



### **Presidents** **Message**

As summer fades into autumn, we reflect on the busy season ahead. Our first fall meeting took place in Chilliwack on September 19.

Unfortunately, a traffic incident closed the eastbound lanes of the freeway, preventing some members from attending. Despite this, we had a good turnout, and our guest speaker, Dr. Lindsay Goulet, delivered an engaging presentation about the Center for Clinical Excellence and its programs. As RCMP veterans, we are fortunate to have this innovative facility in our area. To learn more, please visit: <https://vfrh.ca>. We also thank our Historian, Ric Hall for his presentation on the recovery of the ashes of Supt. Joe Atherton from the grounds of Fairmont Barracks.

Looking ahead, our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, at 11:00 AM at the Cloverdale Legion. We are pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer of "E" Division and the Officer in Charge of Surrey Detachment as our special guests. Additionally, Trevor Dinwoodie, a Director with the National Police Federation, will share insights about the changes following the establishment of the

NPF. This presentation will be especially interesting for those of us who served under the old DSRR system. D/Comm MacDonald will also present the King Charles III Coronation Medal to five members of the Vancouver Division.

On September 29, the BC Law Enforcement Memorial was held in Victoria, where we sadly honoured Cst. Rick O'Brien of the Maple Ridge Detachment, who was added to the Roll of Honour after being killed on duty on September 24, 2023. His sacrifice will be remembered by his family, friends, and colleagues, as well as by the community he served.

As the year draws to a close, it's time to consider new members for our executive board. My term as president of the Vancouver Division will end in December, and I want to express my gratitude to the executive and all members of the Division for their support. John Sherstone has agreed to stand for the presidency, and Murray Machan will run for vice-president. Both will continue to lead the Support & Advocacy program. While the remaining members of the executive are willing to stay on, we welcome new faces. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Past President Gord Cave at [jag140@telus.net](mailto:jag140@telus.net).

Additionally, Art Hoivik will be stepping down as our Eastern Fraser Valley representative. He will continue organizing the Chilliwack coffee meetings and the Chilliwack Christmas luncheon. Art has made significant contributions to promoting the Veterans

Association in the EFV, helping us gain several new members. Thank you, Art, for your dedication and hard work!

As the year ends, it will soon be time to renew your RCMPVA membership. Vancouver Division is pleased to maintain our dues at \$65.00 for regular members and \$30.00 for associate members. Please watch for correspondence from the Association regarding how to renew online or by mail.

We are also busy planning our annual Levee. Traditionally, we have held our Christmas Levee as a dinner event in early December. However, with many organizations hosting events during this busy season, we have decided to try something different this year. Our Division Historian reminded us that the Levee originated in the military and was traditionally celebrated on New Year's Day. We have adjusted the date slightly to Saturday, January 11, and are planning an afternoon reception at the NCOs Mess at "E" Division Headquarters. Parking at EHQ is free on weekends, and the venue is conveniently located for many. Stay tuned for further details!

We hope to see you at the October General Meeting. Take care.  
Ron Morse Oct 2024.

### LAST POST

**Dennis Edwin MacKAY** Staff Sergeant Reg No 21917 B March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1942 passed August 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Smithers BC. Service Dates 1961 to 1989 Divisions E and Musical Ride.

**Dany BERNIER** Staff Sergeant Reg No 40034 Born Service Dates April 21<sup>st</sup> 1988 passed Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 while in service. Divisions E

**Norman Randolph WOLFF** Reg No – Auxillary Constable B Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1942 Passed August 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 Service Dates 1977 to 1987n Divisions E

**Jeffrey James MASON** Civilian Member B 1959 Passed 2024 Service Dates 1978 to 1999 Divisions E H and HQ.

**Donald Charles TANNER** Reg No 29407 Sergeant Born 1950 passed 2024 Service Dates November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1971 to October 8<sup>th</sup> 2005, Divisions O, E and HQ.

**Ronald Frederick Archer LAMBERT** Corporal Reg N 24761 B 1945 passed 2024 Service Dates 1966 to 1991 Divisions E.

**Danny Louis Allan SPENCE** Auxiliary Constable B May 12<sup>th</sup> 1960 1960 passed July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, Service Dates not disclosed.

**Joseph Hector Arthur Egland BORLE** Reg No 168275 B Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1929 Passed July 1 2024 2024. Service Dates 1951 to 1978 Divisions E and K.

**Brian Neil BOOTSMAN** Auxiliary Constable Reg No A4036 March 1<sup>st</sup> 1958 to June 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 Divisions K and E.

**Gary CLEMENT** Corporal Reg No 25428 June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1947 to 2024 at Salmon Arm BC aged 77 service dates 1967 to 1981, Divisions E.

**Marvin Frederick JOHNSTON** Sergeant Reg No 34652 Born July 24<sup>th</sup> 1952 Passed June 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Penticton BC. Service Dates February 27<sup>th</sup> 1978 to April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 Divisions K, H and E.

**Arnold S. RUTTER** Constable Reg No 40177 B Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1936 passed July 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Kelowna BC. Service Dates April 18<sup>th</sup> 1986 September 16<sup>th</sup> 1996. Division E

**James Ernest McKENZIE** Reg No 16781 Staff Sergeant B March 19<sup>th</sup> 1931 Passed July 16<sup>th</sup> 2024. Service Dates August 1<sup>st</sup> 1951 to August 1<sup>st</sup> 1977. Divisions G, P (Penhold) and E.

**John G (Gil) CAMPBELL** Reg No 32909 Corporal B July 28<sup>th</sup> 1948 at Falkirk Scotland, passed July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Vernon BC. Service Dates 1975 to

2002 and New Westminster Police Dept from 2002 to 2007.

**MURRAY** Kenneth W. Reg No 18471 Sergeant B Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1934 Passed on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 Service Dates Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1953 to not known Discharge Date. Divisions E

**WHEELER** Eric Rankine Inspector Reg No 25034 o.1762 DOB April 1<sup>st</sup> 1947 Passed on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024. Service Dates August 18<sup>th</sup> 1966 retd to pension Sept 21 2000. Divisions F, E O, K, M.

**HEWAT Michael Leo** Staff Sergeant Reg No 22165 Born November 27<sup>th</sup> 1941 Passed August 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 aged 82. Years of Service 1961 to 1986, Service with CAF Canadian Scottish Regiment.

#### OBITUARY



It is with profound sadness that we announce Mike's passing in Sidney, BC. Survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Shirley (née Baker), their three daughters, Debbie Gordon, Tracy (Stephen) Lanier, and Melanie (Ian) Murray; his beloved grandchildren, Matthew Gordon, Kaylee Hewat Lanier, Stephen Hewat Lanier, and Ashley Lanier. He also leaves behind his twin sister, Helen (Bill) Hellofs, and his faithful companion, Buddy Dog. Mike was predeceased by his parents, Ronald and Pauline (née Downey) Hewat; his in-laws, Carl and Clara (née Hartwig) Baker; and his sisters, Agnes Slogar, Polly-Anne Mori, Patricia Jackal, and Muriel Muir.

Born in Nanaimo, BC, Mike enjoyed a lively childhood, often getting into trouble with his best friend, Wendel, and driving his twin sister, Helen, to distraction. His early years were spent in Nanaimo, Taylor Lake, Grantham's Landing, Kaslo, and Enderby.

Graduating in Nanaimo, he joined the Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1959 and the RCMP in 1961. Following Depot he served in "E" Division at Revelstoke, Kamloops, Chilliwack, Sumas, Penticton, Terrace, and Alexis Creek. In 1979, now married and with children he moved to Victoria where he took the lead for Native Policing for British Columbia. His commitment to Indigenous relations and building respectful, strong connections with the communities he served was a cornerstone of Mike's career. Transferring to Williams Lake in 1981, he retired there completing 25 yrs service..

Following retirement from the Force, Mike made significant contributions to his community during his 13 years with the Cariboo Regional District, where he served as Director of Community Services and later as Deputy Administrator. His commitment included the Rotary Club of Williams Lake, where he coordinated the International Exchange Student program for Quesnel, Williams Lake, and 100 Mile House resulting in Mike and Shirley building lasting friendships with students and families. He was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, a recognition of his substantial contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Mike's passion for masonry was building stunning rock walls, while his talents in woodworking, rock polishing, and carpentry were evident also. He loved to cook for the family and was a keen outdoors man and hunter. He was an avid reader of history. Mike's loved travel and he and Shirley visited Asia, Australia, Central America, Europe, and North America often studying the culture and history as well as making many friends.

He and Shirley were married for 58 years after meeting at the Sumas Detachment, where he was a young constable and she was a detachment clerk. Shirley was the true love of his life, and their bond was a defining part of his happiness. Mike was a remarkable father and a steadfast advocate for his three daughters, and his greatest joy was his time spent with them and his grandchildren. He devoted himself to teaching and guiding his family, enriching their lives with his wisdom and love. Surrounded by three daughters and four sisters, Mike was affectionately described as always "Thinking Pink." Known for his kindness, generosity, and warmth, his great sense of humor brought joy to those around him. His daughters lovingly referred to him as their "Scotty's Little Softie." A true gentleman and skilled storyteller, Mike made a profound impact on everyone he knew. We lost an amazing man, but we are deeply grateful for the lasting influence he had on all of us. No formal service will be held in accordance with Mike's wishes. The family will gather next year to remember him with happiness and stories. Rest in peace, Mike.

**WINDLE** Timothy Patrick "Tim" to all, Staff Sergeant Reg No 33953 Born 1956 Passed on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Age 68 Service Dates November 21, 1977 to January 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. Divisions E



#### OBITUARY

It is with heavy hearts that we announce Tim's passing, 68, of Delta, BC on June 20, 2024. A wonderful father, husband, brother, uncle, and

friend, Tim passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer, surrounded by many loving family members in his hospital room. He is survived by his loving wife Christine (Chris) of 42 years, son Patrick, brothers Mike (Suzanne) and Dan (Sheree) of Calgary, Alberta, several in-laws in BC and Nova Scotia, and many nieces and nephews in and outside of Canada. Tim was predeceased by his son Jonathan of Delta and parents Patrick and Christine Windle and nephew Justin, of Red Deer, AB.

Tim was born in Stettler, AB and grew up in Red Deer. Though he worked for the city of Red Deer for a few years, what Tim really wanted to do was to join the RCMP; a dream realized on November 21, 1977, when he graduated from Depot. Tim was first posted to Richmond Detachment, BC, and then continued to serve in other units throughout the Lower Mainland such as the Vancouver Airport, CLEU, Drug Section, and Commercial Crime, just to name a few. Tim retired from Commercial Crime on January 10, 2015, with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Tim and Chris met in 1979 while he was in Richmond and were married in 1982. They settled in Delta, where they raised their boys Patrick and Jonathan. Tim enjoyed supporting both boys through community sport groups taking on the role of coach, manager, and Scout Leader.

Having discovered a passion for camping with his parents and brothers Mike and Dan, Tim wanted to share this with Chris and their family. After many wonderful camping trips throughout the Pacific West Coast and Alberta, they decided to get a trailer at Black Mountain Ranch, Bellingham, where they enjoyed sitting around the campfire, playing horseshoes, golf, and horseback riding with friends and extended family.

While Tim enjoyed playing sports, his game was golf. Whether playing with work buddies, Chris and the boys, or other family and friends, there

was always another round of golf. When Tim and Chris decided to become snowbirds in Arizona before he retired, this added more games along with attending the Waste Management Golf Tournament. After retirement, Tim got a job as a Golf Marshall at Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club back in Surrey, BC.

If Tim wasn't playing sports, he was watching sports. This included his darling Edmonton Oilers, Toronto Blue Jays, and the Seattle Seahawks. He also enjoyed going to Seattle or Toronto to catch games when he could, or spending time at home with family and friends for the NHL playoffs or the Super Bowl.

At some point, both Tim and Chris realized that they shared a love of travel outside of camping. They went on cruises with extended family, to Mexico with friends, Alberta and Nova Scotia for vacations and family weddings, and more recently Aruba. After retirement, Tim took up sportfishing by joining a group of friends on yearly trips to Northern BC. June 1, 2019, was one of his favourite trips because he won the Fishing Derby, landing a 36 ½ pound Tye Spring Salmon, receiving \$600.00 in prize money. He would gladly share his catches with family and friends for fish dinners.

Before falling ill, Tim made his last trip to Arizona in January and then was able to get down to Black Mountain Ranch in May to enjoy his last campfire.

Tim made friends easily, wherever he went, whether through work, sports, or while spending time with family, and to list them would be too difficult. Tim was loved by many, but he will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Chris and son Patrick.

Though our hearts are broken, we are comforted by the fact that Tim is now with Jonathan. Lost too soon and always loved, Tim

will forever be missed, living on brightly in our hearts.

A special thank you to Surrey Memorial Hospital N42 staff for their excellent care, kindness, and support.

**CONLON** Robert "Bob" Reg No 26637 Sergeant Born November 17<sup>th</sup> 1948 died July 2<sup>st</sup> 2024 Service Dates 1968 to 2003 Divisions F. Previous service with City of Leeds Police UK England. *(Editor's note Bob Conlon and I were born in same UK City and served in the same British Police Dept. (Leeds City Police) I met him at his late sister Maureen's home in North Vancouver in the 80s. Maureen and Bob grew up in Leeds in the same area of the City I policed and was married to a Vancouver Policeman when I met Maureen and her husband, Gordon Howland. Maureen became best friends with my wife Carol and we all had many happy social engagements. Maureen passed away from cancer in the 1990s. Bob and I had many long and memorable chats at Maureen and Gordys and I for one will not forget him.) As far as I know Bob was not stationed in E Div. and not a Vancouver Division member but as a friend I have chosen to include him with our departed members and friends.*

#### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED**

**MILNE** Rachel, Reg No 45212 ROD Inspector O.3137 Service dates March 18<sup>th</sup> 1996 to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 Divisions E and F.

**MORSE** Sandra, Reg No 64386 Serving Constable ROD – Still Serves- Service March 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 and still serving.

**QUILLEY** Rob Reg No 40868 ROD Sergeant, Service Dates April 6<sup>th</sup> 1989 to November 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Divisions E and F.

**CADRIN** Marie-Rose, Reg No 45958 ROD Corporal, Service Dates May 5<sup>th</sup> 1997 to May 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 Divisions E.

**BROWNRIGG** Shaune Reg No 37491 Rank on Discharge Sergeant, Service Dates January 4<sup>th</sup> 1982 to March 15<sup>th</sup> 2006. Divisions E and K.

**DREW** Delwynne Reg No 34688 ROD Cpl, Service Dates March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1978 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, Divisions E.

**CHAMBERS** Anthony Reg No 51739 ROD Constable, Service Dates October 14<sup>th</sup> 2004 to June 14<sup>th</sup> 2005.

**BEALES** Barry Reg No 42000, ROD Sergeant, Service Dates April 20<sup>th</sup> 1990 to April 25<sup>th</sup> 2024; Divisions E and K.

**INAMASU** Kevin Reg No 46914 ROD Constable Service Dates Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1998 to May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

**ALBERT** Evan Reg No 43359 ROD Sergeant Service Dates February 7<sup>th</sup> 1991 Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 Divisions E

**ROE**, Mike Reg No 40285 ROD Constable, Service Dates August 24<sup>th</sup> 1988 to February 7<sup>th</sup> 2024. Divisions D,E,F and G.

**GRAVELLE**, Derrick Reg No 44729 ROD Sergeant, Service Date October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1003 to November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Divisions E.

### BUGLE CALL

#### **RCMP Veterans Vancouver Division General Meeting and Lunch.**

**11 am Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Royal Canadian Legion Br. #6  
17567 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. Surrey, BC.**

**Guest Speaker**

**Trevor Dinwoodie,  
Director**

**National Police Federation**

**Also in attendance will be D/Com Dwayne  
McDonald and A/Comm Brian Edwards,**

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST WOMEN IN RCMP.

In this 50th year since the first women members of the force were sworn in, we look back with fond memories at some of these women's experiences. Our members appreciate very much the contribution our women officers have and are making in the RCMP and in this anniversary issue we salute their dedication and forthrightness to succeed. Prominent in this issue is Donna Morse who served as an RCMP member years and as a member of Troop 17 in 1975 was one of the first women to be sworn in as full RCMP members. Donna is a former President of Vancouver Division and serves on the RCMP Veterans National Executive. Looking back to my time as a police officer in the UK I can say Britain has had women officers since 1910, but their duties were far from equal to men's. When I joined the Leeds Police in Britain in 1968, we had women police officers, but they were in a special squad called the PW's office and only dealt with women and children, victims and suspects alike. The women officers did not work graveyard shift and their pay was 4/5th of that of men. They were sent to an all women training center at Newby Wiske in the Yorkshire Dales. The men were kept well away (about 50 kms) in a place called Pannal Ash. At my station there were about 10 women officers carefully watched over by Sgt. Elizabeth Burton. Eventually that all changed and even during my time there the women got equal pay, worked shifts, co-worked with the men and with other women and got involved in the more arduous calls like breaking up pub fights of which there were many. They soon began to advance up the ranks and in the last 30 years more and more women now occupy senior positions in the UK Police. Therefore, I found it extraordinary to come to Canada in 1980 and learn that women in the RCMP had only begun 5 years before!

Donna Morse in her presentation on 19th September to Vancouver Division General Meeting lunch group explained that Troop 17 was just the beginning, and it certainly wasn't the first time women had been amongst the ranks of the RCMP. There were many such women in the early years especially the wives and sometimes daughter of NWM and RCM Police who did all the important tasks that kept their husbands, fathers, brothers out in the field by providing care, performing daily duties i.e. sewing uniforms, repairing kit, providing the supplies for long patrols etc.. Countless women across the country were engaged in providing support but were always "invisible" to outsiders because they were not wearing the actual uniform.

Donna, on being accepted into the RCMP as a member of Troop 17 remembers.

"In 1973, I was working in a bank and noticed I wasn't getting the same opportunities as my male counterparts. At the time, my father was a police officer with the Calgary police. It was still a man's world back then, but I believed if I became a police officer, I'd have more control of my own career. In May of '74 I saw the RCMP was hiring women. Applying and getting accepted into Depot was a whirlwind experience.

#### Training Memories

I will always remember the support from my fellow Troop 17 cadets. Certainly, there were sometimes issues with 32 women together, but whenever any problems became big, we all gelled together and supported one another. This was vital for us to get through training. And we've been able to continue that support and sisterhood for the past 50 years.

#### Challenges

Being treated differently from the outside world was a challenge. We didn't want the male

officers to have the perception that we were getting special treatment, or that the standards had been lowered for us. In going to our detachments, we still had to prove to the other officers that we deserved to be there.

#### First Posting

My first detachment was Port Alberni on Vancouver Island. In those years, Port Alberni was rough and tough. Within three weeks of arriving, I was on my own on a busy Saturday and I ended up getting into a fight and arresting a well-known troublemaker. It was quite violent; the man was choking me, but I held my own. When the male members saw that I'd brought him in, they were astounded because they would usually send in two or three people to arrest this guy. I felt quite fortunate I was able to prove myself so quickly.

#### Career Highlights

One of the opportunities I remember was in 1977. I had the opportunity to go to Hong Kong and work with the Hong Kong Police on a case of extradition of a couple involved in the heroin trade. The Hong Kong Police had never seen an RCMP female officer. I was honoured to be able to promote and represent the RCMP.

#### Qualities of good police officers

I agree with Karen (Karen Adams co-recruit in Troop 17) that we need more maturity and an understanding of what the world is like. Policing can be difficult and having some life experience is essential. I think another important quality is empathy. As police officers, we need to understand that people come from all walks of life and deserve our understanding."

As Donna says Troop 17 was only the beginning. The Friends of the Heritage Centre Newsletter:

"In 1981, the first woman was promoted to corporal, and the first women served on the Musical Ride; in 1987, the first

woman served in a foreign post; in 1990, the first woman was appointed detachment commander; in 1992, the first women officers were commissioned; in 1998, the first woman Assistant Commissioner was appointed; and in 2006, Beverly Busson was appointed the first woman Commissioner of the RCMP". The 2024 BC Police Memorial Ceremonies took place on 29<sup>th</sup> September in Victoria, BC and a woman RCMP Inspector, 3 years in the rank received from a subordinate RCMP member only her 2<sup>nd</sup> salute since being promoted; so, we are not at the end of the road yet.

Women now serve in many different roles in the RCMP alongside men and in other Police agencies both in the front line, protecting the very essence of our communities from the young to the old, and right up to the highest levels of the service. Our generation remember very well when that was not the case, and I am glad these memories are fading. Those of us with families that include wives, daughters, granddaughters, nieces and just close friends of women want the best for them including equal treatment and respect. That's not to say there is not a lot of work to do, I'd be naïve in thinking so, but having reached these long overdue goals hopefully we can reach the pinnacle of success.

David Reece Editor Fall 2024 .(See Photo gallery later in this addition)

*Further Reading*

*Friends of the RCMP Heritage centre ( <https://www.rcmphcfriends.com/> ) gives access to their newsletters.*

*Troop 17 interviews with Bev Busson Donna Morse Karen Adams and Patricia Clark*

[Four members of Troop 17 reflect on earning credibility and sticking together | Royal Canadian Mounted Police \(rcmp.ca\)](#)

## UNDERSTANDING CRYPTO CURRENCY –

Many of our members have worked or are working in Commercial Crime, Proceeds of Crime and Detachment Economic Crime Units and are quite familiar with this topic, but many of us have not and must often wonder what its all about and should we have some knowledge of this. Hopefully this piece will provide some understanding and provide some sources for further reading. Your editor has some experience here but not as much as the experts among our membership who willingly agreed to help to provide this information.

### **What is Crypto Currency ("CC") and why do we need it ?**

I still find it difficult to get my head around currency which doesn't come in hard coin or printed bills we use every day. But that's what it is and what's more these days cash is not king anymore; credit cards, debit cards, google pay (you know the type of thing you see people swiping a mobile phone across a terminal at the cash point in the stores. I just came back from 6 weeks in Britain. Many retailers there REFUSE to take CASH anymore, credit/debitcards or phones only!!) So knowing this electronic money only is not that hard to understand and we are getting closer and closer to it every day .

**CRYPTO CURRENCY ("CC")** differs from the currency your pension uses to be paid into your account electronically like this:

Generally CC can only be used to pay for services or speculative investments (note that word speculative...it means uncertain!) CCs are not produced or "powered" is the language in this by your Banks, its powered by a thing called "Blockchains".(more on this in a while)

The price of purchasing CCs is susceptible to significant volatility, ie the price of buying it goes up and down much more that when you buy US Dollars for your vacation in Hawaii.



When you purchase or sell CCs Revenue Canada, (and in the USA the IRS) are VERY interested in profits you make and want their cut! Simply having a CC account such as Bitcoin will generate income and often the opposite i.e. losses)

**BITCOIN** which is the CC we hear most about is the most used CC followed by another type of CC called **ETHERIUM**; and **ALTCOINS** which is a term covering multiple types of CC other than BITCOIN and ETHERIUM.

There are other terms which are important to know and will include a link to an explanatory document put out by the Ontario Securities Commission (“OSC”) which explains these better than I can. (see at the end) They are:

**TOKENS ie Utility, Governance, Security and Non-Fungible.** (Aghhhhhhhh) Each of these has a specific purpose that allows ownership of a particular asset. Non Fungible ones are usually to prove ownership of digital artwork and is similar I think to Intellectual Property protection such as Copyright etc. (all is explained in detail in the links below)

#### **HOW CC IS USED and “REGULATED”.**

This is the area which causes most confusion. We all know about investments, how you buy shares or a commodity and hope it goes up in price so you can sell and be richer (and subject to income tax) for it. So the more and more people that buy CCs the more it will increase in value, theoretically. Doesn’t always work in practice with BITCOIN. Many people who are in this industry don’t want BITCOIN used that way and just want to use it as an alternative currency outside the control of governments or banks. Remember what I said about Blockchains. They (Blockchains) are digital ledger systems to record the transactions so theoretically you can view what’s going on with your Bitcoins. Blockchain transactions are

viewable by the public using a blockchain explorer service. But the other CCs have their own blockchains (a network of servers or computers which records all CC transactions in that one CC i.e. one for Bitcoin and one for Ethereum etc.) so you can see where this is going and in fact has gone. Money Laundering: and this became evident to all of us in Proceeds of Crime. Fortunately, the money laundering tactics employed by people who want to hide their sources of funds weren’t that good at it at first and often lost quite a bit of cash, with resultant nasty consequences for them! There are many PROS and CONS for Crypto Currency and the website NERDWALLET written by Andy Rosen provides much of these at [Cryptocurrency Basics: Pros, Cons and How It Works - NerdWallet](#)

Here are a few examples

#### **PROS:**

Some supporters like the fact that cryptocurrency removes central banks from managing the money supply since over time these banks tend to reduce the value of money via inflation.

Other advocates like the blockchain technology behind cryptocurrencies, because it’s a decentralized processing and recording system and can be more secure than traditional payment systems. There are others but not many.

How does it all work ?

Crypto assets only exist on the blockchain. The only way they can be accessed and used is by knowing the private key associated with the address that the blockchain says is the owner of the assets.

When you buy crypto assets, you don’t download or hold them as a file on your own device — you hold the assets in a digital address on a blockchain. Wallets are technologies or products that help you manage the keys associated with your assets on the blockchain. Your digital wallet comes with an

assigned public key and a private key, which are comprised of a string of letters and numbers, very much like when software is purchased like Microsoft 365 and you are given a code to access it.

Who Regulates CC's

Securities Commissions seem to be the only regulatory bodies. Taxation authorities only want to know about your income not really the source of the funds and will assess you on that alone.

### CONS

Crypto asset prices can be very volatile and can increase or decrease by small or large amounts many times during any given day. It is often not clear as to what caused the value to go up or down. You risk losing some or all of your money.

### CRYPTO-FRAUD

There has been a significant rise in investor complaints about crypto-related scams. Since July 2020, the OSC Contact Centre had a 200% increase in crypto-related complaints. Many cryptocurrency projects are untested, and blockchain technology in general has yet to gain wide adoption. If the underlying idea behind cryptocurrency does not reach its potential, long-term investors may never see the returns they hoped for.

For shorter-term crypto investors, there are other risks. Its prices tend to change rapidly, and while that means that many people have made money quickly by buying in at the right time, many others have lost money by doing so just before a [crypto crash](#).

Right now the whole CC system is pretty much self-regulating and we have seen what can happen (or not) to business entities who are supposed to be regulated never mind the ones that are not.

### CONCLUSION

I don't hold great wealth, and I don't expect ever to do so. So this field is not for me. Get

rich quick schemes are usually fraught with danger and CCs are no different. However, at the time of going to press here are the values of a few CC's

BITCOIN 1 Bitcoin is worth \$84,725 CAD.

ETHEREUM - \$2,428 USD

These are today's prices; next week can be a whole different ball game !

### FURTHER READING

[Crypto Explained - GetSmarterAboutCrypto.ca](#)

Highly Recommended Reading especially the Crypto Fraud part. is this digital guide to It is put out by the Ontario Securities Commission

[Crypto Frauds - GetSmarterAboutCrypto.ca](#)

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### **"HIS DEATH CHANGED MY LIFE": BRIDE-TO-BE REMEMBERS SURREY COP KILLED IN 1974"** (Media headline)



Fifty years after the death of police officer Roger Pierlet in Surrey, Debby McLachlan was surprised to see another news story written about the man she was going to marry. Last March 29, a story in Surrey Now-Leader marked the 50th anniversary of Pierlet's passing on 176 St. Cloverdale, where he was shot and killed by

a guy who didn't like cops and was out for revenge.

"Your article touched my heart for several reasons," McLachlan, an Ontario resident, wrote in an email to this reporter.

"I am the lady Roger was going to marry." She'd read "dozens of articles about Roger" but never thought that after 50 years she would see a new article about him," she added.

"To know that he has not been forgotten means everything to me. Roger was a wonderful man, and we were very much in love. His death changed my life, and I think of him often."

In a subsequent phone interview, McLachlan agreed to publicly share her memories of Pierlet for the first time ever and sent photos of the two in happy times before their planned wedding date in September 1974 — a wedding that never happened, sadly. "Things were different back then, and as an RCMP officer he couldn't get married before being two years on the job," McLachlan recalled.

The day he died, the 23-year-old Pierlet was working his final shift before taking a few days off to visit his parents, who were flying in from Montreal. "The majority of newspaper articles said the wedding was going to be the following week, the week after his death, but it was actually September," McLachlan clarified. "It was Roger's last shift before a few days off, not his last shift before our wedding. It's been a different story told."

On that fateful March Day, John Harvey Miller, 28, and Vincent John Roger Cockriell, 18, were drunk and hunting for a cop to shoot as they drove through Cloverdale in their 1964 Dodge. Cockriell wanted revenge, blaming police for the death of his brother, who was killed during a high-speed police chase. The pair threw a beer bottle through the police station window. After luring Pierlet out, and he pulled them over, the young Mountie told Miller to get out of the vehicle. As Pierlet stood

in front of the open car door, Cockriell, from his passenger's side, squeezed off a shot from a 30-30 Winchester rifle. The bullet hit Pierlet in the chest, killing him almost instantly.

The killers were originally sentenced to death, but these were commuted to life sentences after capital punishment was abolished in Canada in 1976.

"We both knew what could happen with him working in the police force, but you never think it was going to happen," said McLachlan.

Years earlier, the two met at a dance in Montreal. "I was 18 and he paid a lot of attention to me, which I loved," McLachlan recalled. "Everything he said and did was perfect, you know. He had a good sense of humour, and we laughed a lot. In all of those photos of us together, we were smiling and very happy, so that says something."

With Pierlet sent to Regina for training as a Mountie, McLachlan stayed in Montreal for a few months. "We waited to see where he was going to be posted, which ended up being in Surrey," she said. "We got engaged at his graduation ceremony and moved to B.C." McLachlan said Pierlet loved his job very much. "Of course there was night work, there was day work, but we adjusted to all of that, and as long as we could see each other and be together, we were very happy," she underlined.

"The morning that he was shot, he had been working all night," McLachlan added. "It is true that his parents were flying in that morning for a visit. I got the call by coincidence that morning from somebody from the RCMP. They didn't really know too much about me, but the word travelled quickly among the people he worked with, and somebody said, 'Did anybody tell the fiancée?' So, I got a phone call first thing in the morning when I was getting ready for work. Two officers came to the door, and I asked, 'Did anyone tell his parents? Because they're coming into town today.' Nobody

realized it, and they scrambled and went to the airport to meet his parents' flight. There was all of this scramble, just a blur."

Pierlet is buried in Regina. McLachlan attended the service, but since hasn't visited his gravesite. "There was a time that I thought I would like to, but I did not," she said. "And as a matter of fact, it took me many, many, many years before I was able to go back to Vancouver, and it was just once that I did that." After Pierlet's death, McLachlan returned to Quebec and, eventually, moved to a town in Ontario.

"I would like to be able to tell you that I found love again and lived happily ever after, but that did not happen," McLachlan explained. "The scars were too deep. I worked, have friends and enjoyed some travel. I am now retired and live in a wonderful small community on the shores of Lake Huron. I have good friends and live minutes from my sister, my best friend."

McLachlan says Pierlet "was the one" for her.

"We were both fully in love and there was no question about what my future was going to be, it was going to be with him," she said. "We were going to get married; we were going to have babies and raise the kids, and that was going to be our life. My life was never going to be thinking about a career or anything. That was not what I thought, I thought wedding and babies and marriage. And so, I had to really adjust everything, and then had to make enough money to live on and everything else."

Today, in Pierlet's memory, the 176 Street overpass just south of Highway 10 was named after him and two bronze plaques were mounted on concrete pillars on its north end. *Reprinted from the "Surrey - Now Leader" published on September 20th, 2024. Author: Tom Zillich.*

## REGALIA

**From John SHERSTONE**

We have 4 Blue Blazers to give away:

1. Size 40 ladies.
- 2 Men's size 42 and 2 with no size indicated, look like a 44 or 46; and
- 1 pair of grey slacks.

There for the asking, first come first served.

Will bring them to the October meeting @ Legion for those who are interested regards.

Contact John at [sherst01@telus.net](mailto:sherst01@telus.net)

## PHOTO GALLERY

General Meeting Chilliwack Curling Club,

Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first RCMP Women's Troop

#17.

68 members approx. attended, and the buffet lunch served late to accommodate highway blockage delayed members.

Following the rendition of Oh Canada the Last Post names were read out; a list which never seems to get smaller.

Unlike previous meetings, we had more than one speaker consequential in 2024 being 50 years since the admission of women to the ranks of sworn members in Troop 17 in 1974. Most notable of the speakers was Donna Morse, former President of the RCMP Veterans Vancouver Division and currently serving as Communications Director for the RCMP Veterans National Office. Our President Ron Morse is fortunate enough to be Donna's husband and they have a daughter who serves in the RCMP in the Lower Mainland and has also assisted Donna in the monumental task she has undertaken ie of being the main go to person at National for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coordination. I have given a summation of Donna's presentation in this issue but your Editor would like to make it clear to all our

members that Donna has done an immense amount of work in highlighting historically the beginnings of women in the Force and the enhancement in policing this has brought to fruition; and providing a great deal of information to our members, much of which if you haven't seen up to now, will very soon be available for viewing if not in this newsletter then the National and Local websites. Donna deserves all our thanks and applause for this and soon hopefully our appreciation as a group will be shown at the October meeting in Cloverdale. We on the Executive urge you to come to the October meeting and bring guests with you as it will prove to be memorable.

Ric Hall gave a talk on the exhumation of the cremated remains of an RCMP officer from the Heather barracks site (The RCMP Quarterly will have a full article on this in its next publication)

Murray Macham, a former depot drill instructor gave his experiences with women's troops as did another Depot drill hall staffer Ric Hall.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Lindsay Goulet PhD from the center for Clinical Excellence. Dr. Goulet has 5 yrs experience at the center dealing with RCMP (and other First Responders as well as CAF) in all types of clinical issues. Dr. Goulet has studied in detail occupational exercise programming. Free advice on any medical issue is available from Dr. Goulet and her staff immaterial of duty related issues serving or retired. Her contact info is 778-748-0868 and [lgoulet@vfrh.ca](mailto:lgoulet@vfrh.ca)



**Previous column : New Members recognized:** L to R Catherine McConnell, Kathi Kopan David Field with President Morse.

The next Photo is from L t R Mary Hawkshaw, Karen Kemp, Guy Kemp, and Dick Hawkshaw.

Guy and Karen were visiting from Australia – Guy is a retired Royal Australian Army Officer, and they live in Melbourne. Dick Hawkshaw is a past President of Vancouver Division.



Veterans Challenge Coins were presented to three retired women RCMP members who are now members. The presentations were made by Donna Morse under the watchfull eye of hubby Ron who is only our President!



To Caroline Kautz retired from North Vancouver Detachment.



To Catherine McConnell



The Coin Presented



Maria Nickle's coin was accepted in her absence by Orv Nickle Maria's husband.



Dr. Goulet, our keynote speaker, with Ron Morse.



Ric Hall in full flight! Ric opened with "Unaccustomed as I am at public speaking" and went on to give a memorable talk on the exhumation and the latest in the fate of Heather Barracks.



Bev Busson, Donna Morse, Patricia Clark and Karen Adams Trp17 1975



New Recruits for Trp 17



Graduation



**A group of retired officers having lunch at Northview Golf course Surrey**



From Ric Hall - I have been invited to join a group of former senior officers for a monthly lunch at Surrey's Northview Golf Course. I think they are running out of things to talk some so fresh blood. Below is a photo of the August luncheon group. Some of you may have worked with these men during your time in the Force-L

L to R Frank Palmer, Dennis Moore, Ric Hall and



his travelling companion Sgt. I.M Tuff, Dennis Farrell, Bob Gilhome, Les Holmes and Gary Bass.

**Chilliwack RCMP Vets & Ladies Coffee Klatch  
Monday Sept 9th 2024**

Is the next Photo L to R David Pratt, Brian Wilson, Ken Jones, Dick Hawkshaw, Don Harder, Gerry Snodgrass, Right F to R Len

Vannieuwenhuzzen, Mel McIntosh, Kerry Burleigh, Art Hoivik and Rick Bamford



VANCOUVER DIVISION HONOUR GUARD FOR CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR TIMOTHY PATRICK "TIM" WINDLE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST 2024 COMBINED MESS E DIVISION HQ GREEN TIMBERS.

Close to 200 people attended this COL and Tims family requested a RCMP Veterans Honour Guard which was duly provided. Master of Ceremonies was Jack Dopp and memories of Tim in addition to his family were provided by Rudy Zanette, Murray Macam and of course Jack himself. The piper Correy Tillyer provided pipe music to enter and the lament. Correy is an outstanding musician and is a close family friend of Christine and Tim Windle.



Left to Right Murray Macham Vancouver Division Advocacy Officer and Honor Guard, Correy Tillyer Pipe Major, Delta Police Pipe Band, Jack Dopp, Chaplain Bill Ashbee, Christine Windle, Rosemary Bowman Vancouver Island Division Past President, Ron Morse President Vancouver Division, David Reece Asst Communications-Editor Scarlet and Gold Division Newsletter, Laurier Cadieux Vancouver Division Liaison Officer with NCOs Mess E Division Green Timbers.



*Editors Note. My thanks to Peter German and Jerome Malysh for their help with articles on Crypto Currency. Thanks also to Ric Hall on other ongoing research on Canadian Awards system which hopefully will be in next issue. My apologies for the lateness of this issue of Scarlet and Gold but my family has been travelling extensively this year and I'm behind with all my projects. I have not gone into the details of the exhumation in this issue. The RCMP Quarterly have the rights to that and we will have to wait for that to appear before I reproduce it for our members.*

*I'll say it again we want interesting articles including controversial ones so we can all keep up to date. If you find one or want to write one feel free to fwd to myself at the bm email address.*

*Remembrance Day will soon be upon us and we hope to see retired members uniformed or not out at the local cenotaphs. Take photos and send me them!*

*Any members who live in North Vancouver are invited by the CO at North Vancouver Detachment to take part. Full details on application to myself at [david.a.reece181@gmail.com](mailto:david.a.reece181@gmail.com).*

*Have a happy and safe Halloween and hope to see everyone in Cloverdale on 17<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Best Regards*

*Your editor*

*Dave Reece*

*October 2024*