

DEFENCE MINISTER VISITS TRAIL ARMOURY - Sheri Regnier, Trail Times

Honourable Harjit Sajjan made a visit to the city on Wednesday 28 Aug 2019

Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Vancouver South, on behalf of the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, made a visit to the City of Trail on Wednesday.

His whirlwind tour included a meet-and-greet at the 44th Engineers Squadron in the Trail Armoury.

“Whether forest fires or floods, reservists serving in the Canadian Forces are always there to help their fellow Canadians,” Minister Harjit Sajjan said. “It was great to be able to thank the reservists in (Trail) at this historic armoury. Thank you for all you do to keep our county safe.”



He visited with unit members and cadet leaders for about two hours after making an unrelated announcement at the Trail airport.

The Minister spoke to the twenty or so personnel in attendance about DND spending and procurement commitments and the Defence Review that was conducted at the beginning of his tenure. The Minister then opened the floor for questions, saying that he would honestly answer each question put to him. He very capably did so.

Those in attendance asked about education reimbursement, the Army heavy equipment replacement project, trades training, Class C processing timelines, applicant medical timelines, and a number of other important items.

The Minister was then given an overview of the armoury and shown some of the squadron's key equipment holdings. He then had a brief discussion with the Sqn OC, SSM, and Ops WO about some of the squadron's upcoming events as well as the squadron's main challenges. Upon departure, the Minister presented the OC with his coin. The coin will be framed with a photo from the occasion and displayed in the armoury.

