

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

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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:

Sharon McKeown	-	Dominion President
John (Jack) MacIsaac	-	Dominion First Vice President
Valerie MacGregor	-	Dominion Vice President
Trevor Jenvenne	-	Dominion Vice President
Derek Moore	-	Dominion Vice President
Bill Chafe	-	Dominion Chair
Jill Carleton	-	Dominion Treasurer
Larry Murray	-	Dominion Grand President
Berkley Lawrence	-	Immediate Past President
Bob Underhill	-	BC/YT Command President
Dave Velichko	-	AB-NT Command President
Roberta Taylor	-	SK Command President
Robert Cutbush	-	MB & NWO Command President
Lynn McClellan	-	ON Command President
Harold Defazio	-	NB Command President
George Della-Valle	-	NS/NU Command President
David Doucette	-	PE Command President
Janis Boone	-	NL Command President
Craig Hood	-	OSI Special Section President
Blaine Kiley	-	Chair R & A Committee
Dave Gordon	-	Chair C & L Committee
Andrea Siew	-	Chair D & S Committee
Gary Peters	-	1 st Vice-President BC/Yukon Command
Scott Sadler	-	1 st Vice-President ALTA-NWT Command
Nathan Hofmeister	-	1 st Vice-President SASK Provincial Command
Gail Conrad Davey	-	1 st Vice-President MAN & NWO Command
Harry Jackson	-	1 st President NS/NU Command

ABSENT

Luc Fortier	-	QC Command President
	-	TVS Special Section President

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Randy Hayley	-	National Executive Director
Steven Van Muyen	-	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

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Kelly Therien	-	Executive Assistant
Amanda Black	-	Manager, Member Services

ANNEXES:

Annex A	-	Grand President's Remarks
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ITEM 1: LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / OPENING RITUAL

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council opened at 0900 hours on Saturday, 27 August 2026.

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. She noted the importance of delegate decision on several topics, with emphasis on the significance of the EDI Statement approval. She 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 2026 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

ITEM 6: DOMINION CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS - REVIEW

Berkley Lawrence mentioned that the local arrangements committee ceremony and parade required improvement. He asked Dominion Command to consider getting involved with organization of the parade. Berkley had many comments about the seating on the floor that were strapped together.

Craig Hood said seating was strapped together due to building fire code.

Blaine Kiley mentioned that a Cadet collapsed on parade and with limited onsite aid to help.

Trevor Jenvenne went to assist the Cadet. There was no Cadet Officers around who were responsible for cadets.

Valerie MacGregor mentioned timing of workshops. The first three were perfect but the 4th could be delayed so people may eat.

Jill Carleton asked for a larger variety of food, especially healthy options.

Lynn McClellan mentioned Ontario Command was disappointed about not carrying Provincial Flags.

Harold Defazio said it was nice to have as many people as we did to attend the installation and perhaps, we can have a draw to encourage more people to stay.

Bob Underhill found parade assembly was disorganized and when the band turned the corner you could not hear. Requested speakers. It was noted unfortunately the speakers were not operational.

Sharon McKeown said that the preopening entertainment was extraordinary, but the Officers missed it due to assembling to be marched on.

Craig Hood said there was a lack of media coverage, especially for the 100th anniversary.

Dave Doucette Said he could not read font that was on the screen. Asked to enlarge the font.

Dave Velichko asked that the Poppy Store hours open later because the hours were the same as the business session.

Sharon McKeown asked if something could be done regarding the lighting on stage as it was directly in the eyes on people on stage. Found that the voices of speakers from the floor were projected forward.

Randy Hayley thought it was a fantastic convention and highlighted the complexity involved with so many moving pieces to the convention. Timings of workshops were tight because of the banquet gala. Sound was discussed and we will follow up to do what we can at the next convention.

Sharon McKeown was thankful to have staff available for Committee Chairs.

ITEM 7: FUTURE MEETINGS AND DEC ADMINISTRATION

The next DEC meeting is scheduled for 28 November 2026. 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 2026 and 2027 were reviewed.

ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Jill Carleton asked that you connect with your Committee Coordinator to make sure you are good with your budget.

Sharon McKeown will be looking at updating the Strategic plan for the next convention.

Larry Murray discussed an upcoming meeting with Gov't and Ukrainian officials on how best to provide support to war veterans and their families post conflict.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council was adjourned at 11:05 am

Dominion Chair



National Executive Director

GRAND PRESIDENT OPENING REMARKS FOR POST-CONVENTION DEC, 27 AUGUST, 2026

THANK YOU, COMRADE CHAIR.

GOOD MORNING, COMRADES. IT IS A REAL PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT INITIAL MEETING OF THE 'NEW' DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION.

THE 50TH DOMINION CONVENTION MARKING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, WAS OUTSTANDING AND THE RESULTS SET A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE LEGION HEADING INTO OUR SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE TO CANADA AND CANADIANS.

I WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON A HUGE BRAVO ZULU AND MY PERSONAL THANKS TO COMRADE RICK BENNETT, TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND TO MANITOBA/NORTH WEST ONTARIO COMMAND FOR THEIR GREAT WORK IN SUPPORT OF THIS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT CONVENTION.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SIMILAR APPRECIATION AND PRAISE TO OUR FORMER DOMINION PRESIDENT, COMRADE BERKLEY , AS WELL AS TO COMRADE RANDY, COMRADE STEVE, AND THE ENTIRE LEGION HOUSE STAFF "TEAM", WHO ALSO PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE PLANNING , PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND VERY IMPORTANT EVENT.

A BIG BRAVO ZULU AND MANY THANKS AS WELL TO COMRADE BILL, ABLY SUPPORTED BY COMRADE KEN AND COMRADE CAROLYN, FOR DOING SUCH A SUPERB JOB AS CONVENTION CHAIR.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL AS MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR "FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS" TO COMRADE SHARON AS SHE "TAKES THE HELM" OF THIS GREAT NATIONAL INSTITUTION.

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL TO COMRADES JACK, VALERIE, TREVOR AND DEREK AS YOU TAKE ON NEW AND IMPORTANT ROLES ON THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM OF THE LEGION AND TO COMRADE BILL AND COMRADE JILL ON THE VOTES OF CONFIDENCE YOU RECEIVED TO CONTINUE AS DOMINION CHAIR AND DOMINION TREASURER.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH COMRADE SHARON AND THE REST OF YOU IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THERE IS MUCH TO DO BUT I THINK THIS CONVENTION LAUNCHED US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR OUR SECOND CENTURY .

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

SPEAKING OF EXPERIENCE, ALTHOUGH ROLES WILL BE DIFFERENT, THIS DEC HAS EIGHT OF NINE SEOS RETURNING WITH TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING TOGETHER, LEADING UP TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY. THAT PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL CONTINUITY AND POTENTIAL FOR RAPID COHESION IN THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PROVINCIAL COMMAND AND SPECIAL SECTION CHAIRS ARE ENTERING THEIR SECOND YEAR TOO.

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

IN THAT REGARD , I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED AND HONOURED AS WEL AS COMPLETELY SURPRISED, BY THE AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP DURING THE CONVENTION. I SHALL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO COMRADE BERKLEY AND EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED. THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES MY OPENING REMARKS,

THANKS VERY MUCH, COMRADES, AND HAVE A GOOD TRIP HOME.