

Good afternoon, Friends of the Canadian War Museum

Bonjour, vous les Amis du Musée canadien de la guerre

Thank you for joining us at this Annual Members Meeting (AMM). As Friends, you, the members are the backbone of our federally incorporated registered charity and today you are participating in its governance

Merci de vous joindre à nous à cette assemblée annuelle des membres, En tant qu'Amis, vous, les membres, êtes l'épine dorsale de notre organisme de bienfaisance enregistré constitué en société fédérale et aujourd'hui, vous participez à sa gouvernance.

This meeting focuses on our work in the fiscal year ending March 31 of the current year. You have all received my annual report electronically and those who do not have access to the electronic report have received a hard copy. I will not repeat its details here today, except to emphasize that it embraces the themes of sustainment, development, success and appreciation. Recognizing that we are now almost halfway through the current fiscal year, I will also provide an update on the current activity.

I do want to stress that once again, the work of the entire year was carried out in the face of the continuing restraint imposed by the pandemic. In my report, I remind us of our purpose as a charitable corporation and our established strategic objectives and it is safe to say we delivered against objectives and had a successful year. Donor and membership support were not only sustained but were strengthened and we did well financially. Under the leadership of your Board of Directors together with the support of members and donors we continued to contribute to the Canadian War Museum. As mentioned in my report, we made a significant financial donation in July last year embracing our efforts over two years; in my report, you will have seen the image and the smiles of appreciation.



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As you know, the mandatory business items of this annual members meeting are to accept the professionally reviewed financial statements, appoint the independent external reviewer for the current fiscal year, and very importantly, to appoint the slate of directors. On this fundamental governance matter, the work of refining our corporate structure has continued and at this meeting you will be presented with a leaner slate of directors for your consideration together with the request that you approve the supporting revisions to our foundational documents. This leaner board will focus on oversight and control and more of the executive management will be conducted through the supporting committees accountable to the board. At the first meeting of your new board its principal order of business will be to appoint the corporate officers.

By way of a current update, we continue to develop and refine, to strengthen financial position and to build constituency of support, interest, donation and membership. These are hugely enabled by our highly successful newsletter which has almost tripled its readership in one year, by our excellent website and by the renewal of our popular Friends forum permitting both on-site and virtual outreach.

Financially we continue to remain in a sound sustainable position and due to the generosity of donors and members we made another significant financial donation of \$100K last month (you will have seen the image sent with the material for today's meeting and once again the smiles tell the story). This donation supports, the Research Fellowship Project, The Supply Line educational outreach program, the CWM support to this year's Remembrance Day event and to veterans' parking. I want to stress that these particular targets result from contribution agreements developed jointly with the CWM based on their particular needs.



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Financièrement, nous continuons à rester dans une position saine et durable et , grâce à la générosité des donateurs et des membres, nous avons fait un autre don financier important de 100 000 \$ le mois dernier (vous aurez vu l'image envoyée avec le matériel pour la réunion d'aujourd'hui et encore une fois, les sourires racontent l'histoire). Ce don soutient le projet de bourses de recherche, le programme de sensibilisation éducative 'Supply Line, le soutien à l'événement du MCG au jour du Souvenir, et au stationnement pour les anciens combattants. Je tiens à souligner que ces objectifs particuliers résultent d'accords de contribution élaborés conjointement avec le MCG en fonction de leurs besoins particuliers.

Dear Friends, thank you for continuing to stay the course. Collectively we all share in the significant efforts and achievements all of which are products of your commitment. I have expressed this personal sentiment many times in many ways and will do so again: our work is on the side of the angels, it's an easy sell but nothing would be achieved without your continuing support.

Thank you so much for joining in and for your commitment and support.
Merci beaucoup de votre engagement et de votre soutien.

Please stay with us; we need you!

I would be pleased to take your questions or comments.



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