



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, April 13, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 4 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Hassan Yussuff, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Ince, Kutcher, McNair, White, Youance and Yussuff (10).

Participating in the meeting: Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, Ariel Shapiro and Andrés Leon, Analysts, Library of Parliament; Sabryna Lemieux, Communications Officer, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, the committee continued its study on defence procurement in the context of Canada's commitment to increase defence spending.

WITNESSES:

Roshel - Smart Armoured Vehicles:

Roman Shimonov, Founder and CEO.

Accipiter Radar Technologies Inc.:

Tim Nohara, Founder and CEO (*by videoconference*).

Bombardier:

Pierre Pyun, Vice-President, Government and Industry Affairs.

Draganfly Inc.:

Cameron Chell, President and CEO (*by videoconference*).

Roman Shimonov and Tim Nohara each made a statement.

At 4:10 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:12 p.m., the committee resumed.

Tim Nohara resumed his statement and, together with Roman Shimonov, answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:13 p.m., the committee resumed.

Pierre Pyun and Cameron Chell each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:08 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:11 p.m., the committee resumed in camera.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the committee continued its study on the impacts of Russia's disinformation on Canada.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed a draft report.

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members or their staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcript be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

It was agreed that the draft report be adopted in both official languages, and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the report, taking into consideration this meeting's discussions, and with any necessary editorial, grammatical and translation changes required.

It was agreed that the chair be authorized to table the report in the Senate or with the Clerk of the Senate, in both official languages, at the earliest opportunity, and to request a complete and detailed response from the government, and that 24 hours prior to the release of the report, the report be provided to targeted reporters under embargo.

At 7:01 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Committee