RCMC Minutes

Meeting September 25th, 2025

Ron East – Secretary

Warren Gregg presiding

Convened 9:50 AM

Members present: 57

Announcements:

Martin Alderwick – Membership Chair

Guests: Guest Mike Veenema

Members getting badges
Shelby Korman
Glenn Cerenzia

Ken Marchant – Activities Chair

RCMC ACTIVITIES EVENT LOG Year _2025_ Sept 24, 25
Valentines Dinner Sat Feb 14, 2026 Symposium Ken M Ken has approached Symposium Manager
Drayton Theatre group 2025 WarrenJesus Christ Superstar Saturday July 19th @ 2 pm Hamilton Family Theatre, Cambridge Warren Completed
Shrek, The Musical Saturday December 6th @ 2 pm Hamilton Family Theatre, Cambridge Warren Off the books
Halton Radial Railway Museum Monday July 7th @ 10 am 13629 Guelph Line, Campbellville Pay at site $23.. pp Martin 19? Completed, Successful
Guelph Pollinator park TOUR Deferred to 2026 Eastview Rd/Watson rd TBA Warren Deferred until next year
Muslim Society Tour Deferred TBA ? For discussion
Tour of Hammond Radio Museum
TBD Hammond Radio Museum, Guelph Richard Evans For discussion. Submitted by Bob Berry. We have toured there before. Very successful
Guelph Storm Game Friday, Oct 03 @ 19.00 Sleeman Centre $20 EZIO 6 tickets remain. 12 sold
Remembrance Day Ceremony Tues Nov 11 Sleeman Centre n/c Marty Marty to purchase wreath on behalf of club
Remembrance Day Luncheon Tues Nov 11 Diana's Marty Marty to make reservations
VBA Cabaret Nov.19th -21st , 2025 VBA $20 pp? Ken Sign up sheet available for 2 nights
Christmas Lunch, Dec 11, 2025 Victoria East GC $60. PP? everybody See notes, a team effort
Guelph Museum Deferred Ritchie Deferred Wellington Waterloo Flight Centre
Spring 2026 Wellington, Waterloo airport TBD Dave Fisk All details TBA. Tour and meal at airport.

Car Rally Fall 2025 Start at Fixed Gear. Dave Fisk Show of hands, interest sheet. Need Dates, Times
Christmas Dinner. Team to solicit businesses etc. for door prize gifts. Several sponsors such as the boat house have been very
generous in the past. Also… club members have contributed a lot in the past. An update is required
Car Rally. Dave Fisk is lead. Quite doable. Prizes. October? Need Dates/Times/Locations for Sept 25th meeting
Guelph Storm outing… Oct 03 at Sleeman Centre. 18 tickets. 12 sold. Unsold transferred to Ezio.
Valentine's outing on Feb 14th (a Saturday). I've advised Symposium manager that we may wish to use their premises next year

Dave? – Car Rally – details – scavenger hunt, prizes, entrance $10.00

Intro – Nigel Morris – technician (bravo!)

Speaker – Mike Finoro (member)

Presentation:

Life as a Corrections Officer - probably different from what you imagine.

Bio:

Mike Finoro, also known as Michele, has been a member of RCMC since 2023. He is of Italian descent. Married for 33 years to wife Lina. He has 3 children, one of which is special needs and also has 3 grandchildren.

Mike worked with the Ministry of Correctional Services, just under 39 years. Half this time as a Lieutenant/Manager. During his years in correctional services he was on the Riot Squad for 20 years which included Team leader and Coordinator. The last 5 years of his career was as Security Manager of the jail. Mike has volunteered at the Probation and Parole office in Guelph for 25 years. Now retired for 2 ½ years, spends his spare time doing small renovations, golfing, fishing, yard work, men's club, and spends quality time with family.

Mike studied corrections at Brampton College. He has been a Corrections Officer/Manager for 39 years. He spent 20 years at Maplehurst, and the remainder at the Brantford and Stratford Jails

Classification of Inmates

Provincial – 2 years less a day

Federal prisons (Kingston area) – over 2 years – convicted

3 types of Jails – Maximum (fewer inmats, Medium, and Minimal (more inmates)

Detention Centres – going to trial

What is a prison?

All of them

Capital Punishment

Had it for 100 years (no longer)

1481 people sentenced, 710 hung, 697 men, 13 women

Usually buried on site

The Brantford Jail was built in 1862, the Stratford Jail in 1886

Inmate subculture

Mind your own business

What are you in for?

Ratting – major issue

Paying your debts inside

Don't steal

Don't whistle

Respect personal space

Respect phone privacy

10 to 15 men – 1 toilet (minimum security)

Jail Jargon

Hole – segregation

PC – protective custody – can't return to general population

Fish – new person

Store Guy -vhas resources – access to products to sell

Everyone gets some canteen money

Access to Hooch – alcohol – made inside

Fishing – drugs

Boss – guards

Goof – fight

Bird – lower class inmate

Slipped in the shower – beaten up

Heavy – tough guys

Shanks and shivs – knives (made inside)

Drugs

Brought in by staff, at court, put in rectum or swallowed

In the mail

Usually Meths or fentanyl or car fentanyl

Smurf – someone hiding in Porto-toilet

Suicides – cut wrists

The rules have changed – no strip searching etc.

Mike decided it was time to leave

Meeting adjourned 11:03 AM