



ACT Edmonton Council 1016 Fall Newsletter

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"Making a Difference Together"



In November's hush, a whispered spell, where autumn's echoes softly dwell. Trees stand bare, their secrets told, in shades of amber, brown, and gold. - Anonymous

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November is a month of transition from fall to winter. In Canada it's a time to enjoy cozy indoor activities, prepare for winter sports, and participate in community events. Do you have any special event for the month?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wishing a happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday in November!

I would like to provide you with information regarding upcoming events:

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 2, 2024. Please confirm your attendance for the November meeting by calling Dwight at 780-475-4499.

Purdy's Chocolatier

Reminder: the deadline for placing orders from the Purdy's Chocolatier Catalogue is Saturday, November 2, 2024. Kindly ensure that you bring your completed order sheets along with any payment, either in cash or cheque form, to the general meeting.



Camp He Ho Ha Update

During our October meeting, we were honored to host Executive Director, Greg Nelson from Camp He Ho Ha. Greg shared that this year the camp welcomed approximately 450 campers, between the ages of 5 to 80 years. He also highlighted the challenges posed by the current economic climate in Alberta, which has affected the organization and the summer camp programs. Specifically, the operational costs for these programs have increased significantly due to rising expenses, including utilities, food, program materials, and labour. Simultaneously, donor contributions have decreased, impacting the ability for them to cover these costs. Your support is crucial in helping to preserve the legacy of Camp He Ho Ha and in providing ongoing assistance to individuals with disabilities in the province for years to come.

Bingo: Is scheduled for Friday, November 1, 2024, at Fort Road Bingo at 13403 Fort Rd.

Casino: Is scheduled for Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Century Casino on 13103 Fort Road.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting. Let's continue to make a positive impact in our community.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter season, and I look forward to our gathering on November 2!

Your President, *Dwight Hunter*

SHERWOOD PARK ACT COUNCIL

The Sherwood Park Act Council is pleased to announce a 50th Anniversary and Holiday Social, scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Broadmoor Golf Club, located at 2100 Oak Street, Sherwood Park. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. The cost for attendance is \$35.00 per person.

To confirm your participation, please submit your RSVP and payment by November 10, 2024. Payments can be made via e-transfer to sherwoodparkclub@gmail.com, using "Sherwood Park Club" as the security answer.

The organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you on November 23, 2024. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact Larry Billings at larrybillings@shaw.ca.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING WINNERS

During the October membership meeting, a few individuals were chosen through a random selection process to receive a complimentary breakfast voucher for our upcoming meeting in November. To claim the voucher, it is required for the recipients to be present at the meetings. Congratulations to: Jim Pryma, Paul Taverner and Lloyd Haddon.

Table Stakes was won by Chuck Zylla for \$26.00. The \$100.00 jackpot for October was won by Leon Gasmu. The 50 -50 was won by Sylvia Ewashko for \$65.00. Other prizes included a \$35.00 Boston Pizza gift card was won by Richard Colwell.

Wishing you a meaningful Remembrance Day on November 11, as we honor those who served.



THE STORY OF PRIVATE JOHN MCCRAE

On a chilly morning in November, the small town of Guelph, Ontario, gathered to honor one of its most distinguished sons, Private John McCrae. Born in 1872, McCrae was not only a soldier but also a physician and a poet. His legacy, however, is most profoundly felt through his poignant poem, "In Flanders Fields."

During World War I, McCrae served as a brigade surgeon in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Amidst the horrors of the Second Battle of Ypres in 1915, he witnessed the death of his close friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer. Struggling with grief and the relentless brutality of war, McCrae penned "In Flanders Fields" on the back of an ambulance. The poem, with its vivid imagery of poppies growing among soldiers' graves, captured the collective sorrow and resilience of those who fought and those who were left behind.

"In Flanders Fields" was published in *Punch* magazine and quickly became one of the most iconic war poems, symbolizing the sacrifice of soldiers and the enduring hope for peace. McCrae's words inspired the adoption of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, a tradition that continues to this day.

Private John McCrae's story is a testament to the power of words and the enduring spirit of those who serve. As we wear our poppies this Remembrance Day, let us remember the sacrifices made and the legacies left behind by heroes like McCrae. I hope this story resonates with you and honors the spirit of Remembrance Day.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John_McCrae_in_uniform_circa_1914.jpg

THE STORY OF MASTER CORPORAL ERIN DOYLE

Master Corporal Erin Doyle was a dedicated and courageous soldier who served with the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI), based in Edmonton, Alberta.

He was originally from Kamloops, British Columbia, and joined the Canadian Forces in 1998 as a member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers. In 2002, he transferred to the Regular Force and became part of 3 PPCLI.

Doyle was known for his distinctive personality and leadership style. He had a reputation for being fearless and was often described as a "tattooed and wildly bearded giant" with a swagger that made a lasting impression. His comrades respected him for his straightforwardness and his ability to make quick, decisive actions in the field.

He was on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan when he was killed on August 11, 2008, during an insurgent attack on his combat outpost in the Panjwaii district. His bravery and dedication to his fellow soldiers were evident until the very end.

Source: <https://legionmagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/ERININTRO.JPG>

