

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

25 - 26 APRIL 2026

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
Sharon McKeown	-	Dominion First Vice President
Bruce Julian	-	Immediate Past President
Valerie MacGregor	-	Dominion Vice President
Trevor Jenvenne	-	Dominion Vice President
Jack MacIsaac	-	Dominion Vice President
Bill Chafe	-	Dominion Chair
Jill Carleton	-	Dominion Treasurer
Larry Murray	-	Dominion Grand 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
Luc Fortier	-	QC Command President
Ron Bourque	-	NB Command 1 st Vice President
George Della-Valle	-	NS/NU Command President
David Doucette	-	PE Command President
Janis Boone	-	NL Command President
Danny Redden	-	TVS Special Section 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
Mai Hansson	-	BC/YT Administration Manager
Tammy Wheeler	-	AB-NT Executive Director
Cohen Rutledge	-	MB & NWO Assistant Executive Director
Pamela Sweeny	-	ON Provincial Executive Director
Paulette Cook	-	QC Provincial Executive Director
Terry Campbell	-	NB Provincial Executive Director
Carrie Hogan	-	NS/NU Provincial Executive Director
Brenda McMillan	-	PE Provincial Executive Director
Paul Hillier	-	NL Provincial Executive Director

ABSENT:

Chad Wagner	-	SK Provincial Executive Director
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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Randy Hayley	-	National Executive Director
Steven Van Muyen	-	Director Corporate Service
Carolyn Hughes	-	Director Veterans Services
Lia Taha Cheng	-	Director Poppy & Remembrance
Tara Diamond	-	Director Supply
Dion Edmonds	-	Director Marketing & Communications
Oksana Gorelova	-	Director Financial Services
Jason Duprau	-	General Manager Canvet
Kelly Therien	-	Executive Assistant
Jody Ryan	-	Executive Assistant
Nujma Bond	-	National Communications & Public Relations Manager
Amanda Black	-	Manager, Member Services
Richard Foot	-	Senior Staff Writer

ANNEXES:

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Annex B	-	Dominion President's Remarks
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ITEM 1: LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/OPENING RITUAL

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council opened at 0830 hours on Saturday, 25 April 2026.

ITEM 2: GRAND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Grand President's remarks are at Annex A.

ITEM 3: DOMINION PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Dominion President's remarks are at Annex B.

ITEM 4: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The administrative arrangements were presented as information only, at Annex C.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF MINUTES / ELECTRONIC DECISIONS

DEC last met on 22 November 2025. The minutes were distributed electronically.

MOTION: THAT the DEC minutes of 22 November 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

ITEM 6: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The National Executive Director presented his report, at Annex D.

ITEM 7: DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

The Dominion Treasurer presented her report, at Annex E. The draft audited financial statements are attached.

MOTION: THAT the 2025 Draft Financial Statements be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: THAT DEC recommend to Convention the reappointment of our current Auditors Deloitte LLP.

CARRIED

ITEM 8: COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

David Loveridge, Area Director for Canada, Americas and Pacific Area from Commonwealth War Graves Commission made a presentation.

ITEM 9: TRANSPORTATION COST

Transportation costs are reviewed annually, with detail at Annex F.

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MOTION: THAT the mileage rate for the use of privately owned vehicles on authorized Legion business be set at 73.0 cents/km, effective 1 May 2026.

CARRIED

MOTION: THAT the per diem rate for authorized Legion in-Canada travel be set as follows effective 1 May 2026:
Provinces at \$146.25, Yukon Territory at \$164.60, North West Territories at \$162.05 and Nunavut Territory at \$202.95

CARRIED

MOTION: THAT the per diem rate for authorized Legion international travel (including USA) be set at \$261.36 CAD effective 1 May 2026.

CARRIED

ITEM 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee

The Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee report was presented, attached at Annex G.

b. Poppy & Remembrance Committee

The Poppy & Remembrance Committee report was presented, attached an Annex H.

MOTION: That the Veteran Support Partnership Program funding request of \$33,000 from the Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund for the Femme Force program be approved for 2026.

CARRIED

MOTION: That the Veteran Support Partnership Program funding in the amount of \$49,900 for The Pepper Pod's EmpowHER program for 2026 be ratified, as previously approved in principle.

CARRIED

MOTION: That section 403.ii(g) of the Poppy Manual be amended to read:

Support of Cadet Units: (prior Provincial Command approval is required) Once a year, up to 20 percent of the balance *as of a date established by Provincial Command*, to support and encourage Cadet Units that have assisted the Branch with the Poppy Campaign or other Remembrance activities. Cadet units are defined as Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Air Cadets, Navy League Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers. An allotment

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would be for assistance to Cadet units, not reimbursements for individual expenses. See “Example” in Subsection 403.i.e.

DEFEATED

MOTION: That, effective 2026, the Poppy Campaign commence annually on 24 October and conclude on 11 November, and that the Poppy Manual and General By-Laws be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

c. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee report was presented, attached at Annex I.

d. Sports Committee

The Sports Committee report was presented, attached at Annex J.

e. Ritual and Awards Committee

The Ritual and Awards Committee report was presented, attached at Annex K. The resolution included in the report was withdrawn because this resolution will go to the Dominion Convention.

f. Constitution and Laws Committee

The Constitution and Laws Committee report was presented, attached at Annex L.

MOTION: That GBL Section 226 (Transfers) becomes Section 227. As a result, Section 226 will now read:

BSO LEGION OSI

a. *Ordinary or Associate Membership (as defined in GBL RCL) in the BSO Legion OSI is open to all RCL members in good standing who are:*

i. *A Veteran who is affected by an OSI or who has supported comrades with an OSI;*

ii. *The child, adopted child, stepchild, sibling, widow/widower, parent, or spouse of a Veteran who is affected by an OSI;*

iii. *A caregiver of a Veteran who is affected by an OSI; or*

iv. *A mental health practitioner specializing in OSI/PTSD that deal directly with Veterans and their families.*

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b. *Advisors:*

The BSO Legion OSI President may appoint advisor members of the BSO Legion OSI. Advisors who do not meet the criteria for membership shall be considered non-voting members.

c. *Verification: The Officers of the Executive may request proof of Veteran Status from members who are Veterans.*

CARRIED

MOTION: In order to make it clear that conflict of interest applies to the arbitration processes, it is recommended Section 301.c. be amended to read:

*301.c. Conflict of Interest: Is deemed to exist when a member has, through their office, influence or knowledge, a real or perceived interest in, or effect on the outcome of any complaint or appeal made under the provisions of this Article. No member shall sit, or continue to sit, upon any committee **or arbitration team (or arbitrator)** herein for the purposes of Article III where a conflict of interest exists.*

CARRIED

MOTION: To clarify the timeline requirement for the appointment of an arbitrator or arbitration team, Section 308.b. be amended to read:

*308.b. Within 21 days of receiving the complaint the President shall appoint a Complaint Committee **or Arbitrator / Arbitration Team (see Section 304.b. if applicable).***

CARRIED

MOTION: As a result of the amendment to Section 308.b., Section 304.b.i. be amended to read:

*304.b.i. Complaints lodged under subsections i and ii are subject to a mandatory Arbitration process. **Arbitrator or Arbitration Team shall be appointed in accordance with 308. a & b.** Arbitration to be conducted by an Arbitrator or Arbitration Team as determined by the respective branch President. The Arbitrator or Arbitration Team shall attempt to resolve the dispute by agreement. Unless the Arbitrator or Arbitration Team is satisfied that there is good reason to extend the time period, Arbitrations should be completed within 21 days from the time the Arbitrator or Arbitration Team receives the complaint. The Arbitrator or Arbitration Team may extend the time on their own or*

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upon the requests of one of the parties.

CARRIED

MOTION: In order to set a timeline that a decision from an arbitration process must be communicated to the parties, Section 304.b.ii. be amended to read:

*304.b.ii. If the Arbitrator or Arbitration Team is unable to resolve the complaint, then the Arbitrator or Arbitration team shall determine if the complaint has been substantiated, and if substantiated may impose a disposition under 311 b. If the complaint is not substantiated, it shall be dismissed. **In either case, the decision shall be communicated to all parties within 10 days.***

CARRIED

MOTION: To include arbitration, Section 304.c.iv. be amended to read:

*304.c.iv. enclose payment of a complaint filing fee in the amount of \$100 payable to the Branch or Command with which the complaint is filed. The complainant will have the \$100 returned in all but one circumstance. That circumstance is where there is a final disposition at a hearing **or arbitration** (after all appeals, if any, are heard) and at that hearing **or arbitration** the entire complaint is completely dismissed. Then and only then will the \$100 filing fee be forfeited; and*

CARRIED

MOTION: Arbitration also applies to Command, therefore, Section 304.b.i. be amended to read:

*304.b.i. Complaints lodged under subsections i and ii are subject to a mandatory Arbitration process. Arbitrator or Arbitration Team shall be appointed in accordance with 308.b.i. Arbitration to be conducted by an Arbitrator or Arbitration Team as determined by the respective branch **or Command** President. The Arbitrator or Arbitration Team shall attempt to resolve the dispute by agreement. Unless the Arbitrator or Arbitration Team is satisfied that there is good reason to extend the time period, Arbitrations should be completed within 21 days from the time the Arbitrator or Arbitration Team receives the complaint. The Arbitrator or Arbitration Team may extend the time on their own or upon the requests of one of the parties.*

CARRIED

MOTION: Section 304.b.iii. be amended to read:

*304.b.iii. The decision of the arbitrator or arbitration team is final unless an error has been made in the interpretation of these bylaws in which case an appeal can be filed with the branch **or Command** President within 10 days. The appeal shall be heard by a committee of three members appointed by the branch **or Command** President. The decision of the appeal committee is final and cannot be appealed any further.*

CARRIED

MOTION: That Section 1101.c. be removed from the General By Laws and the number of the section be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

MOTION: That Section 917 be amended to read:

917.

a. When balloting is for the election of more than one officer, delegates may vote for up to, but not more than, the number of officers to be elected.

b. A delegate may not vote more than once on the ballot for any candidate.

c. The ballots shall be in a form approved by the Convention Committee.

d. Ballots not marked in conformity to this section shall not be counted.

e. The candidates receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be elected.

f. If one or more but not all candidates receive a majority on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held for the offices remaining unfilled.

g. Whenever on any ballot no candidate is elected, the name of the candidate who received the lowest number of votes shall be deleted from subsequent ballots, provided that:

i. if the total of the votes received by the two with the lowest number of votes is less than the votes received by the candidate with the next lowest number of votes, the names of

the two with the lowest number of votes shall be deleted from subsequent ballots; and

ii. similarly, if the three candidates having the lowest number of votes do not have a total vote equal to that of the candidate having the next lowest number of votes, their names shall be deleted from subsequent ballots

CARRIED

g. RCEL Committee

The RCEL Committee report was presented, attached at Annex M.

h. Dominion Convention Committee

The Dominion Convention Committee report was presented, attached at Annex N.

i. Defence And Security Committee

The Defence and Security Committee was reported, attached at Annex O.

MOTION: That the Royal Canadian Legion calls upon the Government of Canada to develop and publicly release a comprehensive National Security Strategy that:

1. Clearly defines Canada's national security interests, threat priorities, and strategic objectives;
2. Aligns with Budget 2025 and future defence and public safety investments with long-term strategic direction, including NATO commitments;
3. Recognizes the health, safety, and well-being of CAF and RCMP members as core elements of national security readiness;
4. Integrates personnel sustainability into security decision-making, including recruitment, retention, training, deployment tempo, housing, and family supports; and
5. Addresses family stability through housing availability, spousal employment, child care, and continuity of health and education services.

CARRIED

j. Veterans Consultation Assembly

The Veterans Consultation Assembly report was presented, attached at Annex P.

- k. Going Forward Committee
The Going Forward Committee report was presented, attached at Annex Q.
- m. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee
The EDI Committee report was presented, attached at Annex R.
- n. Centenary Committee
The Centenary Committee report was presented, attached at Annex S.

ITEM 11: CAF AND INDIGENOUS POPPY DISCUSSION
DEC reviewed and discussed the CAF Indigenous Poppy.

ITEM 12: CANVET PUBLICATIONS LTD
The CANVET Publications LTD report was presented as information only, attached at Annex T.

ITEM 13: LEGION NATIONAL FOUNDATION
Legion National Foundation report was presented as information only, attached at Annex U.

- ITEM 14: COMMAND/SPECIAL SECTION REPORTS**
- a. BC/YT Command
The BC/YT Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex V.
 - b. AB-NT Command
The AB-NT Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex W.
 - c. SK Provincial Command
The SK Provincial Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex X.
 - d. MB & NWO Command
The MB & NWO Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex Y.
 - e. ON Provincial Command
The ON Provincial Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex Z.
 - f. QC Provincial Command
The QC Provincial Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex AA.

- g. NB Provincial Command
The NB Provincial Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex BB.
- h. NS/NU Command
The NS/NU Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex CC.
- i. PE Provincial Command
The PE Provincial Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex DD.
- j. NL Provincial Command
The NL Provincial Command report was presented as information only, attached at Annex EE.
- k. TVS Special Section
The TVS Special Section report was presented as information only, attached at Annex FF.
- l. OSI Special Section
The OSI Special Section report was presented as information only, attached at Annex GG.

ITEM 15: RCMP COMMISSIONER MICHAEL DUHEME PRESENTATION

Commissioner Michael Duheme was unable to attend.

ITEM 16: SENIOR OFFICER REPORTS

No Senior Officer Reports were submitted.

ITEM 17: DOMINION COMMAND BRANCHES

This report was presented as information only, attached at Annex HH.

ITEM 18: CHARTERS ISSUED AND CANCELLED

This report was presented as information only, attached at Annex II.

ITEM 19: REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT

There are no requests at this time.

ITEM 20: IN CAMERA DISCUSSION

ITEM 21: MEETINGS AND INVITATION

The Meetings and Invitations list is attached at Annex JJ.

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ITEM 22: CORRESPONDENCE


Correspondence is saved at Annex KK.

ITEM 23: OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 24: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council was adjourned on Sunday 26 April 2026 at 11:30 am

Dominion Chair



National Executive Director