



Update by **Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada)**  
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Halifax Sweden Project UPDATE

Hi to all our supporters and members of  
Halifax 57 Rescue and the Bomber  
Command Museum of Canada.

As we gear up for this summer for the diving and salvaging of our Halifax HR871 with our allies, the Swedish Coast and Sea Center (SCSC), I wanted to update you and keep you tuned in to our special recovery project with all the progress and all our items of concern for the success of the project.

Our salvage tugboat owner Gustav and his team have almost finished rebuilding the hydraulic winch-crane and have now installed it on the upper deck of the "River Thames" tugboat, just the hydraulic hoses to acquire and fit. Then we will have the special tool for lifting and moving all the Halifax airframe we uncover from the sand as we dive in late May or early June.

See the photos of this crane which is all thanks to Gustav sincere desire to help the recovery and be as efficient as possible, without hiring commercial vessels .

Jan Christensen, our lead diver of SCSC, has acquired the 3 heavy concrete anchor points (3/4 of a ton each) to which we can anchor the tug, plus he has priced out the buoys we will need to mark our tugboat anchor point over the Halifax. These vital items are not cheap.

While we are making all these preparations we must schedule the tugs arrival with the divers arrivals and make up the schedule for the divers as we will have several divers to cover each day we are

out there. So many logistical and timing issues to work out and we are handling all these on your behalf.

But remember, we cannot do this recovery without your continued financial help and donations!

We started out 3 years ago with the proposed recovery in the first summer of 2017, based on our conservative budget of \$62K for that one complete summer of 2017. Please do not get misled, by this Fundrazr project funding total, into thinking we still have all the funding to do a 100% job THIS summer, 2 years later.

It has been 2 years since we began and while we have funding available to do the beginning of the recovery, it is only the bare minimum funds that we have to do diving and digging from the new tugboat, which has been donated by our friends but still costs (\$500+ per day)!

Last summer we did not have the luxury (and additional cost) of this 50 foot tugboat for inclusion in our budget. It is great to have the River Thames but now this increases the daily cost of our HR871 efforts this summer.

How committed is Gustav and his tugboat team? They are planning on driving the "River Thames" from Svendborg, Denmark to Falsterbo, Sweden (2 days travel by tug) just to get there!. They will work for one week at a time on HR871 (thanks to free parking at the Port of Trelleborg) and then they must travel back in the tug to Denmark when finished on HR871 (another 2 days!) .

So we can pay \$500/day for Gustavs tugboat (our beer budget) or we can try to pay \$2500/day (champagne budget if we had one) for a local commercial boat. The logical answer is clear.

In addition, every month that Halifax 57 Rescue charity is running, it takes funds for (phone-internet- office) and we also have to fund the slow but steady operation of the REBUILDSHOP in Ottawa where they have started the Halifax rebuild with parts already acquired over the past 5 years. You can see the good work being done by Scott Knox and his team at Knox Tech here, just click on this: <https://www.facebook.com/Rebuildshop-1533756926866315/>

But the Halifax section-parts we do NOT have, have not acquired, are under Swedish water and sand and this is the missing airframe that we need.

Last year I appealed, as your project manager, for your renewals and donations of support for this great project. The funding did finally come in during early 2018 and we were able to continue with our 2018 plans for the exploration and preparation of the Halifax recovery.

This year since Jan. 1, 2019 I have sent out 4 UPDATES to our members and supporters who have joined us over the past 2 - 3 years. This means I have reached directly over 2,500 of our past, present, and new members of the Halifax Project.

So far we have had (28 people) send in 2019 renewals - plus new members- hear our appeal and donate to our cause! This is worrisome to all my team and our allies in Sweden and Denmark.

We do this project because this project is a great historic quest and pilgrimage. There is no finer memorial project than this, to save this aluminium sword of Freedom for our bomber boys.

To give you more opportunities to help support us this summer, I have listed all the options below for methods of donation to keep our team going at this critical time of planning and preparation to save our Halifax.

Thank you to those who have given support in this new year (we know who you stalwarts are ). We hope all of you, that have been reached now today and are considering soon to support, we hope you understand our urgent request, at this time!

Of course, there is always this standard DONATE to our FUNDRAZR site to begin with. You are already there.

BUT, there are these:

1) DONATE funds via cheque to Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) via Canada Post – see our address at the end of this report

2) DONATE with the PAYPAL internet payment method for all who wish to contribute online (via your PAYPAL account) to our worthy and honourable charity.

Our PAYPAL email address to send money to, when using your PAYPAL account, is [57rescuecanada@rogers.com](mailto:57rescuecanada@rogers.com)

3) DONATE your unused stocks, bonds, and securities to our Halifax 57 Rescue - RBC DISCOUNT BROKERAGE account and receive a “full market value” tax receipt credit for the donation of these securities. You will not have to pay income tax on the profit portion side of this transfer and donation. You receive full tax deductible credit for said donation. It is a win-win for all concerned.

Our RBC Discount Brokerage ACCOUNT NUMBER and RBC donation details are available from the Halifax 57 Rescue office at phone 403 - 603 - 8592.

4) PURCHASE a beautiful limited-edition signed print of our Halifax LW170 “INVINCIBLE ITEM” for (\$165.00 including postage) or an unsigned print for (\$60.00 including postage). This has to be one of the finest prints of a combat Halifax that has ever

been produced. We still have half of the 500 SIGNED prints available to all you Halifax fans. (signed by 11 Halifax combat veterans) Email us at [57Rescuecanada@rogers.com](mailto:57Rescuecanada@rogers.com) to order this great print.

As I sign off with renewed hope, let me show you WHY we do what we do.

See the last photo of the "Joplin crew" who were just finishing their last bomber flight on their RCAF Halifax, they had almost finished their combat tour of 30 + combats ops. But they crashed and all were killed. It is one of my most poignant crew photos of all of the scores of bomber boys photos we have.

Now you see their faces and know why - WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND.

Sincerely, Karl Kjarsgaard - Project Manager  
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