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CADET ACTIVITIES - 637 RCACS SUPPORT ALLOCATION REDUCTION

Many of you have seen or heard discussion regarding recent changes to Department of National Defence (DND) funding support for cadet activities. I would like to clarify what we currently know and how these changes affect 637 Arrow RCACS, based on the information available as of 19 November 2026.

The Canadian Cadet Program is undergoing adjustments to the funding and support of area, regional, and certain local activities. Consequently, some activities traditionally supported by DND may be reduced, modified, or unavailable in the coming months. Our regular Thursday parade nights remain unaffected and will continue as scheduled.

Optional training may continue, including Band, First Aid, Drill Team, Effective Speaking, Cadet Correspondent, and Marksmanship practices. However, associated competitions are currently paused for the remainder of the fiscal year ending 31 March 2027, and there is no confirmation that they will resume afterward. Ground School may continue through modified instructional delivery. Other locally directed optional training that does not require DND funding or support may also continue, subject to applicable approvals and supervision requirements.

The majority of DND supported activities and overnight activities are paused for the remainder of this fiscal year, including Field Training Exercises and mess dinners. There is currently no confirmation that these activities will resume before our Annual Ceremonial Review. Area directed and regional directed activities, including Spring Break activities and CAF engagement opportunities, are also paused, although alternative methods of instruction may be considered as further direction becomes available.

Summer CTC training is currently planned to proceed and remains unaffected. Our squadron continues to process summer training applications. We also have sufficient uniform inventory for our current cadets, most of whom have already been measured and issued uniform. New cadets joining during the winter intake will be provided with squadron T-shirts as needed while we wait for confirmation on additional uniform orders.

Cadet safety and supervision remain our highest priorities. All approved supervised activities will be staffed appropriately in accordance with the Cadet Supervision requirements. While these adjustments may limit some opportunities, our commitment to providing meaningful training and leadership development remains unchanged.

We expect further clarification on the support allocation from the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers Formation in the coming days and will communicate to parents, cadets and staff as they become available.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support of 637 Arrow RCACS.



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