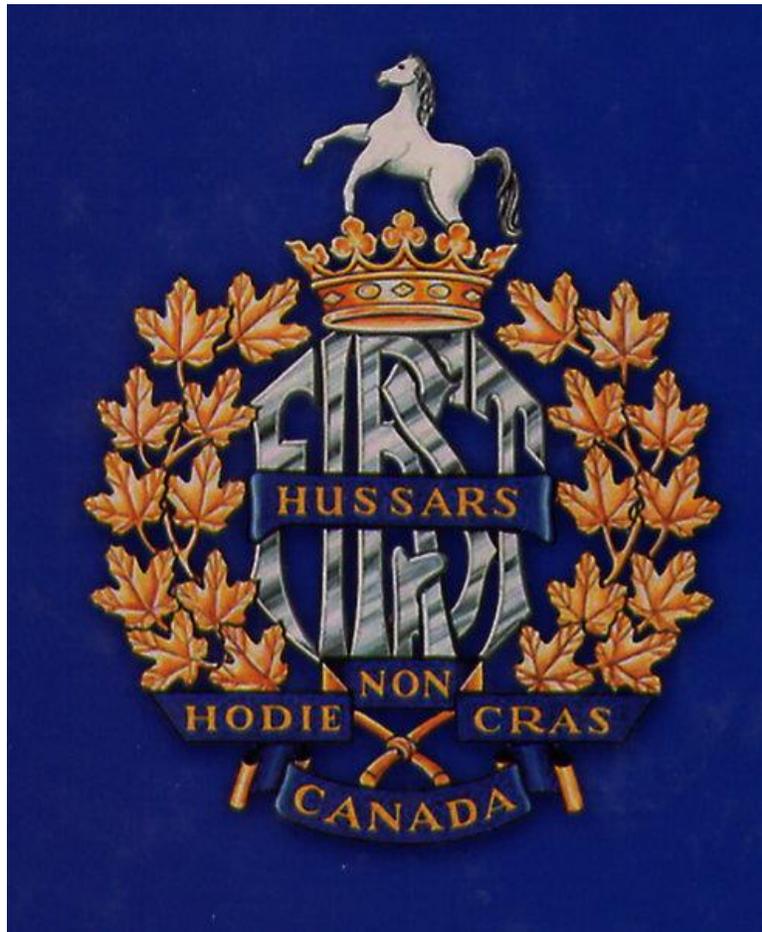


# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HUSSARS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION



# CONSTITUTION



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### NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be "THE FIRST HUSSARS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION" and shall hereinafter be referred to as "The Association".
2. The objects of the Association shall be:
  - (a) to maintain the comradeship and esprit de corps engendered during service among past and present members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars;
  - (b) to assist deserving members in every way possible; visiting the sick, attendance at funerals and general welfare work;
  - (c) to support the Regiment and its members; and
  - (d) to perpetuate the name, history, and traditions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Regiment.

### MEMBERSHIP

3. The following shall be eligible for membership in the Association:
  - (a) All those who have honourably served at any time with the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Regiment,
  - (b) All attached personnel, who have honourably served at any time with the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Regiment, and
  - (c) any citizen of the community in good standing considered to be a friend of the Regiment.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. The Association shall be governed by its Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Executive". Members of the Executive must be members of the Association and shall be composed of:

#### A) OFFICERS

- i) The President
- ii) The London Vice-President
- iii) The Sarnia Vice-President
- iv) The Secretary
- v) The Treasurer

#### B) EX-OFFICIO

- i) The Immediate Association Past President
- ii) The Chairman of the First Hussars Cavalry Fund



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5. The Executive shall have the power to make decisions as to policy and to perform such acts as they deem necessary but these must be ratified by the membership at the next General Meeting.
6. The Executive shall have the power to appoint Advisors to the Executive Committee to assist in its deliberations from time to time. Advisors do not have voting rights at the meetings of the Executive. The Executive may delegate to Advisors and/or their committees the supervision of such activities as they deem necessary for the carrying out of the purposes of this Constitution. Such committees shall make a full report of their activities when called upon to do so by the Executive. The general membership may be called upon to serve on such committees.
7. In the event of death, resignation, incapacitation, or absence of an Officer of the Executive during his/her term of office, the Executive shall be empowered to appoint a replacement until such time as a proper election can be carried out at the next General Meeting.
8. The presence of a majority of the Executive shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive. The Executive shall meet when the President considers it advisable to do so, provided that there shall be at least four meetings in every year.
9. The duties of Officers of the Executive shall be as follows:
  - (a) The President shall be responsible that the affairs of the Association are conducted in accordance with this Constitution. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive. He/she shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the efforts of the individual members of the Executive and shall interpret to the membership at large the policies and action of the Executive. He/she shall represent the Association at public functions when such representation is required or may delegate another Officer of the Executive to do so.
  - (b) One of the Vice-Presidents, as duly appointed by the Executive, shall carry out the duties of the President, as referenced in Paragraph 7, in his/her absence. Otherwise, they shall perform the duties of a member of the Executive notwithstanding the fact that they are Officers of the Executive.
  - (c) The Secretary shall faithfully keep accurate and legible records of all the activities of the Association; this shall include the taking, recording and presentation of Minutes. He/she shall conduct and preserve all the correspondence as may be required by the Executive and shall be responsible for the sending of notices of all Association and Executive meetings as required by this Constitution, or as directed by the President.



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- (d) The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the Association funds and shall be responsible therefore. He/she shall be responsible for the collection of membership dues; shall keep clear and legible records of the money transactions of the Association and shall present a report thereof at each Executive and General meeting and at such other times as requested by the President. He/she, or an appointed Membership Chairperson, shall keep an up-to-date Nominal Roll of the membership and such other lists as the Executive may direct.
- (e) The members of the Executive shall perform such individual tasks as may be assigned to them at Executive or General Meetings.

### ELECTIONS

10. a) All the Officers of the Association shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the First Hussars Regimental Association and shall hold office as proscribed in Article 14. Ex-Officio members shall join or leave the Executive upon the commencement or cessation of their term of appointment.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually on the third Sunday of October, or as close to this day as possible if mitigating circumstances prevent the use of this day.
11. A candidate shall be considered elected to office when a majority of those present at the meeting who are eligible to vote, and voting, vote in his/her favour.
12. Voting shall be carried out by paper ballot, except when otherwise decided by the members present.
13. A designated member who has identified the fact that he/she will not be a candidate for any Executive Office shall have the management of the annual elections and the Secretary shall act as returning Officer. In the event that the Secretary is nominated for some other office, then any member present, as the **presiding member** in his/her direction may decide, shall act as Returning Officer.
14. Incoming Executive Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall take office on 01 January of the following year.

### MEETINGS

15. Notice of any General or Special meeting shall be sent to all members **in** good standing at least ten days in advance of the date of the meeting.



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16. The President may, at any time, call a General Meeting and he/she shall call such whenever so requested in writing by ten members of the Association who are in good standing.
17. Decisions of the Association in meeting assembled shall only be made by a quorum, and no meeting will be regarded as properly constituted unless a quorum is present. A quorum exists when regular members exceed Executive members present by one or more.
18. There shall be at least four General Meetings during the Association's year, of which the Annual General Meeting may be one.

### **FINANCIAL**

19. All funds of the Association, with the exception of Petty Cash held by the Treasurer, shall be kept in an established financial institution.
20. The financial records of the Association will be reviewed annually.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

21. This Constitution may be revised, amended or expanded upon at any General Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. For such a meeting, notice of revision or amendment will be sent out to each member a minimum of thirty days before the meeting.