

**Potential Events and Activities
Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada
October 2019**

Context

The following is a proposed outreach plan for the Minister of Veterans Affairs post-election. Activities, dates and locations are subject to change based on the following considerations:

- Providing a variety of formats for connecting with diverse stakeholders and Veterans;
- Other events for engagement may be included at a later date;
- Where possible, including representation of different cities than the 2019 ministerial events; and
- Where possible, proposing events when the House of Commons is not sitting.

Political considerations may impact the calendar, including the political party that forms Government and the location of the riding of the new Minister. The calendar may shift to ensure the nature, scope and approach of engagement activities is reflective of the Minister's mandate commitments.

Field Operations has reviewed the proposed calendar and there were no particular area office events or items to note for consideration at this time.

Commemoration has reviewed the calendar and has included updates based on their upcoming events.

As the National Stakeholder Summit is proposed to take place within the first 90 days of newly appointed Minister, it is recommended that roundtables and/or town halls take place post-National Summit.

A list of 2018 and 2019 roundtables, town halls, and forums that provided an opportunity for former Minister to engage with stakeholders is included as Annex A. The House of Commons Sitting Calendar is attached as Annex B.

Event	Date	Location	Activity Type	Description	Requirement
First 30 days					
Outreach to key stakeholders	Nov	N/A	Initial outreach by telephone call	List of key stakeholders is provided for Minister's introduction to key stakeholders.	MVA to conduct calls
Ministerial Care and Support Advisory Group Meeting	Nov 20	Ottawa	Stakeholder and Engagement Activity	Meeting of the Policy Advisory Group to discuss Veteran related initiatives and benefits.	Preparatory meeting only – MVA not required
Departmental Results Report (DRR)	November 21	Ottawa		MVA/OMVA briefing on the DRR	OMVA presence
75 th anniversary of the Italian Campaign	Nov 26-Dec 6	Italy	Commemorative event	A Government of Canada delegation, including SWW Veterans and typically led by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, will travel to Italy to attend commemorative events marking the 75 th anniversary of the Italian Campaign.	MVA presence
75 th anniversary of the Italian Campaign	Nov 26	Ottawa	Commemorative event	A commemorative ceremony will be held in Ottawa to mark the 75 th anniversary of the Italian Campaign.	MVA presence required if not in Italy
Soldier On Veteran Well-Being Fund Announcement	November	Ottawa	Echo announcement	Possibility of echo announcement for well-being fund recipients	MVA presence if not in Italy
Departmental Results Report (DRR)	December 2	Ottawa		DRR to be deposited with Treasury Board Secretariat	For awareness
Ministerial Policy Advisory Group Meeting	December 18	Ottawa	Stakeholder and Engagement Activity	Meeting of the Policy Advisory Group to discuss Veteran related policies and initiatives.	Preparatory meeting only – MVA not required
Canadian Armed Forces/Veterans Affairs annual suicide report and suicide statistic web update	December / January	TBD		The CAF publishes an annual report on suicide mortality. The report takes a long-term view of all suicides by CAF personnel, analyses trends and demographics, and compares the CAF suicide rate to that of the Canadian population. This report will analyze last year's suicides. Preliminary quarterly data on suicides in the CAF remains unchanged.	For awareness
Advisory Group meetings or Co-chair meeting of the 6 current groups	December / January	Ottawa	Engagement	Advisory Groups which were created to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister supported by perspectives gathered from stakeholder consultation and engagement activities.	MVA presence

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				Discussion with on renewal, and forward looking priorities for the department is recommended as a focus.	
Bell Let’s Talk	January 30	TBC	Engagement	A national campaign to raise awareness and fight against the stigma surrounding mental illness.	For awareness
First 60 – 90 days					
redacted					
90 – 120 days					
redacted					

ANNEX A: ROUND TABLES, TOWN HALLS, AND SUMMITS IN 2018 /2019

FOR REFERENCE, ROUNDTABLES ARE EVENTS BY INVITATION TO LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS.

STAKEHOLDER ROUND TABLES SINCE JAN 2018 (BY INVITATION)

- Victoria – January 8, 2018
- Vancouver – January 9, 2018
- Vancouver – January 2019 (Jody W-R) (RCL only)
- Halifax – January 16, 2018
- Gagetown – February 21, 2018
- Edmonton – March 15, 2018
- Kingston – April 4, 2018
- Belleville – April 5, 2018
- Sherbrooke – October 5, 2018
- Vancouver, January 23, 2019
- Charlottetown, January 31, 2019

VETERAN TOWN HALLS SINCE JAN 2018 (GENERAL INVITATION VIA FACEBOOK)

- Vancouver – January 9, 2018
- Dartmouth – January 16, 2018
- Fredericton – February 20, 2018
- Edmonton - March 14, 2018
- Kingston – April 4, 2018
- Belleville – April 5, 2018
- Kelowna – August 20, 2018
- St. John's - August 29, 2018
- Saskatoon – September 13, 2018
- Montreal – October 4, 2018

TOWN HALLS ARE OPEN INVITATION TO VETERANS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE AREA AND THE INVITATION IS POSTED ON THE VAC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

STAKEHOLDER SUMMITS SINCE JAN 2018 (BY INVITATION)

Regional:

- Toronto – June 25, 2018
- Vancouver – June 26, 2018
- Moncton – July 13, 2018
- Calgary – August 24, 2018

National:

- Ottawa – October 29 and 30, 2018

FORUMS (BY INVITATION)

- Veterans Affairs Canada Roundtable on Homelessness - June 7, 2018
- Women Veterans Forum – May 23, 2019

ANNEX B: HOUSE OF COMMONS SITTING CALENDAR 2020



HOUSE OF COMMONS SITTING CALENDAR - 2020

January						
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Adjournment tabling

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Sitting days (126 in total)

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Sitting days with possible extension of sitting hours (S.O. 27(1))

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Subject to change before September 30, 2019 (S.O. 28(2)(b))