

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Kelowna – Unit 376
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, June 20, 2026
(Meeting Recorded)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:01 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the SYLIX Okanagan Nation. May we continue to foster relationships and deeper respect for our Indigenous Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Singing of “O Canada”

SILENCE: Moment of silence in memory for our fallen Comrades
Act of Remembrance recited by 1st Vice - President – Dave Pich

RE-AFFIRMATIONS: 1st Vice - President – Dave Pich
2nd Vice-President - Karen Ziegler

Election:

Phyliss Walters made a motion to destroy the ballots from the previous elections held at the last GM – May 9, 2026
2nd by Stephen Walters – carried

There is a vacancy on the Executive for a Director since the resignation of Ron Christy. According to the Unit bylaws an Election needs to be held to fill this position.

Stephen Walters nominated Kelvin Fitzgerald - accepted nomination
Debra James nominated Pat Calado - accepted nomination

Mike Gagne - Returning Officer
Gord McInnis - Scrutineer
Pam Brunett - Scrutineer
Cindy Redekopp - Scrutineer

36 members signed book and 35 members voted. Vote was taken by ballot, and Kelvin Fitzgerald was the successful winner.

General Meeting resumed at 1:13 pm

ROLL CALL: 1st VP-Dave Pich, 2nd VP-Karen Ziegler, Past President-Kathy Barber Directors: Helene Fitzgerald, Darrell Unrau, Harry Karpenski, Brigid Cawthra and Sgt @ Arms – Burpee Atkins
President: Stephen Walters - medical leave and Director: Bill Edwards – absent with reason

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Brigid Cawthra moved that the minutes of May 9, 2026 General Meeting, be adopted as posted. **2nd - Sue Greenhalgh - Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEMBERSHIP INITIATION: Helene Fitzgerald moved the following for membership:
Debra Piluk

There were no new members to be initiated at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: Helene Fitzgerald
Total members to date - 141
4 - Life Members 24 - Active Members
19 - Affiliate Members 94 - Associate Members
Provincial Command states that a membership card must be given to the member, even though they have not been initiated, its just not be stamped until the member is initiated. This way they can use it at other units.
½ price memberships start July 1, 2026. This is for new members only cost \$25.00
2nd - Kelvin Fitzgerald - Carried

FINANCE: Dave Pich
As of May 31, 2026
Operating & Shares - \$ 8,122.42 Welfare & Charity – \$30,080.64
Savings & Shares - \$ 3,454.45
Total \$11,576.87 Commercial Loan - \$28,692.70

Revenue: \$ 16,019.77
Expenses: \$ 13,626.37
Net: **\$ 2,393.40**

Karen Ziegler moved the acceptance of the Finance report 2nd - Cherie Jackson - Carried

DONATIONS: Salvation Army - \$2500.00 Veterans Food Bank - \$3500.00
Kelowna Food Bank - \$2500.00 Citadel Canines - \$1500.00
Total \$10,000.00

Karen Ziegler moved to accept the Donations 2nd - Kelvin Fitzgerald - Carried

SGT AT ARMS: Burpee Atkins
Nothing to report

SPORTS: Dave Pich
Drop in Pool will continue on Wednesday throughout the summer
BC Prov. Crib Tournament – Unit 376 was the winner with Elaine Gillis and Selena Farrell
Karen Ziegler moved to accept the report 2nd – Mike Gagne - Carried

HOUSE/GROUNDS: Henry Karpinsky
Floors have been washed and waxed again; felt pads have been added to most of the chairs
Projector and screen are working and being used for Karaoke, we will be looking to see if we can connect it to the TVs. 2 wire shelves added to storage room; gable added to lady's washroom.
Quotes have been requested ducting for the Range Hood in the Kitchen. In meantime we will look a getting a portable AC unit. LED lights are to be replaced in sections in the Unit.
2nd - Kelvin Fitzgerald - Carried

ENTERTAINMENT Karen Ziegler
Bingo is on hiatus until September; we desperately need more volunteers.
Thursday Jams with Stephen Walters is continuing to be a great hit ! Karaoke
Friday nights are doing okay, most weeks. Dinner and Dance - June 27, tickets are almost sold out. Dinner and Dance - July 25 theme will be 'Christmas in July' with turkey and fixings, music will be Shades of Grey.
Dinner/Dance - August 22 music with Ian Stewart, dinner TBD **2nd -Mike Gagne - Carried**

WAYS AND MEANS: Karen Ziegler
Meat Draws are going well
2nd - Shirley - Carried

DVA/SICK AND VISITING: Bill Edwards as read by Dave Pich
Nothing to report

PUBLICITY: Stephen Walters as read by Dave Pich
Everything is functioning and going well

BY LAWS:**Darrell Unrau**

4 - Notice of Motions present to add and change some of our bylaws. These will be voted on at next General Meeting in September. See last page for more information on them. Current bylaws are on website. **2nd - Pat Burnett - carried**

LADIES AUXILLIARY: Wendy Finlayson

June 17th was our last meeting until September, and we currently have 34 regular members. Shirley Arrell and Claudette Chase have been nominated for Life Members. Award of Appreciation and Pins were awarded to them as well. Vernon Wrinkle Games Fundraiser has been changed to August 30th 1:00 pm. Poster in hanging in Unit. Bake sale will not be held in July/August but we will still be doing our Meat Draw days. Some suggestions for Donations; Mamas for Mamas, Fire Fighters Funds as worth while causes. Through our fundraising this year, the LA has also paid the 2026/2027 property tax of \$6714.00 for the Unit.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Pich

Brigid Cawthra motioned that we purchased a defibulator. This motion was tabled until September so we can apply for the Seniors New Horizons grant and see if we are accepted. More information to follow at our September meeting. **2nd - Mike Gagne - carried**

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Pich

Pat Calado asked if we have received any information from BC Command on the loan in regard to the “roof”. BC Command has come back and asked us for more details which we will provide and will update membership in September. Kathy Barber informed us that the Quad meeting will be held in our Unit on July 11 and we are responsible for providing lunch. LA asked if they will be providing the lunch, discussions need to be held. Kathy Barber requested a motion from the floor for “the Executive be empowered to run the Unit Business for the summer recess months of July and August 2026, until the General Meeting in September 2026” **Mike Gagne - motioned 2nd - Wendy Finlayson - carried**

The September General Meeting and meetings going forward will be starting at **noon** instead of 1:00 pm. The bylaws do not state a time and currently state they will be held on Tuesdays. One of the motions as mentioned above is to update the day with this bylaw information.

Stephen Walters is currently off on medical leave until further notice. He will continue to help out with some of the day-to-day operations. Please remember that we need to respect each and every one at all times.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None

Meeting adjourned: 2:02 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next General Meeting - Saturday, **September 12** at 12:00 pm
Just a reminder that the doors will be closed at noon and will not open until the meeting is finished. You must also be a current member of Unit 376 to attend the meeting.

THE KING – CHARLES III

Dave Pich - Vice President

Brigid Cawthra - Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brigid Cawthra". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Brigid" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Cawthra".

Notice of motions on next pages

**ANAF Unit 376
Kelowna
General Meeting - June 20, 2026**

By-law 40 Amendment to By-laws

The By-laws of the Unit maybe amended by Notice of Motion present in writing at a General Meeting of the Unit. Such Notice shall be tabled until the next General Meeting. At the designated General Meeting, the Notice of Motion will be debated and voted on with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present, for adoption.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By-law 14 Nominations and Elections

Currently no by-law

Change to Read:

By-law 14 (g) Term of Executive Members

The term of office for Executive members shall be one (1) full term of two (2) years, and that in the event a position becomes vacant during the term, any member appointed to fill that vacancy shall serve until the next November election following the completion of the original two (2) year term.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By-law 15 (e) Currently Reads:

Elections:

- e) When a Vacancy occurs on the Executive during the year:
 - i) The vacancy shall be filled, by calling for nominations from the floor at the next General Meeting after the vacancy occurs, .Elections will then take place at that General Meeting.
 - ii) A candidate running in this election may request from the Returning Officer, ONLY the total number of votes that he or she received.
 - iii) Any candidate may as the Returning Officer for a recount of the votes for whichever Office he or she was a candidate. This must be done in writing with at least (2) Seconder to his or her appeal. The appeal must be made within (3) three days after the announcement of the results of the voting. The appeal must also be accompanied with a written valid reason for the Appeal.
 - iv) The current Executive shall hear the appeal and a decision must be approved by at least 2/3 majority vote of the Executive.

Change to Read:

Elections: subsection (e) When a Vacancy occurs on the Executive during the year

In the event of a vacancy, the President shall, subject to the approval of the Executive, appoint a replacement to serve in the vacant position. The person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the current Executive term.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By-law 15 Currently Reads:

Elections:

The officers of the Unit shall be elected by ballot during the **Annual General Meeting to be held on the (4th) fourth Sunday of November each year at 11:00 am.** Only those candidates who are defeated for the Office for which they run, may then seek election to other offices if they are nominated from the floor. The new Executive shall take office upon being installed by BC Command or their designate.

Change to Read:

Elections:

The officers of the Unit shall be elected by ballot during the **Annual General Meeting to be held on the (3rd) third Saturday of November each year at 11:00 am.** Only those candidates who are defeated for the Office for which they run, may then seek election to other offices if they are nominated from the floor. The new Executive shall take office upon being installed by BC Command or their designate.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Bylaw 16 Currently Reads:

General Meetings:

General Meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month, except July and August.

Change to Read:

General Meetings:

General Meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month, except July and August, or unless otherwise rescheduled from its original date and time.