



# BRANCH REPORT

## BR51 | York Branch

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Annual General Meeting

April 21, 2021  
(online)  
10:30-12:00

Guest Speaker:  
Andrew Hau, Collette

#### Branch Board Meeting (online)

April 06, 2021  
May 04, 2021  
June 01, 2021

Members welcome. For  
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### President's message

This is written in early January, and most of Ontario is in confinement for most of the month. This has been a bleak time for us all, and a very difficult time for some. One can have too much "peace and quiet". We are looking forward to the magic vaccines which will drive away the menacing COVID-19, while dreading the news that always seem to announce the worst.

We will get through this, and perhaps by March things will be looking up. The terrible Spanish flu came and killed so many, but it went, and eventually so will the current threat. Then perhaps we will look back and see how things could have been handled better, as surely could have been the case. The pandemic could have been stopped earlier. Complacency was surely a problem. Perhaps the social measures to control the very real danger could have been better conceived. Sometimes we were all complying with restrictions while feeling like grade school children submitting to general punishment because of the acts of a few, or like juveniles not trusted to care for ourselves. And there is some risk that politicians have been learning to **like** limiting activities, "for our own good".

Sincerely, Fred Conway

*Branch President*

PARTNER BANNER





*York Branch Commemorative Trophy*

## York Branch - What we did in 2020

For 2020, NAFR activities have been much restricted, at least as regards the general membership. Our Ottawa staff, the national Board, and most Branch Boards have been busy working remotely and effectively. As for NAFR York, the Board met regularly by Zoom, and we held our general meetings the same way including the 2020 Annual General Meeting. Frank Froude has taken on the Web Editor role, and we now have a Branch website in the NAFR family. Sharon Carson has assumed the role of Advocacy lead (Project 338) and has started establishing contact with local MPs. Tom Nichols has taken on the Treasurer role, and all Board members are helping to cover off all his previous activities as Branch President. Sadly, the social aspect has been largely lost – meeting by Zoom is just not the same. And communications with our members who do not have e-mail or high-speed internet has been almost lost. All we have to reach such members are the twice-yearly newsletters in SAGE.

We are looking forward to a gradual resumption of “normal” operations, but most likely not until the fall.

## Branch AGM 2021

Our AGM in April will have to be online. Our own thinking has been pre-empted by the decision of the National Board. The June Annual Meeting of Members (NAFR’s AGM) will also be online. Our AGM guest speaker will be Andrew Hau of Collette (NAFR preferred Travel Partner) – we’re thinking that members will be ready to think about travel as the lockdown nears the end. A preliminary version of the Branch financial information for the AGM has been included on the next pages. As can be seen, restricted activities has resulted in a healthy surplus. A 2020 surplus is an issue at all levels of NAFR – one response is that the planned 2021 dues increase (to allow for inflation) was cancelled.

If our AGM were in person, we would display our Branch Commemorative Trophy, which serves to recognize meritorious service to the Branch – so a picture of the trophy is included above.

## Activity Plans for 2021

These Plans are still in development – it’s hard to know how the year will unfold – though surely it will be better than 2020! Ideally, our Fall Members meeting should be a celebration of a “return to normal”.

We also need to recognize that a federal election is likely and after all the COVID spending our pensions may be a target again.

We’ll have our regular Board meetings – there is routine business – and we’re always open to more volunteers and prospective Board members. Watch our website – with meetings by Zoom it is very easy to drop in and look things over!



## NAFR York Branch - 2020 Finances

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>			
Fees	7251.54	\$5,069.32	\$7,500.00
Anticipated Fees		\$2,000.00	Estimated
Interest	56.19	\$21.94	50
Other Inc.	0	\$1.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7307.73</b>	<b>\$7,092.26</b>	<b>\$7,550.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Branch Meeting Expenses	2626.95	442.32	2800
Branch Advocacy	43.5	0	
Office Rental	300	150	300
Stationery / Supplies	876.94	540	800
Bank Charges	16.7	3.2	25
Branch Membership Recruitment & Equipment Expense	315.03		800
Regional / National Meeting Expenses	550		1000
Social Gatherings LESS Ticket Sales	1095		1200
Honoraria / Salaries / Prof. Fees	0		200
Tickets / Pins / Promotions	0	100	0
Other Travel	0		50
Miscellaneous	1000	1	50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7135.97</b>	<b>\$1,548.37</b>	<b>\$7,225.00</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>171.76</b>	<b>\$5,543.89</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>

Note 1: 2020 results are near final and once complete will be reviewed by Michael Yee.

Note 2: 2021 budget was approved at the April AGM before full consequences of COVID 19 were known



# Financial Statement York Branch

To Dec 31 2020

## Assets

Assets - Savings	\$9,683.28	\$15,519.84	
Assets - Computer & Equipment	\$676.45	\$364.60	
Assets - Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Assets - Other	\$2,349.41	\$368.59	Hall rental prepaid
Assets - other Q4 fees		\$2,000.00	Estimated
	<b>\$12,709.14</b>	<b>\$18,253.03</b>	

## Liabilities

Liabilities - Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Liabilities - Future Year Fees	\$967.80	\$967.80	estimated
Year end expenses			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$967.80</b>	<b>\$967.80</b>	

## Net Assets

**\$11,741.34    \$17,285.23**

## Reserved

			Max
Reserved Equity - Advocacy (Branch)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
Reserved Equity - Defense of benefits (National)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
Reserved Equity - Equipment	\$1,854.77	\$1,854.77	\$2,700
Reserved Equity - Facilities	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000
<b>Total Reserved Equity</b>	<b>\$3,854.77</b>	<b>\$7,854.77</b>	

## Unreserved

Unreserved Equity	\$7,714.81	\$3,886.57	
<b>Operating Surplus (Loss)</b>	<b>\$171.76</b>	<b>\$5,543.89</b>	
<b>Total Unreserved</b>	<b>\$7,886.57</b>	<b>\$9,430.46</b>	

## Total Equity

**\$11,741.34    \$17,285.23**

Current year Equity = prior year Net Assets +/- current year Earnings (Loss)