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## CO REPORT - CNMT TRUSTEES

Hi Everyone,

SACKVILLE is on the Halifax waterfront – at her Sackville Landing berth.

On 2 Jun 21, SACKVILLE undocked and proceeded to jetty NC1, HMC Dockyard. Hull cladding 100% complete. June 2nd was a very happy day for the ship and crew. It was great to be finished and back in the water. SACKVILLE sends a huge thank you to the RCN and FMF Cape Scott for their tremendous support and work to complete this vital work. There are so many people to thank and give words of appreciation, these include: M&O, Brunswick Lifts, EarthCleaners, the many Fleet personnel who were seconded to SACKVILLE as fire sentries, the Commissionaires, our submarine shed front entrance caretakers, Bruce and Rick, the Board for their never-ending support, the Chair for his advice and guidance, our Trustees for following our refit and sending words of support, our crew who were always ready to jump in when we needed you most. And last by not least, The Chief of the Ship – Art – without Art's untiring work ethic and dedication to this huge task, we could not have achieved the desired end state. Art was always there – he took on the role of SACKVILLE PM and never hindered in his decision making and ability to move critical issues fwd. He was always one step ahead which allowed the ship to meet all the demands placed on her by the many competing entities. He established an excellent rapport with all contractors, FMF, Fleet Support, and was a pillar of strength for the crew. A personal and heartfelt thank you goes out to Art Forward – our Chief of the Ship. BZ Art!

Once in the water it was set to work for the ship's move to downtown Halifax, Sackville Landing. It was a busy period as I am sure you can appreciate. Spending 9 months in the submarine shed meant a huge mess inside the ship. For our move downtown, the crew concentrated on the ship's external areas.

On 25 Jun 21, the ship could move to Sackville Landing. The plan was to sail North to the McKay bridge, then south along Dartmouth, to Georges Is and North along Halifax to Sackville Landing. Steaming North, we encountered HMCS WINDSOR, proceeding south. At 5 cables pass WINDSOR, the pilot advised we had to turn around and proceed south to make our ETA. Well, what a moment when we came about. HMCS SACKVILLE with a submarine on the surface - 5 cables on her starboard bow. Without hesitation the crew hoisted Black Pennant close up, "I am prosecuting submarines", the 4 in gun was depressed and aimed on the WINDSOR and the hedgehog manned. The ship was cleared away for action!! What a moment!

During our sail past, SACKVILLE had the honour to pass respects to the Acting CDS Gen Eyre and RAdm Santarpia, who had embarked in WINDSOR. And then on to Sackville Landing for our arrival. I special thank you to the Coxswain and Chair who hosted the jetty ceremony. The



Coxn was instrumental in setting up the jetty and making necessary preps in a COVID restricted environment. We were well received by the STADACONA Band, and His Worship Mayor Savage, Honourable Member Andy Fillmore and MLA Ben Jessome. Debbie Eisan conducted a smudge on our arrival and was a key speaker in opening the welcoming ceremony. Debbie was followed by our own Padre Cooke. A great start to our downtown tour.

Since arriving downtown, the ship has welcomed visitors for upper deck tours only. As of last week of July, the ship has extended this to the chief's mess, tiller flats and the engine room. We hope by the end of August to open all areas of the ship for visitors.

The Trustee Mess is taking shape. The servery is nearing completion. It is our hope to have all work completed by end August. We are starting the application process for a liquor licence. Part of this process is to ensure our heads and wash place, galley, Conference Room and Trustee Mess are spotless. We will be inspected by the fire marshal prior to issuing of the licence. This step is vital to opening the servery and the mess.

Other dates to take note:

- a. 1 Jul 21 – Ship held a service to commemorate the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel, 1 July 1916. It was an honour to host Mr. William McCurdy, WWII veteran – Signals Corps, 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division, and LCol (ret'd) Winston Crocker, Royal Newfoundland Regiment Advisory Council.
- b. 3 Aug 21 – RNSIT completed filming a promotional piece for the RNSIT.
- c. 31 Aug 21 – SACKVILLE will participate in Dervish 80. This event will recognize the Arctic Convoys to Murmansk and Arkhangelsk. On the 31 Aug 41, the first Arctic Convoy arrived in Arkhangelsk. We will hold a small service followed by tolling the ship's bell 16 times. Based on an Old Russian Tradition of marking the New Year with 8 strokes makes an old man and another 8 the youngest in the crew. The ringing-bell ceremony will be held simultaneously on 31st August at 6 p.m. (Moscow), 4 p.m. (UK), and 11 a.m. (USA and Canada).
- d. 10 Sep 21 – First post COVID Trustee lunch. This is our goal but will depend on our liquor licence and NS Public Health guidelines.
- e. 11 Sep 21 (Sat) – SACKVILLE remembrance ceremony for our ships and Merchant Navy vessels. On 11 Sep 1942 – HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN – K244 lost
- f. 23 Sep 21 (Thurs) – Committal of Ashes service
- g. 5 – 7 Oct 21 (Tues – Thurs) – DEFSEC
- h. 8 Oct 21 (Fri) - Committal of Ashes and return to HMC Dockyard



Communications Director/PR. I received an e-mail from Ms. Marieke deRoos, Port Mouton, NS, who is interested in taking on some of the Comms Director/PR role. Will discuss with Chair on way ahead. Marieke was recommended by Richard Kiehbiel, Trustee Saskatchewan. Marieke does some volunteer work with Richard.

Events/Business Case (BC). The BC has been fwded to the Chair. Will work with the Chair for approval and authorization to move fwd on the next steps.

The ship is enjoying a warm welcome at Sackville Landing. We have exceeded 6K visitors and received approx. 6K in donations. I will confirm these figures as the month of August concludes.

Continue to Serve!

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