcome all to 2024 and a busy year for the HGMF. We have a lot to get through this evening. I would like to remind the Bursary and Cadet Chairs that we need to update and resign the MOUs each year. b. Just a reminder that the Regiment is celebrating the 110 th in Edmonton from 19-21 Jun 24. Details of the Regt's program are still being worked out. The Assn AGM will be in St.	Chair

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	Albert 21-22 Jun 24, with the AGM and dinner on 21 Jun. HGMF AGM will be conducted on 21 Jun, timing TBC	
3.	Approval of the Agenda: Motion for approval: by Shawn Seconded by Quentin. <i>Carried</i>	Chair
4.	Approval of minutes from 13 July 2023 AGM Motion for approval: by Bryan. Seconded by: Pete. <i>Carried</i>	Chair
5.	<p>Financial Report (as per attached slide)</p> <p>a. Finance Committee Report</p> <p>As of 31 Dec 23, HGMF had \$955,619 in investments. A net increase of 11.17% for 2023.</p> <p>b. 2023 Financial Review</p> <p>Net gain of \$152,573.63 with expenses of \$91,728.43 which includes \$57,869.05 spent in support of charitable objects and regimental projects.</p> <p><u>CFO's Comments:</u></p> <p><u>INCOME STATEMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the income statement, there is nothing unusual on either revenues or expenses. We continue to regain monies lost from the 2022 financial crisis with our investments as they grew 11% since 1 January, or almost \$100,000. This helped grow our total assets by almost \$61,000 despite taking \$50,000 out of the investment fund to help pay for various programs. On expenses, the final \$5,000 was sent off to the St Bartholomew's church in January. We raised \$8,120 for Lady Patricia's medals and sent a cheque to RHQ end July. This was cost neutral to the HGMF. We sent a \$2,500 cheque to the Cdn Airborne Forces Assn end year for support to the Cyprus project. We have engaged with Grant Advance Solutions for one year at a cost of \$1,870. They are assisting us in identifying various grant options and fund-raising activities. There was nothing unusual about the remaining expenses that I can identify. <p><u>BALANCE SHEET</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no concerns with the balance sheet. <p>Dave thanked Ernie for all his work as Chief Financial Officer.</p>	Chair

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8.	<p>Bursary Program Update</p> <p>Pete briefed on the Bursary Program, \$30,000 was distributed in Educational Bursary.</p> <p>Paul commented that he has not posted Bursary results on the HGFM website. Having issue with posting documents to “What’s NEW”</p>	Bursary Chair
7.	<p>Cadet Program Update</p> <p>2023 Budget Approved \$8,500 for Cadet Support. Actual 2023 Expenditure: \$7,204.76</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1K to Cadet Trophy winning Corps (Yellowknife) • \$204.76 for purchase, engraving, delivery of Keeper Plaque. (\$250 budget) • 3 x 2K Grants to Corps outside of Alberta • \$1K Refurb of Cadet trophy slips to FY 2024. <p>2024 Budget for Cadet Support was approved for \$8,500 broken down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadet Trophy Program: \$2,500 in total. \$1,250.00 to the Top Cadet Corps and \$250.00 to cover costs for keeper plaque, engraving, delivery and up to \$1,000 for Trophy Refurbishment; and • Cadet Corps Grant Program: \$6,000 financial support to Cadet Corps outside of Alberta based on 3 x grants of \$2,000. 	Cadet Chair
8.	<p>Support to Veterans and Families Update</p> <p>2023 was the last year we would support the Atlantic Soldier On Golf tournament. Dave encouraged the Veterans and Family Support committee to develop a plan what areas they wished to support and how this would cost</p> <p>After discussion on the 2024 budget, \$10,000 was reallocated from Educational Bursaries to Veterans and Family support.</p>	V & F Chair
9.	<p>Heritage Update</p> <p>a. 2023 Sydney Frost Memorial Battlefield Tour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 31 registered for the Tour including 13 couples ➤ Sydney Frost miniatures were mounted incorrectly. This is being corrected. ➤ Leonforte Memorial has been located and will be installed shortly ➤ Hitler Line Memorial will go into production once map has been finalized, Working on dignitary invitation list. ➤ Gothic Line Memorial is in production and should be completed by 18 March and delivered to Italy by 1 Apr 	<p>Heritage Chair</p> <p>Paul Hale</p> <p>Chair</p>

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	<p>➤ Will bring 8 wreaths and 3 Cdn flags in support of the Memorial dedications</p> <p>➤ Additional information is as per the Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour attachment</p> <p>b. Support Request – Mersham Church A three-year donation of GBP 150 was made last fall. This was done rather than an annual donation because of the cost of transferring funds.</p> <p>c. Support to CAFA 2024 Cyprus Commemoration Note that the Chair declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in discussions, nor did he vote. With your support a \$2,500 donation was made to CAFA on 31 Dec 23.</p> <p>d. TMM Statue Base Repair The cost of these repairs is being paid from the PPCLI Assn’s Casino Funds.</p> <p>e. Regimental History Vol VI This item has gone away as RHQ has signed a contract with Double Dagger for publishing Vol VI. It has the potential to re-surface should the publisher decide to walk away from the contract. They will be publishing a hard copy and e-book version. Copies should be on sale from the Regimental Kit Shop by the 110th Anniversary in June.</p> <p>f. 110th Anniversary Projects</p> <p>i. Refurbishment of 110th Anniversary Time Capsule. The time capsule is being refurbished and will be placed in a water-tight container. The Museum is undertaking the refurbishment that we will pay for. Anticipated cost is under \$1,000.</p> <p>ii. Spouses Oral History Project We are leading this project with a total approximate cost of \$4,000, split between the Regt and the HGMF. We have a commitment from one individual to make a \$2,000 donation to cover our share. I have been in contact with Karen Storwick of Combined Forces Production Collaborative who has the project well in hand. Donna agreed to assuming the lead for this project</p> <p>iii. 110th Anniversary Art Display The display will be at the TMM in Calgary. Bill Bewick is the OPI. The approximate cost is \$10,000. I had agreed that the HGMF would split this cost with the Regt. The First in the Field Institute has indicated that it will be donating \$5,000 towards this project, so our commitment has been reduced to \$2,500.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>

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	g. Terry Loveridge is publishing a book on WWI battles around Arras and its should be released in March.	
10.	<p>2024 Budget Review</p> <p>Dave explained that he added the 110th Time Capsule, Spouses Oral History and Art to the budget. Cost for Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour have been updated and cadet participation deleted.</p> <p>It was agreed to move \$10,000 from Educational Bursaries to Veterans and Family Support. Donna to advise at the next meeting how these funds should be allocated.</p> <p>Moved by Pete that the revised budget be accepted as presented. Seconded by Paul. <i>Carried</i></p>	Chair
11.	<p>Governance Chair</p> <p>Need to make a decision reference Boad Composition with regards to Foundation .</p>	Governance Chair
12.	<p>Trustee Terms and Appointments</p> <p>a. Our Constitution prescribes a four-year term limit but has the option of extending it for a second term. Five of us will complete our terms next year. Is everyone happy to continue to the end of their current term?</p> <p>Everyone agreed to serve until the end of their current terms</p> <p>b. Is everyone content to retain their current appointment?</p> <p>Shawn agreed to consider assuming communications from Paul</p>	Chair
13.	<p>Communications Update</p> <p>Paul has expressed problems with uploading items to the What's New page.</p> <p>Dave stressed that we need to be proactive in ensuring that the webpage is up to date.</p>	Comms Chair
14.	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>From Dave</p> <p>a. We purchased a one-year membership with Grant Advance last fall. I have used it to submit grant applications to seven</p>	Chair

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	<p>private foundations to support our bursary program a bit over a week ago. No responses yet.</p> <p>b. Now that we have finalized our 2024 Budget, I will put out a Regimental message through RHQ outlining our needs and seeking donations. I will send the same message to the Assn through Greg Ferguson and we will also post it to PPCLI social media sites.</p> <p>c. 110th Anniversary Bike Ride. This will be the final year that Greg Bell will lead this fundraiser. I intend to more actively promote it through RHQ, the Assn and on PPCLI social media sites.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>d. We raised \$36,664.50 last year. We should specifically thank PPCLI Association Casino and Saskatchewan, Kingston and Atlantic Branches for their donations to the HGMF.</p> <p>Quentin asked for insight as to who makes donations to Canada Helps. Paul explained that it was 29 donors who contributed the \$12K via Canada Helps. 7 donors of these make donations of \$500 or more. It was commented that we need to expand our donor base to include more Association members.</p> <p>Paul commented that he had proposed to the Foundation that Commemorative Stones at Patricia Park be dedicated on the 2nd weekend in August. It was not supported. He also recommended that the cost should be the cost of stone plus \$100 charitable donation.</p>	<p>Fundraising Chair</p>
15.	<p>Transformation Team Update</p> <p>Following was provided by the PPCLI Foundation President:</p> <p>We are waiting on some final legal advice, but I think you are safe in saying:</p> <p>a. The Foundation Board has recognized that the most financially efficient way forward is to dissolve the Foundation and move assets to another Charity in support of the Regiment;</p> <p>b. They have approved that the President of the Board move forward, underpinned by legal advice to develop a Road Map to dissolve and Move Assets to the HGMF;</p> <p>c. The Foundation is securing legal advice to guide this process and should have the steps laid out before the end of January;</p>	<p>Chair</p>

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	<p>d. Final resolution will require a vote by the Foundation but given the above this is part of the due diligence / papering exercise to ensure fiduciary responsibilities are met as opposed to revisiting the actual issue itself; and</p> <p>e. The Foundation President has fixed a date to have this completed by the summer so that we have some sort of formal event at the same time as new Colours are being presented to the Battalions.</p> <p>Pete commented that the For the Soldier Casino conducted in Edmonton brought in about \$130K. 50% goes to the Regiment and the remainder must be spent on other charitable activities. Have not spoken with Barry Ashton reference the First in the Field Casino in Calgary.</p>	
16.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Draft HGMF Annual report has been circulated. It was suggested that branches who made donations direct to the HGMF should be acknowledged.</p>	Chair
17.	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>The meeting will be on 21 April at 1730 hrs (MST).</p> <p>2024 AGM will be held on Thursday 21 Jun in Edmonton.</p>	Chair
18.	<p>Adjournment:</p> <p>There being no further business or objections the meeting was adjourned at 1838 (MST) hours on a motion by: Donna</p>	

Paul Hale

Prepared by:
Paul Hale
HGMF Secretary
5 February 2024


Approved by:
Dave Pentney
HGMF Chair
5 February 2024

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

31 December 2023

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)

A summary of the HGMF portfolio performance for 2023 is as follows:

2023 Opening Balance	\$906,498
First Quarter	\$945,307
Second Quarter	\$955,943
Third Quarter	\$886,944
Fourth Quarter	\$955,619

Through to the end of 2023 the value of the portfolio increased by \$49,121, notwithstanding that \$50,000 was redeemed during the third quarter. The annual rate of return on the portfolio was 11.17%.

Dave Pentney
Finance Chair

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Multi-period Income Statement

	01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	01 Jan, 2023 to 31 Dec, 2023
REVENUE		
Revenue		
Investment Revenue	13,926.69	0.00
Tax Receipted Donations	28,085.00	1,975.00
Non Tax Receipted Donations	8,968.78	9,140.15
Bequest BGen James De Lalanne	0.00	0.00
Canada Helps General Donations	5,633.00	7,370.00
United Way Donations	768.18	97.50
PayPal Donations	400.00	220.00
Vets & Family Support Donations	0.00	500.00
Student Bursaries Donations	2,550.00	480.00
GST Rebates	0.00	0.00
Unrealized Gain on Securities	0.00	118,119.98
St Bartholomews Project Donatio...	20,000.00	2,220.00
Sydney Frost Tour Donations	1,250.00	1,450.00
Museum & Archives Donations	0.00	8,350.00
Veterans/Family/Support Training	0.00	0.00
Jack Munro Memorial	0.00	0.00
Race Roster Donations	4,270.45	2,651.00
Total Revenue	85,852.10	152,573.63
TOTAL REVENUE	85,852.10	152,573.63
EXPENSE		
Expense Accounts		
St Bartholomews Project Donation	20,000.00	5,000.00
Frezenberg Project	476.73	641.37
Sydney Frost Memorial	9,369.96	3,991.52
Soldier On Atlantic Golf Invitational	2,500.00	2,500.00
Museum & Archives	0.00	8,120.00
Veterans/Family/Sp Trg	2,200.00	0.00
Jack Munroe Memorial	4,078.31	0.00
Fund Raising Expense	768.72	2,459.29
Office	1,636.06	0.00
Web Hosting Services	491.88	491.88
Student Bursaries	30,000.00	30,000.00
Wounded Warrior Canada	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	5,671.00	6,313.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	626.00	640.00
Memorials	86.00	2,911.40
Cadet Support	2,000.00	7,204.76
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,152.38
Interest & Bank Charges	122.35	303.84
Unrealized Loss on Securities	135,282.18	18,998.99
Total General & Admin. Expen...	215,309.19	91,728.43
TOTAL EXPENSE	215,309.19	91,728.43
NET INCOME	-129,457.09	60,845.20

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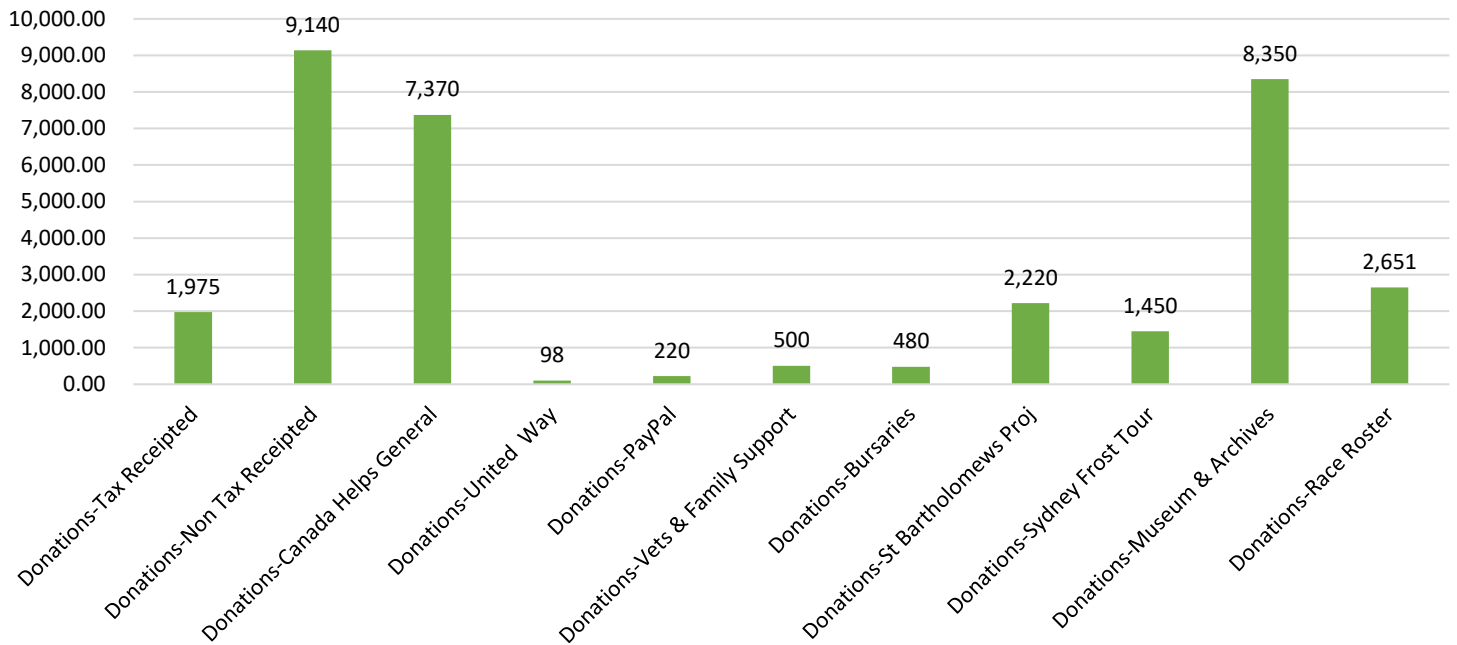
Multi-period Balance Sheet

	December 2022	December 2023
ASSET		
Current Assets		
Cash Bank NS	87.64	0.00
Cash BMO	35,977.01	0.00
Cash BMO	0.00	46,570.73
Investment - Mutual Funds	906,498.36	955,619.35
GST Rebate Receivable	1,161.64	0.00
Total Current Assets	943,724.65	1,002,190.08
Total Assets	943,724.65	1,002,190.08
TOTAL ASSET	943,724.65	1,002,190.08
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	6,072.00	6,072.00
GST Paid on Purchases	0.00	-659.77
Current Liabilities total	6,072.00	5,412.23
Liabilities		
St Bartholomews Project Deferred	1,720.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	1,720.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITY	7,792.00	5,412.23
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings		
Fund Balance	1,065,389.74	935,932.65
Current Earnings	-129,457.09	60,845.20
Total Retained Earnings	935,932.65	996,777.85
TOTAL EQUITY	935,932.65	996,777.85
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	943,724.65	1,002,190.08

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Income and Expense Graphs

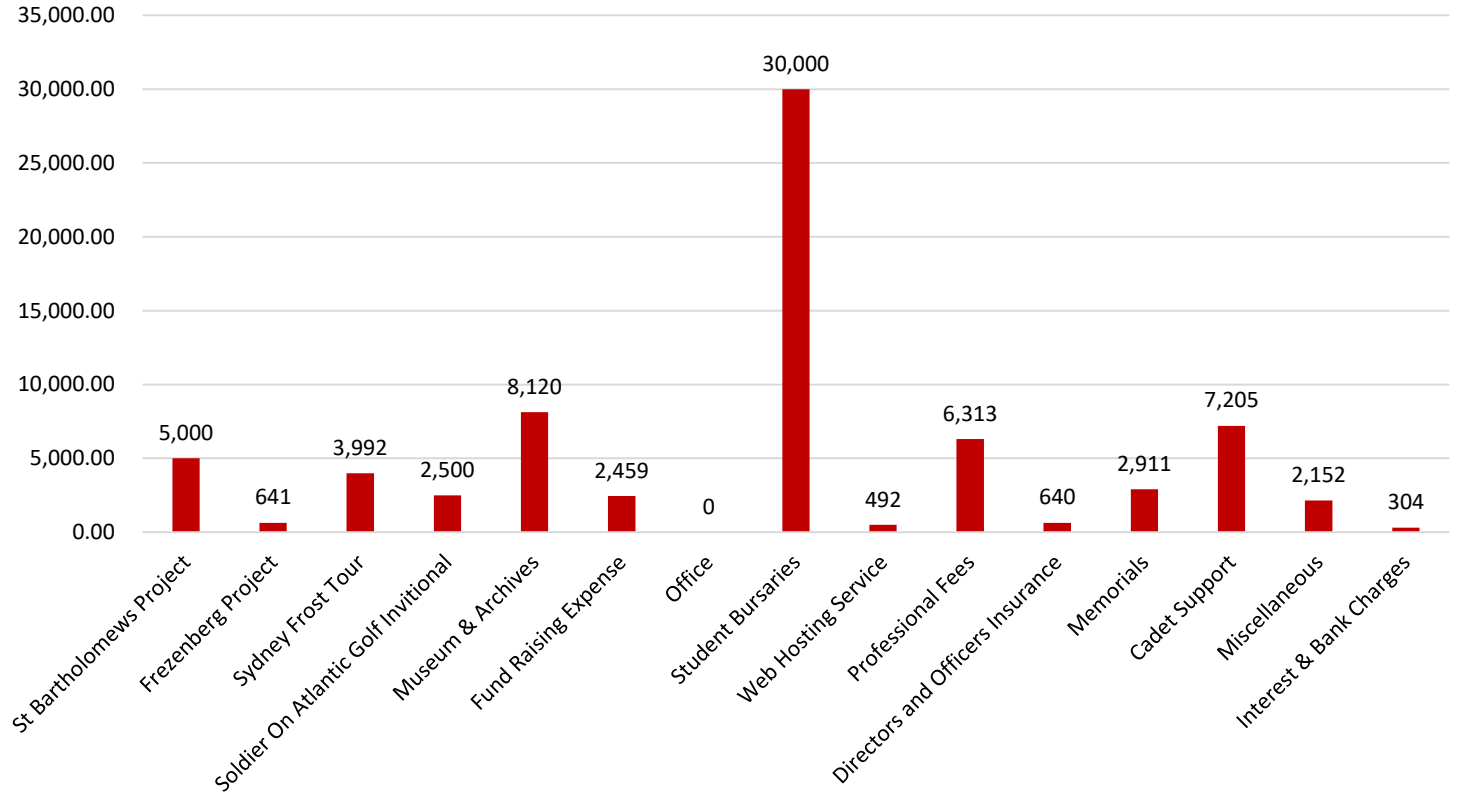
1 January - 31 December 2023

Revenue



Total Revenue less Investment Gain: \$34,454 Investment Gain: \$118,120

Expenses



Total Expenses less Investment Loss: \$72,729 Investment Loss: \$18,999

Investment Gain - Loss: \$99,121
Total Net Income/Loss: \$60,845

ROR: 11.17%

Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

31 registrations as of 1 Jan 24. (12 Couples) anticipate at least 4 more pers

In process of coordinating detailed plans with respective Italian contacts at each location

19 May – **1 Cdn Div Memorial** near Sugar Beach Ispica

- Sydney Frost Miniature medals completed \$313.95
 - 125th Cdn Centennial Medal and Queen's Silver Jubilee Inverted
- Family have approved of bio and photo
- Shadow box to be completed by 17 Mar 24
- Bring to Sicily as part of carry-on baggage

**English
Narrative**



**Italian
Narrative**



Presentato ai cittadini di Ispica e al Museo dei Carabinieri dalla Princess Patricia's
Canadian Light Infantry il 19 maggio 2024

Presented to the citizens of Ispica and Carabinieri Museum by the Princess Patricia's
Canadian Light Infantry on 19 May 2024

20 May – Leonforte Memorial

- found and to be installed by April, compliments of Steve Gregory
- Paul to draft thank you letter from HGMF

Leonforte

21–22 July 1943 | 21–22 luglio 1943 | 21–22 juillet 1943

On 21 July 1943, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attacked Leonforte and was quickly cut-off and surrounded by German forces. The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), supported by a tank troop from the Trois-Rivières Regiment and anti-tank guns from the 90th Anti-Tank Battery, fought their way through to the LER on the morning of 22 July, and by 4:30 pm, had liberated the majority of the hillside town from the Germans. This was the first major engagement of the Patricias in World War II, at a cost of 19 killed and 40 wounded.

Tragically during the battle 18 Leonforte citizens were killed and others wounded.

Il 21 luglio 1943, il Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attaccò Leonforte e fu rapidamente contrattaccato e circondato dalle forze tedesche. Il Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) supportato da una truppa di carri armati del reggimento Trois-Rivières e da cannoni anticarro della 90a Batteria anticarro, si fece strada fino al Loyal Edmonton la mattina del 22 luglio e per le 16:30 aveva liberato dai tedeschi la maggior parte della cittadina collinare.

Questo fu il primo grande scontro dei Patricias nella Seconda guerra mondiale, il cui costo fu di 19 morti e 40 feriti.

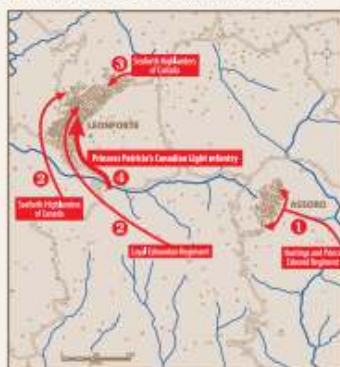
Tragicamente, durante la battaglia, 18 cittadini leonfortesi furono uccisi e altri rimasero feriti.

Le 21 juillet 1943, le Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attaque Leonforte et est rapidement encerclé et isolé par les forces allemandes. Le matin du 22 juillet, le Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), soutenu par une unité de chars du Régiment de Trois-Rivières et de canons antichars de la 90e batterie anti-char, se fraie un chemin jusqu'à la position du LER. À 16 h 30, le même jour, le Princess Patricia avait libéré des mains des Allemands la majorité de la ville située à flanc de colline. Ce fut le premier engagement majeur disputé par le régiment d'infanterie légère Princess Patricia pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, au prix de 19 morts et 40 blessés.

Au cours de la bataille, 18 citoyens de Leonforte ont été tués et d'autres ont été blessés.



1. The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment attack on Assoro, night 20–21 July 1943.
2. LER attacks Leonforte with Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Seaforths) in support 2100 hrs 21 July 1943.
3. Composite company of Seaforths move to cut off German retreat.
4. PPCLI supported by four tanks of the Trois-Rivières Regiment and anti-tank guns of the 90th Battery enter Leonforte at 0900 hrs, 22 July 1943 and complete the capture of the town.



1. Le régiment Hastings and Prince Edward attaque Assoro la nuit du 20 au 21 juillet 1943.
2. En soutien avec le régiment Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Seaforths), le LER attaque Leonforte le 21 juillet 1943 à 21 h.
3. Une compagnie mixte du Seaforths se déplace pour empêcher es troupes allemandes de battre en retraite.
4. Le PPCLI, appuyé par quatre chars du Régiment de Trois-Rivières et des canons antichars de la 90e batterie, entre dans Leonforte à 9 h du matin et achève la prise de la ville.

Paroli, Enrico, and Paul, Steve. "Leonforte." *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry*. Milan: Bizzini, 2014. 100-101. Print.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

23 May – Hitler Line – Signature event

- Wording completed
- Waiting on Map from Mike Bechthold
- Plaque to be delivered by 1 April
- Informally invited Senator Rebecca Patterson, OMM, MSM, CD to unveil
 - Retired Rear Admiral
 - Nursing Officer and first to be promoted to Rear Admiral
 - First female veteran appointed to the Senate
- Plan to invite Canadian Ambassador Elissa Goldberg, Military Attache
- Info VAC Community and Public Affairs
- Info Comd 1 Cdn Division
- Process of defining Italian Dignitaries

25 May – Villa Rogatti Memorial Service

- Plan to walk assault route

28 May - Gothic Line Osteria Nuova

- Graphic design phase has commenced
 - Awaiting confirmation from Italy ref wording
- Production to be completed by 18 March 2024
- Plaque to be delivered by 1 April
- Maple Tree has been planted and will have time to grow now to May 2024
- Suggest leaving a couple of extra Cdn flags with the local historian

Osteria Nuova

30 – 31 August 1944 | 30 – 31 agosto 1944

On 30 August 1944, the British VIII Army attacked the Gothic Line between Montecchio and Borgo Santa Maria. The Perth Regiment successfully infiltrated enemy lines between Osteria Nuova and Montecchio capturing Points 111 (Ca' Capriotti) and 147 (Ca' Grucchi). On 31 August, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) crossed the Foglia River despite the minefields and captured Osteria Nuova. Subsequently, with the assistance of 48th Royal Tank Regiment, they captured Points 115 (Ca' Lombardi) and 133 (Montecchiaro di Mezzo), thus breaching the Gothic Line. The PPCLI captured 231 German prisoners at a cost of 22 killed. Tragically Padre Keneim Edwin Eaton was amongst those killed.

The Germans forcibly removed the local population in order to prepare the defensive positions. Upon returning, numerous civilians died or were injured because of the explosives and mines left behind. The work of reclaiming the countryside, rebuilding the farms and Osteria Nuova continued for several years.



La popolazione locale, allontanata dalla zona all'inizio dell'estate, non subì perdite. Tuttavia al ritorno dallo sfollamento si ebbero tra i civili numerose vittime a causa dei numerosi ordigni disseminati nella vallata. L'opera di bonifica delle campagne, di ricostruzione dei casolari e dell'abitato di Osteria Nuova fu difficoltosa e si protrasse per diversi anni.

1. Nel pomeriggio del 30 agosto i Capriotti e i Grucchi tentano per due volte di conquistare i Punti 111 e 147. I tentativi sono costati loro la vita e si ritirano senza aver conquistato i punti.
2. Nel corso del pomeriggio del 30 agosto gli uomini del Perth Regiment riescono ad attraversare la vallata e minano il villaggio di Osteria Nuova. I 111 (Ca' Capriotti) e i 147 (Ca' Grucchi) sono conquistati.
3. Nel pomeriggio del 31 agosto la mattina del 1 agosto i PPCLI, con l'aiuto del 48th Royal Tank Regiment, riescono a conquistare i Punti 115 (Ca' Lombardi) e 133 (Montecchiaro di Mezzo), breccia la Linea Gotica.
4. Nella mattina del 31 agosto i PPCLI, supportati dal 48th Royal Tank Regiment, prendono Osteria Nuova, conquistando i punti 115 (Ca' Lombardi) e 133 (Montecchiaro di Mezzo).

For information only. This is not a historical document. It is a commemorative document. It is not a historical document. It is a commemorative document.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Need to confirm method for shipping Memorial Plaques to Italy

- Preferred Option 1 - Manufacturer direct to historians in Aquino and Osteria Nuova **\$1,390 plus taxes and duties**
- Option 2 – Ship to CF Military Attache in Rome via CAF postal system Ottawa and then arrange tpt to respective locations **\$560 plus taxes**
 - Email sent to LCol Simon Rushen Deputy Military Attache Italy

Constant Narrator, Maps and Battlefield notes – to be combined into one document

- Constant Narrator draft completed by Vince Kennedy
- Maps and historical notes by Karen and Doug
- Estimated printing cost \$500

Special requirements

Wreaths for I Cdn Div Memorial, Leonforte Memorial, Agria War Cemetery, Hitler Line, Villa Rogatti, Moro River War Cemetery, Gothic Line, Montecchio War Cemetery. To be purchased in Canada via RC Legion

3 Canadian flags (6 by 3) \$29.95 plus shipping and taxes (each)

Battlefield Commemorative plates

To be distributed to participants as part of read in package



2024 HGMF Budget updated

Revenue

Donations - Tax Receipted	35,000.00
Donations - Non-Tax Receipted (Note 1)	5,000.00
2022 Investment Income (Note 2)	35,000.00
Total Revenue	\$75,000.00

Disbursements

Administration

Office Expense	1,500.00
Accounting/Audit Fees (Projected)	6,000.00
Trustee Insurance (Projected)	750.00
Trustee Travel (Note 3)	3,000.00
Fund Raising Expense	750.00
Website Expense	500.00
Interest and Bank Charges	150.00
Sub-Total	12,650.00

Charitable Objects

Memorial Maintenance	1,000.00
100th Anniversary Time Capsule Refurbishment	1,000.00
110th Spouse's Oral History	2,000.00
110th Art Show	2,500.00
Student Bursaries (Note 4)	20,500.00
Cadet Support (Note 5)	8,500.00
Sicily/Italy Memorials	12,960.00
Sicily/Italy Cadet Travel (Note 6)	
<i>Veterans and Family Support</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>
Mental Health and Peer Support training (Note 7)	3,500.00
<i>Donations to Qualified Donees (Note 10)</i>	
Sub-Total	61,960.00

Total Disbursements (Note 9)	\$74,610.00
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Revenue over Expenditures	\$390.00
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Notes:

1. Donation of \$5,000 to HGMF for Bursaries from PPCLI Association.

2. Unrealized gain from HGMF investments for 2022 was -\$121,356. Past practice has been to budget 50% of the unrealized gain from two years prior. Proposed that up to \$30,000 from investments be used if required.
3. Trustees will be reimbursed to a max of \$750 for expenses to attend the AGM. Receipts must be provided.
4. \$30,000 for Bursaries and \$500 for admin.
5. \$1,000 top Cadet Corps and \$250 for keeper plaque, engraving, etc. \$7,250 Financial support for Cadet Corps outside of Alberta.
6. This activity has not yet been approved by CRA. If approved will require targeted fundraising.
8. Funding to support conduct on MHFA and one Compassionate Listening Skills workshop.
9. Disbursement quota will be approximately \$50K.

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HGMF Fundraising Report 1 January – 31 December 2023

In 2023 a total of \$36,664.50 was donated to the HGMF as follows:

Tax receipted donations	\$ 1,975.00
Non Tax Receipted donations ¹	\$ 9,140.00
Donations Canada Helps	\$12,031.00
United Way	\$ 97.50
Pay Pal	\$ 220.00
St Bartholomew's Window	\$ 2,220.00
Lady Patricia's Medals	\$ 8,350.00
Race Roster	
108 th Regimental Bike Ride	<u>\$ 2,651.00</u>
Total	\$36,664.50

The 109th Regimental Bike Ride raised \$3,116 with funds deposited via Canada Helps or Race Roster. The 110th Regimental Bike Ride will be conducted on Saturday 10 August 2024 and will be the last one.

Total fundraising expenses were \$2,459.29.

HGMF Trustees are strongly encouraged to make a donation to the HGMF.

Paul Hale
Fundraising Chair

¹ Donations from PPCLI Association Casino \$5000, Saskatchewan \$739, Atlantic \$2,124 and Kingston \$1,277 Branches.



HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) is named after Brigadier Andrew Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, Founder of the PPCLI. It is a registered charitable organization that supports the Regiment and the Regimental Family.



Bonnie Robertson (Fundraising Chair), Rev. Cathy Davis (Clergy), Dave Pentney (Chair HGMF)

On March 12, 2023, the Chair of the HGMF, in the company of several Patricia's, had the honour of presenting St. Bartholomew's Church with the final \$5,000 cheque to complete our \$25,000 commitment towards the restoration of the church's stained-glass window. There is a very strong Patricia connection with this church, and this stained-glass window, even though it dates back more than a century.



Front (L to R) Al Johnson, Tony Anderson, Vince Kennedy
Rear (L to R) Greg Bell, Dave Pentney, John de Chastelaine, Don Dalziel

The HGMF held its Annual General Meeting at Niagara-on-the Lake on May 13, 2023 in conjunction with the PPCLI Association AGM. We thanked outgoing Trustees Stan Stapleford and Jamie Hammond for their contribution and welcomed Pete Hofman, Bryan Bailey and Shawn McKinstry as new members to the Board of Trustees.

We continued to support PPCLI-affiliated Cadet Corps and congratulate 2837 PPCLI RCACC Yellowknife for winning the 2022/2023 HGMF Cadet Corps Trophy competition. We were also pleased to provide grants of \$2,000 each to 553 Sgt Tommy Prince MM PPCLI RCACC Winnipeg, 2837 PPCLI RCACC Yellowknife, and 2943 PPCLI RCACC Campbell River.

The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund sponsored a hole at the Soldier On Golf Tournament again this year. The Atlantic Branch of the Association benefits from this sponsorship by being able to enter a team in the tournament. The tournament was held at the Royal Oaks golf course in Moncton, NB on August 3, 2023.

In July we were made aware that Lady Patricia's Medal Group was up for auction in Great Britain. The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund led the fundraising effort, collecting \$8,120 through a GoFundMe campaign and personal donations. The money we raised, with the PPCLI Association's help, was donated to the Patricia Fund which executed the purchase and provided the balance of the funding. The medal group is now with RHQ, with the unveiling planned to be part of the 110th Anniversary celebrations.

Greg Bell successfully completed the 109th Anniversary Bike Ride fundraiser on August 10, 2023, raising \$3,116 for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. Greg began this initiative in 2020 with the 106th Anniversary edition. The 106th to 109th Anniversary Bike Ride fundraisers have raised a total of \$31,674, of which 37.6 % or \$11,900 was raised by Greg Bell with outstanding support from the Ottawa Branch of the PPCLI Association. The 110th Anniversary Bike Ride fundraiser in 2024 will be the final edition of this event. We encourage all of you to either participate or sponsor a participant to make this final edition a resounding success.

The HGMF Bursary Selection Committee sat on Saturday, 14 August 2023 at the St Albert Legion. The Selection Committee consisted of Pete Hofman (Bursary Vice-Chair) and Derek Prohar (Bursary Chair) and PPCLI Association members Bill Dickson, George Arndt, Herb Kenney, Tim Penney, Paul Wiseman, and Malcolm Thompson. A total of 29 applications were received prior to the deadline, the quality of the candidates was outstanding!

The following 10 individuals who scored the highest in relation to the listed criteria, the bursaries they received, and the respective amounts are as follows:

Steven Campbell : Hamilton Gault – Founder: \$4,500
Blake Pelquin : Princess Patricia: \$4,500
Connor Elliot: Lady Patricia: \$4,500
Megan Campbell: Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund: \$2,500
Lucas Bryson: Landing in Sicily: \$2,500
Marley Waugh: Leonforte: \$2,500
Remington Bracher: Agira: \$2,500
Jannelle Sawyer: Sicily 1943: \$2,500
Hailey Putnam: Sidney Frost: \$2,500
Megan Barden: Pte Cousins: \$1,500

St John the Baptist Church at Mersham, England is the final resting place of our second Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia. It is a site of Regimental significance and deserving of our support. The church has two inside plaques: a central one for Lady Patricia; and a second one for her husband Lord John. In November the HGMF purchased a three-year subscription for GBP 150 to the “Friends of Mersham Church” to assist in the maintenance of the church and its grounds.

The Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour will take place 16 to 31 May 2024. 29 individuals are currently registered, and we easily accommodate another 10. The tour will start in Sicily where the Regiment conducted an amphibious assault on 10 July 1943. We will present a replica set of Sydney Frost’s medals to the Carabinieri Museum in Ispica and dedicate a Regimental Memorial at Leonforte. The tour will then transition to Italy, where it will follow the Regiment’s battles as they fought as part 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. On 23 May, we will dedicate a Memorial at Hitler Line on the 80th Anniversary of the battle. It was the worst day for 1 Canadian Division during World War II. The Battalion started the day with 324 men and by 1600 hrs, 77 were left standing. The tour will culminate with the dedication of a third Memorial at Osteria Nuova and the opportunity to visit Venice. Additional information can be found at <https://hgmf.ca/>.

Finally, the HGMF made a \$2,500 donation to the Canadian Airborne Forces Association to support it Cyprus 2024 Commemoration project.

VP!

Dave Pentney

Chair

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund