

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CHARTER WORKING GROUP (CWG)

1330 HRS 8 JUL 85

9 Jul 85

Attendance

Chairman	BGen A. McLellan	DGC Svc
Members	Col S.A. Hellstrom	DWP
	Col G.L. Waterfield	DJAG/L
	LCol R.F. Barnes	DPLS Rep
	LCol B.N. Wright	D Secur Rep
	Maj A.F. Fenske	JAG Rep
Secretary	Col G.L. Logan	DGC Svc/SPO

Introduction

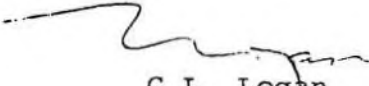
1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 1340 hrs and welcomed Col Hellstrom as a new member of the CWG.

Item	Discussion	Action By
I	<p><u>Status Report on Committee Hearings and Activities</u></p> <p>2. The Chairman reported that the Minister had appeared before the Equality Rights Sub-Committee on 19 Jun 85. The Sub-Committee has been granted an extension to end-Sep 85 vice 9 Sep 85 for completing its report. It is not known how long it will take from the time the report is tabled in the House until there is a Government decision on the report recommendations.</p>	
II	<p><u>Future Direction for the CF</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman stated that, in his opinion, the appearance of the Minister before the Sub-Committee did not represent the end of the equality rights review process in the CF. Much work still had to be done and some direction or guidance was required to ensure that all concerned know that the process is continuing. Moreover, it may be useful for the Minister to have a statement of intentions available when the Sub-Committee report is discussed in Cabinet.</p>	

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III	<p>4. The Chairman tabled a draft statement "Equality Rights in the Canadian Forces" which, it was suggested, could provide broad policy guidance for the future. The Chairman requested members to review the statement and to be prepared to discuss its contents in detail at the next meeting. Members were asked to ensure that the draft was seen by JAG, DPLS and D Secur so their comments could be considered as well.</p> <p><u>Status Report on Bill C-27 and Consequent Action</u></p> <p>5. DJAG/L reported that Bill C-27 has received royal assent. Justice has still not responded to our request for information re proclamation.</p> <p>6. All the new or amended orders and regulations that will be required subsequent to proclamation have been reviewed and approved by the CWG except for Chapter 105 of QR&O. That chapter cannot be finalized until the future of open custody is resolved. The VCDS has written commanders on the subject and has asked for their comments on an urgent basis. Hopefully this will be resolved quickly.</p> <p>7. The Chairman stated that if the decision is to retain open custody we must accept the decision and re-write Chapter 105 accordingly. DJAG/L indicated that this could be difficult to do. The Chairman acknowledged this but said we have to press on so we will be ready for proclamation of Bill C-27.</p> <p>8. Maj Fenske reported that work was well-advanced on the necessary submissions to gain formal approval of the new and amended orders and regulations except, of course, for Chapter 105. The proposed revised DETRs have been forwarded to the PCO for preliminary review.</p>	All
IV	<p><u>Next Meeting and Adjournment</u></p> <p>9. The next meeting will likely be held on 11 or 12 Jul 85: time and location to be advised. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hrs.</p>	


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