

NAFR York Branch Meeting
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Tuesday October 1, 2024 (Hybrid)
Aurora Legion 105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora Ont.

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President (Zoom) ; John MacPhee, Treasurer; Linda Laffree, Membership; Frank Froude, Web Editor (Zoom); Vasdev Sawhney, Advocacy; Keith Chang, Director-at-large; Ed Millar, Director-at-Large; Joe Vettesse, Director-at-Large (Zoom): *Recording Secretary - Linda*

1. Review and Approval of Agenda: Approval moved by Vasdev, seconded by Keith.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2024: Approval moved by Ed, seconded by Vasdev.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes: Report for September sent by Fred to Ottawa; e-blast sent to members informing of change of FMM date from October 22 to October 29; Vasdev and Fred will be attending the upcoming Fall District Meeting Oct. 23 - 24. John is to check with Legion if room is available for April 15 (AGM) - John confirmed date available and booked.

4. Review of Board Positions: Volunteers are needed to fill the following positions - Secretary, and, Event Coordinator (Keith kindly agreed to undertake the Event Coordinator role); Fred will consider asking one of the Directors to undertake the Secretary role.

5. Reports:

(a) President: **(i)** Fred highlighted: Oct 1 is National Seniors Day; **(ii)** overview of Sept. Bulletin to Branches: Board approved new strategic Plan; NAFR looking at Consultant to look at governance; Restructuring Committee focused on Quebec District plan, branch boundaries and branch services to members; 3 tier advocacy concept which outlines branch directors to handle provincial advocacy while branches handle municipal advocacy; **(iii)** potential that Public Services and Procurement Canada will assist with NAFR pensioner communications; **(iv)** NAFR representatives cannot attend political events requiring a paid ticket; **(v)** SAGE looking at deleting section "Cross-Canada Roundup" feature due to lack of submissions from Branches; **(vi)** to honour 2024 Veterans Week (Nov 5 - 11) branch

to consider ordering a wreath for the Legion; **(vii)** GoodLife Fitness is a new preferred partner.

(b) Treasurer: Bank Account: John confirmed that he and Fred can access the Branch bank account; review of the bank account indicates all issued cheques have been cashed; there is a healthy balance of funds in the account; and confirmed there are some minor discrepancies between CRM data and the bank account due to timing issues. **Financial Statements:** Tom noticed there is a discrepancy on the statement; John to double check the discrepancy and he and Tom will work out the issue prior to presentation at the upcoming FMM.

(c) Membership: Linda reported the Branch had 977 active members at Sept. 30th, up slightly from the previous report. Overall, the number of active members remains fairly steady. Six recently joined (1 partner member; 1 single and 2 doubles); and 32 lost contacts.

(d) Website Editor: Frank noted revisions to the website have been scrutinized and affirmative report has been submitted to HQ - no response received as yet; archive section will become populated; correct "address" for branch mail to be included on website.

(e) Advocacy: Vas will be attending advocacy sub-meeting at upcoming District Meeting.

6. Fall District Meeting: Dates confirmed Oct. 22 -23; Fred and Vas attending.

(a) Agenda item - Filek issue - CRA, GST and Branch luncheons - not discussed due to time constraints.

7. FMM Planning: Fred will provide updates to members and John will present Treasurer's report; no minutes required as not a business meeting; Legion will supply coffee pre-meeting; review of FMM Planning & Organization document and assignment of duties; document to be updated by Fred and sent to the board members.

8. New Business: Nil

9. Next Board Meeting: November 5, 9:30 am, via Zoom

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, John; second, Keith.