



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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[English]

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs met this day at 12 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Dawn Anderson, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Anderson, Ince, MacAdam, McNair, Muggli and Patterson (6).

Participating in the meeting: Diana Ambrozas, Analyst, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 12, 2026, the subcommittee continued its consideration of issues relating to Veterans Affairs, including services and benefits provided, commemorative activities, and the continuing implementation of the Veterans Well-being Act. (Topic: Veterans' homelessness)

WITNESSES:

Centre CASA:

Marc-Antoine Guérin, Deputy Director General and Clinical Director *(by videoconference)*;

Geneviève Caron, Uniform Program Manager and Psychosocial Counselor *(by videoconference)*.

Ottawa Innerscity Ministries:

Colonel (Retired) Gerald Potter, Executive Director.

Veterans Association:

Marie Blackburn, Executive Director.

Colonel (retired) Gerald Potter, Marie Blackburn, Marc-Antoine Guérin and Geneviève Caron each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Subcommittee