



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

November 2023

November 9th. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”

Doug Davidson: WW2-Highland Light Infantry-Guelph Connection

Presentation:

A brief history of the Waterloo County Regiment & My HLI Friends and their WWII record: How do You get a “Royal” designation?

Bio:

Doug was born in Kitchener and grew up participating in youth activities at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where he was regularly exposed to bagpipes and regular church parades by The Scots Fusiliers of Canada.

He joined The Highland Fusiliers of Canada as a piper in 1969. His real career started with his graduating from the University of Waterloo and Western with a BSc. and Diploma in Education respectively. He was hired by the Wellington County Board of Education in 1974 as a high school science, math and special education teacher and served in that capacity as well as Acting Science Consultant for the 1990-91 school year.

He retired from teaching with the Upper Grand District School Board in June 2003 and from The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada in July 2009 after 25 years as Pipe Major. During his Army Reserve career he played at the Edinburgh Tattoo, Kensington Palace and was part of the composite Canadian Forces Pipe Band that played at the Rededication of the Vimy Memorial on the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy.

Locally he has played at several Concerts at the River Run Centre including its Opening Ceremony as well as many local ceremonies at schools, churches and military dinners. Upon his retirement he was awarded the 31 Canadian Brigade Group Commander's Commendation for his long and dedicated service.

He is married to Elizabeth and has 2 daughters and a son and has served on the boards of several community organizations. More recently he has served on the Board of the Guelph Ringette Association as President, Tournament Chair and as a Coach and Referee.

He continues as an associate member of the RHFC Pipes & Drums as well as being a member of the Ayr Pipe Band Canada and is a more recent member of the Royal City Mens Club.

10am. To be followed by Live Questions

November 23rd. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”

**Ken McGoogan:
Let's Make History Exciting Again: Adventures in Creative
Nonfiction**

Presentation:

Let's Make History Exciting Again: Adventures in Creative Nonfiction. In this talk, Ken argues that History is in the ropes – especially Canadian History. It is time to build upon the foundation laid by writers like Pierre Berton and Peter C. Newman by incorporating newer story-telling techniques -- by taking a creative nonfiction approach to writing History. His latest book, *Searching for Franklin*, is his most developed illustration. While delivering a factual narrative, it incorporates personal presence, intertwines story lines, and shifts point of view. Bottom line: *Let's Make History Exciting Again.*

Bio:

Dave Beaton is Guelph's Program Manager of Forestry and Sustainable Landscapes within the Parks department. Dave Beaton will provide a State of Guelph's Stewardship and highlight community and park staff efforts and accomplishments. Dave's teams and community partners are making real progress to meet Guelph's canopy targets, improve biodiversity in our natural areas and streetscapes, thwart invasive plants, engage residents in restoration through a new Park Stewards Program and support community efforts for food security through community gardens. Dave will provide a synopsis of where we are now and ask for community support to carry these efforts further into the future.

A graduate of Guelph's Environmental Sciences program, Dave's culminating research examined community support for restoration and naturalization efforts in Guelph along the Speed River that he would later be hired to lead.

Dave spent a 17 year career at Credit Valley Conservation, managing CVC's Community Outreach, volunteer programs, awards program, initiating urban, rural, and farming programs, Conservation Youth Corps, and initiating efforts for the 100 km Credit Valley Trail.

Dave continues to live in Guelph and is a longtime volunteer who for 25 years has led the efforts to protect the 600 acre Hanlon Creek Conservation Area, (aka Preservation Park) through boardwalk construction, other trail improvements, and ecological restoration. These efforts continue to the present day with fall workdays coordinated with the University of Guelph's Project Serve and community volunteers maintaining more than 1 km of boardwalks.

In 2017, Dave joined the City of Guelph as Supervisor of Trails and Natural Areas working to connect people with the nature in their neighbourhood, establishing stewardship programs, and supporting community restoration efforts. In 2021, Dave was appointed as Program Manager of Forestry and Sustainable Landscapes leading Forestry, Horticulture, Natural Areas Stewardship, and GIS for the Parks department. Dave is proud to work with a talented group of professionals as well as many dedicated community leaders devoted to making a difference in the city we love.

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PHOTOS

DOUG DAVIDSON



KEN McGOOGAN



Messages : Future Meetings

Meetings for December

December 7th.

Royal City Men's Club
Annual Christmas Luncheon

See activities desk for more details

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

Nov. 2nd. and Nov. 16th. and Nov. 30th.

Coffee/Breakfast

RCMC Live Coffee Morning
9:30 am The Boathouse
116 GORDON ST.

More news to come regarding activities and live coffee mornings
Refer to the website often

Activities & Events

Nov. 11th.

Remembrance Day

See activities desk for more details

Nov. 15th.

Guelph Storm Hockey

See activities desk for more details

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Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to **Martin Alderwick**; 519-763-6939
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Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.