

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

29 August 2024

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



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ATTENDEES:

Berkley Lawrence	-	Dominion President
John Mahon	-	Dominion First Vice President
Sharon McKeown	-	Dominion Vice President
Valerie MacGregor	-	Dominion Vice President
Garry Pond	-	Dominion Vice President
Bill Chafe	-	Dominion Chair
Jill Carleton	-	Dominion Treasurer
Larry Murray	-	Dominion Grand President
Bruce Julian	-	Immediate Past President
Craig Thomson	-	BC/YT Command President
Rosalind LaRose	-	AB-NT Command President
Carol Pedersen	-	SK Command President
Ernie Tester	-	MB & NWO Command President
Derek Moore	-	ON Command President
Tony Chevalier	-	NB Command President
Don McCumber	-	NS/NU Command President
Jack MacIsaac	-	PE Command President
Gerald Budden	-	NL Command President
Dan Redden	-	TVS Special Section President
Trevor Jenvenne	-	OSI Special Section President
Blaine Kiley	-	Chair R & A Committee
Dave Gordon	-	Chair C & L Committee
Andrea Siew	-	Chair D & S Committee

ABSENT

Tom Irvine	-	QC Command President
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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Steven Clark	-	National Executive Director
Randy Hayley	-	Director Corporate Service and Strategic Planning
Lia Taha Cheng	-	Director Poppy & Remembrance
Carolyn Hughes	-	Director Veterans Services
Tara Diamond	-	Director Supply
Dion Edmonds	-	Director Marketing & Communications
Oksana Gorelova	-	Director Financial Services
Jason Duprau	-	General Manager Canvet
Kelly Therien	-	Executive Assistant
Amanda Black	-	Manager, Member Services

ANNEXES:

- Annex A - Grand President's Remarks
- Annex B - Medals and Bars

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ITEM 1: LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / OPENING RITUAL

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council opened at 0900 hours on Saturday, 29 August 2024.

ITEM 2: SEATING OF NEW MEMBERS

New DEC members were welcomed.

ITEM 3: GRAND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Grand President's remarks are at Annex A.

ITEM 4: DOMINION PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Dominion President welcomed all returning and new DEC members. He noted the importance of delegate decision on a number of topics, with emphasis on the significance of the EDI Statement approval. He advised members of their Committee appointments.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF SIGNING OFFICERS/APPROVAL OF BANKING

The three recommendations were carried.

MOTION: It is recommended that those officers elected at the 2024 Dominion Convention be approved as signing authorities.

CARRIED

MOTION: It is recommended that the following Legion Headquarters staff be approved as signing authorities.

- a. National Executive Director
- b. Director Corporate Services and Strategic Planning
- c. Director Veterans' Services
- d. Director Supply
- e. Director Finance
- f. Director Marketing and Communications
- g. Director Poppy & Remembrance

CARRIED

MOTION: It is recommended that Dominion Command be authorized to maintain its existing banking arrangements with the Bank of Montreal.

CARRIED

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ITEM 6: DOMINION CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS - REVIEW

Randy Hayley provided a summary of the arrangements and accomplishments, highlighting the modernization of convention operations: online registration, electronic convention reports and resolutions book, electronic voting. DEC appreciation was extended to the Legion HQ staff and LAC.

ITEM 7: FUTURE MEETINGS AND DEC ADMINISTRATION

The next DEC meeting is scheduled for 23 November 2024. It will be held at Legion House in the Victory Boardroom. Arrangements regarding travel, accommodation and committee reports were reviewed; full details were provided with the Agenda.

ITEM 8: MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

Upcoming events for 2024 and 2025 were reviewed.

ITEM 9: MEDALS AND BARS / OTHER BUSINESS

The Medals and Bars report is attached at Annex B.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council was adjourned at 10:40 am

Dominion Chair



National Executive Director

GRAND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO POST-CONVENTION DEC, 29 AUGUST, 2024

THANK YOU, COMTADE CHAIR

GOOD MORNING, COMRADES

I WAS HAPPY BUT NOT SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT CONVENTION IN ALL RESPECTS THAT FOCUSED ON IMPORTANT ISSUES AND INCLUDED A NUMBER OF FIRSTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON A BIG BRAVO ZULU AND SINCERE APPRECIATION TO NEW BRUNSWICK COMMAND FOR THEIR GREAT WORK WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO COMRADE TONY, THE COMMAND PRESIDENT AND TO COMRADE TERRY, THE LAC CHAIR AS WELL AS TO THEIR FINE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SIMILAR APPRECIATION AND PRAISE TO OUR FORMER DOMINION PRESIDENT, COMRADE BRUCE, AS WELL AS OUR DOMINION CHAIR, COMRADE BILL, AND TO COMRADE STEVEN, COMRADE RANDY AND THE ENTIRE DOMINION COMMAND STAFF TEAM , WHO ALSO PLAYED ESSENTIAL ROLES IN THE PLANNING, PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND VERY IMPORTANT EVENT.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND VERY BEST WISHES TO COMRADE BERKLEY AS HE "TAKES THE HELM" OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION AS DOMINION PRESIDENT.

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL TO COMRADES JOHN, SHARON, VALERIE AND GARRY AS YOU ALSO TAKE ON IMPORTANT ROLES ON THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM OF THE LEGION; TO COMRADE JILL ON YOUR ELECTION AS DOMINION TREASURER AND TO COMRADE BILL ON THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE THAT YOU RECEIVED TO CONTINUE AS DOMINION CHAIR.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH COMRADE BERKLEY AND THE REST OF YOU IN THE COMING MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE LEGION TWO YEARS FROM NOW.

THERE IS MUCH TO DO BUT WHEN I LOOK AT THE TALENT, DEDICATION AND EXPERIENCE AROUND THIS TABLE, I KNOW THAT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IS IN VERY GOOD HANDS.

IT IS A REAL HONOUR TO SERVE WITH ALL OF YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES MY OPENING REMARKS.

THANKS VERY MUCH, COMRADES, AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD TRIP HOME.

ITEM 11: MEDALS AND BARS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medal</u>	<u>Bar</u>	<u>Due</u>
Bruce Julian	President Pin		Aug. 2024
	Past President		
		Dominion Convention	
Berkley Lawrence		Vice President	Aug. 2024
Rosalind Larose	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Membership	
Daryl Alward	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Poppy & Remembrance	
Gerald Budden	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		C&L	
Bill Chafe		Dominion Convention	Aug. 2024
Tony Chevalier	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Ritual & Awards	
Dave Gordon	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		C&L	
Jack Maclsaac	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
Trevor Jenvenne	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		VSS	
Derek Moore	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Poppy & Remembrance	
Don McCumber	Past Officer	Dominion	May 2025
		Councillor	
		Ritual & Awards	Aug. 2024

Peter Merola	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Poppy & Remembrance	
		TVS	
Carol Pedersen	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Poppy & Remembrance	
Ernie Tester	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Poppy & Remembrance	
Donna McRury	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Public Relations	
Karen Kuzek	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Public Relations	
Carolyn McCaul	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Public Relations	
Tom Young	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Public Relations	
John Yeo		Public Relations	Aug. 2024
Andrea Siew	Past Officer	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Councillor	
		Defence	
Mindy Pearson	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Defence	
Brendan Heffernan	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Defence	
Brian Sauve	Past Committee	Dominion	Aug. 2024
		Defence	