By-Town Heritage Club
November 2026 newsletter

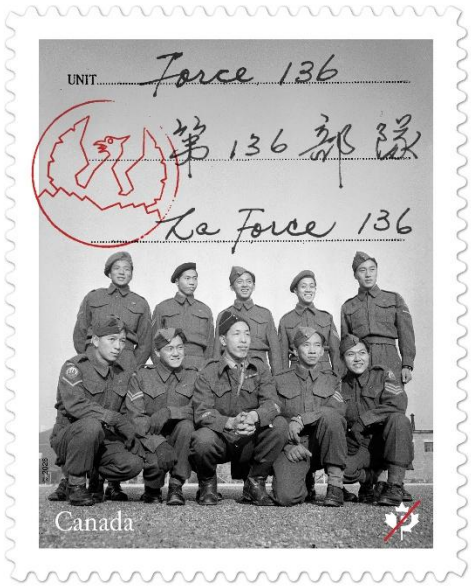
A month away from the holidays and just a few weeks after that, the start of a new year! I'm not sure if it's just me, but it seems the days pass by so quickly and the years even faster! Experts seem to say this is what happens when you are busy and active, which is a good thing, but I would still like to have a few more days pass by just a little slower…

We are thrilled to be back helping Santa with his mail again this year! We will be meeting at Head Office on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 26 (TBC – dependent on mail volumes)
- Thursday, December 3
- Thursday, December 10
- Tuesday, December 15 (Blitz Day!)

Unfortunately, we are unable to use our space in the cafeteria this year, and the largest available boardroom only accommodates 20 people. As a result, we will need to limit registrations to 20 people per session (except for Blitz Day!). If you would like to help, please register your interest (send an email to general@bytownchapter.com) and we will communicate directly with you as details are confirmed. HO HO HO… it's that time of year again!

Finally, as November 11 passed earlier this week, I trust everyone took a moment to remember all those who served so that we could continue to enjoy the many rights and freedoms we have as Canadians. To those who lost loved ones in service to Canada, we remembered with you. To those who served and came home, thank you for your service and sacrifice. And to the families who supported them, shared in their sacrifices and carried the memories of those years, we recognized and thanked you as well. On Remembrance Day, we remembered…



New Remembrance Day stamp honours Chinese Canadians of Force 136

Holiday event – SOLD OUT!

We are thrilled to share that our holiday market/dinner event is officially SOLD OUT! We are, however, keeping a cancellation list, so if you'd like to be added to the list of people we contact should a spot become available, just let us know. A big thank you to all the members who signed up to participate. It's wonderful to see our events sell out! A reminder email with all the event details will be sent to registered participants shortly before the big day.

Dues are due…

A friendly reminder that your 2027 membership dues are now due — unless you've already paid (and if that's you, thank you!). Your dues keep the club running — they help us send out newsletters, buy door prizes for our lunches, subsidize activities, and make charitable donations. Your $25 membership goes a long way, and we're truly grateful for your continued support. Send your $25 payment by e-transfer to treasurer@bytownchapter.com. Still on the fence about renewing? Check out a full list of membership benefits here. And complete payment information is in the box at the end of the newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Lunches…

We had a terrific turnout for our November lunch – our last lunch of 2026! It was great to see so many members, and WOW — a huge thank you to everyone who brought in toys for Toy Mountain! (I did take pictures, but I've decided to wait until we have all the donations in before unveiling our very own Toy Mountain!). Congratulations to all our door prize winners, and a special shout-out to Stephen Marcellus, who won the 50/50 draw of $125 and then donated $100 back to our Toy Mountain effort! Thank you, Stephen!

There will be no lunch in December as we'll be busy helping Santa with his mail. Our January lunch will be held on Thursday, January 7. Details about both the January lunch and our February lunch (Thursday, February 4) will be included in the next newsletter.

A few pictures from our November lunch…



Holiday community support!

A final call for our Toy Mountain community initiative! A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed toys or made a monetary donation to our toy drive. Your generosity is very much appreciated! We will have one final collection opportunity on Thursday, December 3, when we'll be at Head Office helping with Santa's mail. If you would like to drop off a toy that day, just send us a note (general@bytownchapter.com) and we'll plan to meet you and collect it. Thank you for helping us make the holidays a little brighter for children in our community!

Charity support…

We are pleased to announce, based on your nominations, the club will be supporting two charities this year. SOS – Steps off the Street and Parkinson Canada. Nominated by Tim McGurrin, Steps off the Street works to empower individuals experiencing homelessness to move from the streets into addiction recovery. Nominated by Roxane Matin, Parkinson Canada provides individuals living with Parkinson's and their caregivers with information, resources and support to help them navigate the challenges of the disease. A donation of $250 has been made to each organization on behalf of the By-Town Heritage Club. Thank you to everyone who sent nominations, we wish we could support every one of them!

That is all for this month, enjoy the rest of November!

Your By-Town Heritage Club Executive

P.S. A reminder… with the new email/PDF newsletter distribution, links to emails and websites are not dependable. As always, to register for lunches, any activity, or for any correspondence, our email is:

general@bytownchapter.com. The email for the treasurer, for payments, is treasurer@bytownchapter.com.

PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR ALL EVENTS AND DUES
NOTE: Dues are $25.00 per year to renew.

PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD – E-transfers

- Please send an email to treasurer@bytownchapter.com with the following details:
- The reason for the e-transfer (annual membership fee, specific activity)
- The amount of your e-transfer
- Your name and membership number

ALTERNATE PAYMENT METHOD – By Cheque:

- PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT ACCEPT POST-DATED CHEQUES FOR ANY PAYMENT
- Please send an email to treasurer@bytownchapter.com noting you would like to attend the event, or are paying your dues, and will be paying by cheque
- Make cheque out to 'BY-TOWN HERITAGE CLUB' and mail to:

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