

Border City Radio Club

**April 27, 2026
NEWSLETTER**

Sean opened the meeting at 19:00

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Beneteau - VE3EXT

Dwight Girard – VA3NXE

John Beres – VA3FN

Clayton Smith - VE3IRR

Tim McMullin – VE3TCS

Jeff Burke – VA3JYB

John Schlichther – VE3JUS

Sean Monahan – VA3SGM

Matt Gervais – VE3BW

Al Masse – VE3CWP

Bill Reynolds – VE3EZL

Don Shearer - VE3GNX

Dave Garber – VE3WEJ

Bill Hunter – VE3BOK

Kim Kostescu VE3KKA

Tom Kartoian – VE3FIO - zoom

Art Rae – VE3AKJ - zoom

Bill Hunter, VE3BOK, Treasurer, told the members present that there was \$2310.24 in the chequing account and \$85 and \$25 in each of the share accounts.

Motion: to accept the report presented by Sean.

M/S/C: Jerry Beneteau (VE3EXT) and Matt Gervais (VE3BW)

The minutes of March 2026 were emailed to members and posted to www.bordercityradioclub.ca
No additions, corrections or otherwise changes to the minutes were required. Accepted as read

A reminder that the Board of Education will be accepting applications at the end of May with confirmation of acceptance to be provided sometime in July. If approved, BCRC will move their meetings to either Kennedy or Herman, both geographically convenient, and both providing adequate parking, beginning in September 2026. All members will be notified when this information is available.

Sean (VA3SGM) noted that Al Legary (VE3SQB) of Maidstone, ON, grows bamboo. He has several 6m long shoots if anyone is interested in using them to experiment with antenna design.

Sean (VA3SGM) also mentioned that he completed an antenna installation in Chatham. He installed a Hustler BTV5 10m-80m vertical 23' on a tilt base tower. There were approx. 20 premade radials and Sean was very pleased with the low SWR. He was also very impressed with the quality of all the equipment.

Kim (VE3KKA) and Clayton (VE3IRR) provided a POTA presentation. The pdf will be sent to members attached to the meeting minutes as well as be uploaded to the BCRC website. They have planned a POTA activation at Kiwanis Park, located just west of Lauzon on Riverside. Kiwanis Park, although not a POTA park, has a small section at the northwest side near the parking lot that runs through both the Trans Canada National Scenic Trail (CA-5082) and the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail System (CA-6003). Both trail systems are POTA parks. Therefore, this outing is referred to as 2fer. The POTA activation will take place on Saturday May 2 from 10am – 2pm. Please visit and if inclined, bring your equipment. If you have band pass filters and would like to loan them to BCRC for use in POTA activations, that would be greatly appreciated and would allow more amateurs to activate.

There is some discussion about BCRC planning a Field Day activity this year. There seems to be a greater interest this year. Members will need to commit to a 4hr sift at minimum for this event to be successful. Currently 8 BCRC members are interested. The most viable option is to set up in a city park that has a pavilion on Saturday June 27 from 2pm – 10pm with the possibility of returning on Sunday morning to complete the event. More discussion will take place at the May meeting. Please consider supporting this event.

Question of the Day: Should you pay for confirming QSOs for LoTW awards?

The answer varies greatly between members. Some have paid and still not received a confirmation. Some say that there is no way they'd pay. The QSO is in their logbook and that's it!

Dwight (VA3NXE) has submitted a BCRC coloured emblem for production. Once he receives it he will bring it to a meeting for everyone to see. His concern is that he may be breaking some kind of copyright if he were to sell it to members. To be clear, he isn't making a profit. He is just recovering the cost of having the emblem produced. Most members are of the consensus that no copyright will be infringed upon. Members of BCRC would use the emblem on a hat, t-shirt, or whatever they wished, and possibly on a club flag to be used at events. It may be possible that there could be a digital file that would allow a member to have the emblem embroidered directly on a piece of clothing rather than sewing on a patch. More information to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

BCRC Breakfast

The next breakfast will be Saturday May 16 at 10:00am. With the closing of the Lumberjack Restaurant, Kim (VE3KKA) will investigate whether Backroom Café or HiHo will accommodate our group with a reservation.

SMSG Elected Officers

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