

**National Association of Federal Retirees – AB17 – Edmonton Branch**  
**General Membership Meeting - December 6, 2017**  
**Royal Canadian Legion, Kingsway Branch – 14339 - 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Edmonton, Alberta**

Present: 117 Members including Board Members: Ross Gillespie, Brian Emdin, Dave Riffel, Lillian June, Delbert Dahl, Heather-Anne Elliott-Martin, Mahir Mansi, Judy Tracz, Linda Phillips, Rick Brick, Joan Brick and 41 Members (including 27 volunteers with coupons). Also in attendance were the following guests: Roy Goodall National Vice-President National Association of Federal Retirees (1), Sgt Paul Looker Edmonton Police Service Crime Prevention Unit (1), Sheila Hallett Edmonton Seniors Co-ordinating Council, Tim Henderson PEGASIS, Geri-Actors (12), Mac Torrie Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch and Louella Webber who provided CART (Communications Access/Realtime Translation) for deaf/hard of hearing members.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ross Gillespie at 12:00 p.m.

Geri-Actors: The group of twelve (12) each performed a recitation about how they were impacted individually as well as their family members in their country of origin during World War II, which specifically included songs about trains and the trauma of not being able to use lights for fear of bombing raids.

Opening Remarks: Ross Gillespie welcomed everyone and acknowledged the presence of National Life Member Doreen Morton and Branch Life Member Lillian June. Rick said Grace, after which lunch was provided.

Approval of Agenda: Ross asked for additions/amendments to the Agenda. There were none. Motion for approval by Norm Gressel, seconded by Jannette Calder and unanimously approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Ross then asked if there were any errors or omissions in the Minutes from September 6th, 2017 General Membership Meeting. There were none. Motion for approval of by Jannette Calder, seconded by Judy Tracz and unanimously approved.

Guest Speakers:

Sgt Paul Looker of the Edmonton Police Service Crime Prevention Unit did an excellent presentation on Fraud Awareness for Seniors which covered all the various scams and tricks which are used to gain access to your finances. The most important item he stressed was to not feel embarrassed about reporting fraudulent events. While every complaint may not be investigated, the police will keep records of incidents for future reference.

Roy Goodall National Vice-President National Association of Federal Retirees brought Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greetings to the Board and Members on behalf of himself and National Office. Mac Torrie Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch wished Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Board and Members.

President's Report: Copies of Ross' President's Report were provided on the tables for all members in attendance. This Report covered information from September to December 2017. Topics covered included the Alberta Grey Matters Conference, Grande Prairie Members Meeting, Regional Meeting in Red Deer, Veterans Town Hall, and Edmonton Branch Board Planning Workshop. Other items of interest were mentioned such as the introduction of two new Board members, Website transition, Facebook page, Branch Email address, Alberta Dental Fee Guide, Pension Rate increase, and Membership numbers.

Prize Draws: Four Canada 150 coins were available as door prizes. They were won by Jacqueline Blevins, Norma Yerex, Joanne Machetchuk, and Olympia Boyko. The 50/50 draws were won by Marie Lyka and Lucie Collucci.

Closing: The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2018 and is a Supper Meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.