



# *Royal Canadian Air Force Association*

## *RCAF 441 (Huronion) Wing*

### *Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019*

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#### 1. RCAF Mission Statement:

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association is a national aerospace and community service organization that commemorates the noble achievements of the men and women who have served as members of Canada's air forces since its inception; advocates for a proficient and well equipped air force; and, supports the Royal Canadian Air Cadet programme.

#### 2. RCAF 441 (Huronion) Wing Board of Directors 2019-2020:

On Tuesday, 11 June, 2019, Ontario Group Past President Les Ball conducted the installation of the new Wing Board of Directors. After having been sworn in, Jane Coxon handed out ballots to each member so that they could select the Chair, Deputy-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary for this next term. The new Board is pictured below, along with a summary of their duties and responsibilities for the coming year.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO(S)</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Bill Sergeant</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	<b>Wally Capsticks</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Bob Coxon</b>	<b>Initiation of New Members</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Andrea Sloan</b>	<b>Membership Chair / 16 Wing Liaison O</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Andrew Galton</b>	<b>Honours and Awards Chair</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Art Cameron</b>	<b>RCAF Ad Astral BoD Member</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Murray Conley</b>	<b>Director of Ceremonies</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Joep Dening</b>	<b>Wing Web Master</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Michael O'Shea</b>	<b>Deputy Treas/Special Projects</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Norm Marion</b>	<b>Public Relations / FaceBook</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Gerry Pepler</b>	<b>RCAF Ad Astral Board Chair</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Jane Coxon</b>	<b>Special Events / Scout Group Liaison</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Jim Purchase</b>	<b>Sick and Visiting</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Randy Rice</b>	<b>Veterans Groups Liaison</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Sherry Tobin-Green</b>	<b>RCACS Liaison for 102 Silver Fox Sqn and 714 Wasaga Beach Sqn</b>
<b>Wing Padre</b>	<b>Rev Doug Crocker</b>	<b>Wing Padre</b>



(L to R) Chairman- Bill Sergeant, Deputy Chairman- Wally Capsticks, Murray Conley, Gerry Pepler, Michael O'Shea, Treasurer- Andrea Sloan, Normand Marion, Joep Diening, Art Cameron, and Secretary-Andy Galton

3. Ontario Group AGM Tasking – Wing By-Laws Update: President Bill Sergeant, Treasurer Andrea Sloan, Les Ball, Michael O'Shea, and Greg Merrill represented the Wing at the 70th Ontario Group AGM which took place in Kingston, 17-19 May, 2019. There were no Resolutions to pass so the actual business part of the AGM was limited. We did, however; discuss the way that RCAF Assoc is being run at the National level. As a result, an "Ontario Group ByLaw Committee" was formed to devise a generic set of By-Laws for the Wing level such that they conform to the Canada and / or the Ontario Not-for-Profit (NfP) acts. This will bring the By-Laws in line with Dean Black's direction for the Wings. It should be noted that 441 Wing has been operating in the spirit of the Canada NfP Act for some years now. The following is a summary of the changes that will need to be discussed prior to changing the 441 (Huronion) Wing By-Laws.

The Wing Executive Committee (WEC) is being replaced by the Board of Directors (BoD), so there would not be a separate BoD and WEC. There would only be a BoD. Secondly, use of the terms President, Vice-President, Hon President are to be abandoned. The term, 'President' is to be replaced by 'Chairperson'. Although the Canada Not for Profit Act (CNPA) does not make mention of having a Deputy Chairperson, I think this appointment would make sense. All other officer positions required are filled by appointments from the Directors.

Another significant change is who can be a Director. The current By-Laws state that only a regular member can be a Director. However, the non-profit act states that in the event of vacant Director positions, the elected BOD can appoint up to one third their BOD membership number as Directors and that these appointed Directors need not be regular members. Furthermore, appointed Directors can fill any position but Chairperson. One caveat on appointed Directors is that they can only be appointed for one year. This provision to appoint non-regular members as Directors may not be sought by all Wings but for some Wings it would advantageous since it would allow them to appoint a Wing Associate members (non-RCAFA regular members) to the BOD.

Other points are as follows:

- minimum term of an elected Director is 2 years (elections can be staggered with half being elected in an odd numbered year and the other half elected in an even year.)
- a Director can only serve a max of 2 consecutive terms (or 4 years total) before he or she must step down for two years before being re-elected again.
- voting for Directors must be done by ballot
- minimum number of Directors is 4, suggested optimal number is 6 (there was no max specified).
- the BOD can appoint as many non-executive Directors (ie. non-voting) as required to get the job done.

The Committee's draft will provide a good basis for most Wings going forward. Each Wing will have to tailor its own By-Laws for their specific circumstances. For example, those Wings with facilities and business operations will have very different governance requirements compared to those without.

4. Guest Speakers: In May, we were very fortunate to have had Col (ret'd) George Zvanitajas, CD speak to us about his time as the Military Attaché to China. He talked about China and his experiences while serving there in that capacity, including some personal insights about surveillance by the Chinese authorities when he was travelling on official business, or even in his own home and neighbourhood. He went on to give his personal opinion about the arrest of Huawei Chief Financial Officer Meng Wanzhou and the ensuing economic retaliation as well as the arrest of Canadian citizens in China. He also commented about the trade war between the USA and China. Overall, it was a very interesting and insightful speech.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

10 Sept – Tom Carney – Battle of Britain.(TBC).

15 Oct – TBD (suggestions for a speaker are welcome) Steve Hill may be available.

April 2020 – Art Cameron will speak about his days flying the CF-104 Starfighter.

June 2020 – Joep Dening will speak about the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland.

If you, or someone you know, would like to talk about a subject that would be of interest to our members, please speak with one of our Directors.

5. Key Dates for the 441 (Huron) Wing Calendar:

July – August – Summer Break

10 August - Gathering of the Classics at Edenvale Aerodrome, 1000 hrs

10 Sep - Battle of Britain Flag Raising at Barrie City Hall at 1000 hrs

10 Sep – Wing Meeting at the Legion

15 Sept – Battle of Britain Parade at 16 Wing, Borden

08 Oct – Wing Meeting at the Legion

11 Nov – Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Barrie and other towns

12 Nov – Wing Meeting at the Legion

TBD – 441 (Huron) Wing Christmas Social

15-17 May, 2020 – 71th Annual Ontario Group Convention in Cornwall



# GATHERING of the CLASSICS



Classic autos, motorcycles, and airplanes. Also see homebuilts, ultralights, helicopters, static displays, plenty of food and more for the whole family!  
Flights available in vintage and classic warbirds!

Admission: Adults - \$10 Youths 10-17 - \$5 Children 9 & under - **FREE**

**Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019, 10am-4pm** Rain date: **Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>**

 Edenvale Aerodrome, 5195 Hwy 26 East, Stayner, ON

6. Farewell to WO1 Everett Horner: 441 Wing wishes WO1 Everett Horner of 102 RCAC Sqn Barrie all the best in the future at the University of Alberta. He has been a contributor to our Wing in many ways. He is an outstanding young man with huge potential to make a difference in any career field that he may choose.

7. Future sustainability of 441 Wing:

A proposal was made to make 441 Wing a ‘not-for-profit charitable organization’. It was noted that the fees that the Wing would need to pay to make this change would be substantial. As such, donations can be made to the Wing via the RCAF Association Foundation (8% fee) or via Canada Helps, which may be cheaper in the long run, and require less work by Wing members. Both organizations can issue tax receipts but they keep a certain percentage of the donation for themselves for administrative purposes.

8. Recruiting New Members:

One of the suggestions for recruiting new members was to set up a booth at Kempenfest. Michael O’Shea said that he was the Kempenfest Arts and Crafts Chair and that if they had an extra space that was not spoken for during the August long weekend, that he may be able to let the Wing have it gratis to do some recruiting.

Ray Raaflaub has recruited three potential members from the Orillia area. Treasurer Andrea Sloan suggested that President Bill contact the Base Personnel Selection Officer, Capt Anisha Chandra to see if someone from the Wing can attend the next SCAN Seminar. Her e-mail address is <anisha.chandra@forces.gc.ca> and phone number is 705-424-1200 x2209. They normally hold a SCAN seminar in late September. In January they included a “trade-



show” style portion where organizations have tables and people could move around and engage with each organization. There is also a new Borden Transition Group which has stood up to assist all military members in their transition to civilian life. We will need their contact info from the base website, but Capt Chandra may be able to help. They might be open to having a poster or information about veterans groups to display as that would be of interest to retiring personnel.

Also, the Wing could setup a membership tent at Celebrate Barrie next year, which takes place on 6 June, 2020. We can register anytime, but the deadline to register is in March. Arin Donnelly is the city’s OPI. The tent would need to be manned by Wing members for the event and we will need some literature and other small souvenirs to pass out to people who may be interested in joining the Wing.

9. Potential Wing Fundraisers:

A number of suggestions have been made by our members for raising funds to support the Wing and its charitable endeavours.

A suggestion by Michael O’Shea is to sell tickets for third party Draw and keep a portion of the proceeds for our Wing. The City has approved their license for the Draw. Chuck McIlravey, who runs the Draw, has various organizations that they donate to. There are some Charities that are OK to provide donations to who are not registered charities but are “recognized charities” and our Wing is one of them.

The Wing has supported a proposal by Les Ball for a ‘\$100.00 a month club’ fund raiser. People may purchase one ticket for \$10.00 which is good for 12 monthly draws throughout the year. Les will work with the city for a license and with Andrea to set up a separate bank account to track the funds.

10. 441 Wing Golf Shirts and / or Jackets:

Michael O’Shea talked about getting bespoke golf shirts for members, which would display the Wing logo and/or the RCAF Association logo. After discussion, Michael is to acquire pricing from Liz Cooper at Loops & Hoops on Innisfil who would come to the 10 September meeting to show us colours and types of shirts and jackets. . Note: From subsequent e-mails, she quoted \$30.00 for a shirt similar to the sample from Les Ball with the crest embroidered on either the sleeve or on the front. There would be a one-time setup fee of \$100.00 but we can use it for any number of things we may want such as jackets. She said that the jackets would be about \$60.00.

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## PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,  
do hereby proclaim

**September 9 – September 15, 2019**

as

## **Battle of Britain Week**

To commemorate the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

### **Battle of Britain**

and to honour the men and women of the Allied Air Forces,  
particularly those of the

### **Royal Canadian Air Force**

I encourage all citizens in the City of Barrie to join in the ceremonies.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lehman".

Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor