**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Motion: “PEI Division purchase of $500.00 brick for the Pillars of the Force initiative.”**

**Moved By:** Ruby Burns

**Seconded By:** Peter Sorensen

Background:

On 2020-11-17, at the November AGM, member Ruby Burns raised the issue that “L” Division had not purchased a brick for the Pillars of the Force walkway. Although there was no item on the agenda nor motion on the floor, the conversation was allowed to continue.

On 2019-03-19, at the March business meeting, Ruby Burns introduced the Pillars of the Force initiative to the membership with a brief presentation and handout material. The minutes reflect:

**Pillars of the Force**

Ruby Burns distributed pamphlets and made a presentation on this initiative at the museum in Regina at “Depot” Division. Basically, monies for Heritage Foundation, members can purchase a brick or plaque on a pillar. The donation is tax deductible. The plaques are for Members only, bricks for anyone. June 20/20 date set to unveil bricks.

There was no motion on the floor and the matter was closed.

On 2020-07-26, an email was received from Ruby Burns enquiring about the purchase of a brick for the Pillars of the Force initiative, and suggested it was something to consider. The following email was sent to members of the Executive and Committee Chairs.

*“Members of the Executive and Committee Chairs –*

*The following email was received from National Advocacy Chair (Ruby Burns).  Please consider her comments.  More information can be found at* [*https://rcmpva.org/pillars-of-the-force/*](https://rcmpva.org/pillars-of-the-force/)*.*

*Mike O'Neil,*

*President.”*

**Note:** One Member of the Executive and one Committee Chairperson voted in the affirmative. There were no other comments from the 13 Executive & Committee Members. The matter was not moved any further.

*“-----Original Message-----
From: Ruby Burns <**rubyburns@eastlink.ca**>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:20 PM
To:* *lgobrien@nl.rogers.com**;* *jpayne2412@rogers.com**;* *mbonova@hotmail.ca**;* *bc56@eastlink.ca*

*Hello all Atlantic Association Presidents:*

*Hope you are all doing well and enjoying the summer.*

*I was just speaking to Al Nicholson in Regina tonight on the topic of bricks for the Pillars of the Force initiative. Due to covid 19 the opening ceremony with a huge crowd of course has been cancelled but they are working on a ceremony which will be broadcasted and further details are to follow.*

*Al pointed out to me that none of the Atlantic Veteran Association Divisions have purchased a brick, yet some western ones have.  (Calgary, Vancouver, Golden Horseshoe to name a few) Most  of the  Divisions that have purchased bricks have purchased the 8X8 bricks at 500.00 each.  Al had a few suggestions if the Atlantic Association Davison’s wanted to purchase a brick; a smaller division could purchase a 4 X8 brick at  300.00 or all the provinces could combine and have all four association names on the 500.00 brick or each division could of course purchase their own brick .*

*If you would like to speak to Al directly his telephone number is 306 551  0405.  I just thought I would pass this on to you for your information and something to consider.*

*Thanks kindly.*

*Ruby”*

2020-11-17:

At the 2020 AGM (via ZOOM Video Conferencing), Ruby Burns noted that “L” Division had not purchased a brick for the Pillars of the Force following her enquiry.  I noted that the PEI Division had already considered this issue. As there was minimal interest, the matter was not pursued. At that time, Past President, Peter Sorensen stated that if she made a motion, he would second it.  Ruby then made the motion that “L” Division purchase a brick for $500.00.  It was seconded by Peter Sorensen. In her explanation, she explained that she had questioned “B”, “H”, “J” and “L” Divisions some time ago as to why they had not purchased same and suggested they do so.  Apparently, “J” and “B” Divisions had already complied with her suggestion, but was not sure if “H” Division had complied.

At this time, the following amendment to the motion was moved that this be done “…following a discussion with the Executive and then the full Membership.” The amendment was seconded and voted in favour by a majority, including Ruby Burns and Peter Sorensen.

The amended motion read:

“The PEI Division purchase a $500.00 brick for the Pillars of the Force, following discussion (and approval) by the Executive and full Membership of the RCMPVA (PEI).”

Please register your vote as noted in this email by **Friday, November 20th, 2020.**

**Note**: A majority of Executive and Committee Chairs supported the motion. The motion will be put to the membership as: “The PEI Division purchase a $500.00 brick for the Pillars of the Force.”

Further information on this fund raising activity by Regina Division:

RCMP Heritage Centre <https://rcmphc.com/>

Pillars of the Force Website <https://rcmphcfriends.com/pillars-of-the-force/>

Pillars of the Force Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pillarsoftheforce/>

Association Divisions who have already purchased a brick:

1. Regina;
2. Saskatoon;
3. PA (assumed to be Prince Albert, SK);
4. Central Vancouver;
5. Golden Horseshoe;
6. London;
7. South Okanagan;
8. Manitoba;
9. NB;
10. NL; and
11. Edmonton / Calgary / Red Deer (one brick)

Association President (Sandy Glenn) stated in an email dated 2020-12-02:

*“Hi Mike.*

*Yes, the Association has purchased a brick.*

*As for fund raising, we hold the position that all can be well as long as our efforts to raise funds are consistent with both the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act and how they pertain to the Canada Income Tax Act.  We also must  remember the Canada Revenue Agency considers the Association as a single registered Association, therefore any and all acts pertaining to fund raising withing any Division is considered an act of the Association as a whole.*

*If you want to take a look at questions we raised with the Blumberg Law Firm pertaining to finances I can provide them to you along with their response as well as an interpretation of their response.  Just let me know. Regards*

*Sandy Glenn”*

On 2020-12-02, Secretary of the Friends of the RCMP Heritage Centre replied:

*“The national association & Ottawa Div have not yet purchased a brick. We ask all Divs to purchase a brick but there is no special push for Divs to purchase. This is an ongoing project and over time, I am sure all .Divs will purchase a brick.”*