



## HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND

### 2024 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.

2024 was another active year for the HGMF with the Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour in Sicily and Italy being one highlight and the Regiment's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being another. The Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour took place 16-31 May 2024. This was a well planned and informative tour that was enlightening for the 33 participants that attended. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Paul Hale's detailed planning, dedication and plain hard work in putting this outstanding program together. Paul, thank you!



*HGMF Cheque presentation to Veterans Association Food Bank Edmonton, Assistant Manager Joe MacAulay by Donna Campbell*



*HGMF Cheque presentation to Courageous Companions Chair John Dugas, by Donna Campbell*

During the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Edmonton the HGMF contributions to securing Lady Patricia's medal set were noted at the dedication of those medals as were our contributions to the rededication of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule, the Spouse's Oral History project, and the 110<sup>th</sup> PPCLI Art Show. The HGMF also hosted the HGMF/PPCLI Foundation Dinner, to formally mark the wind-up of the PPCLI Foundation and the transferring of its assets to the HGMF. Following the closure of the Edmonton 110<sup>th</sup> activities, the HGMF held its AGM at the St. Albert Inn on 21 June 2024. During the meeting we welcomed Alex Gault as a new Trustee.

The HGMF assumed responsibility for the Personal Legacy Stone Project from the PPCLI Foundation this year. Eight Legacy Stones were installed at Patricia Park at the end of July. The HGMF will also perpetuate the PPCLI Foundation's For the Soldier Legacy Fund. This fund operates as an endowment with donations being invested in perpetuity, with investment income being used to support charitable activities.

The HGMF Bursary Selection Committee sat on Wednesday, 20 Aug24. There was a total of 24 applicants for the six available bursaries that ranged in value from \$2,000 to \$4,500. Bursaries were awarded as follows:

Kathleen Grant: Hamilton Gault – Founder: \$4,500  
Megara Leo: Princess Patricia: \$4,000  
Marlene Waugh: Lady Patricia: \$4,000  
Kadence Johnson: Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund: \$3,000  
Priscilla Tiett: The Moro: \$2,500  
Damien Garcia-Smith: The Hitler Line: \$2,000

Congratulations to the winning applicants and thank you to the members of the Bursary Selection Committee for volunteering your time for this important task.

At the end of December 2024, the HGMF had expended over \$59,000 on charitable activities and received \$46,540 in donations. Thanks once again to Greg Bell for leading the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bike ride fundraiser, the riders and donors that collectively raised \$11,826.

Dave Pentney  
Chair  
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund