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Toronto Fall 2026 Respect Forum

Supporting those who run to danger: CAF members, Veterans, and first responders.

 23 September 2026  EHN Bellwood Toronto  Gord Hagar & Marteen Valteau

Welcome to Toronto Respect Forum

Hosted by EHN Bellwood Toronto • 23 September 2026



Local Leadership

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Gord Hagar, former Sustainer (Logistics)
Toronto Lead Facilitator: Marteen Valleau, Partnership Manager, EHN Guardians



National Coordinators

Armour Major (Ret'd) Steve Giberson
RCLS LCol (Ret'd) Gord Hagar

Public Service Announcement

Respect Forum Canada contact update

Respect Forum Canada has changed its email address convention to conform with its revised Not-For-Profit status.

Gord Hagar can now be reached at: respect.ontario.coordinator@gmail.com

Land Acknowledgement

Toronto, Ontario

We are located in Toronto on the traditional territory of several nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. It is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Respect Forum Canada (RFC)

Vision and Mission



Our Vision

To ensure that those who run to danger in service of their country and community have access to the support and care they need.



Our Mission

To promote collaboration and create focus through networking and knowledge sharing to help improve mental health services and reduce homelessness for men and women in uniformed service who run to danger.

Main Activities

Funded by Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)

- ✓ Run Respect Forum Meetings in 25 cities in Canada at least twice per year, bringing service providers together to promote knowledge exchange and collaboration.
- ✓ Host specialized fora addressing issues specific to Women, Indigenous populations, and the Unhoused.
- ✓ Provide a map of local resources through the RESPECTMap initiative to inform planning and policy at local, regional, and national levels.
- ✓ Promote collaboration through a revised website, newsletters, and social media.

Host Welcome

EHN Bellwood Toronto



Andrea Groff

Executive Director, EHN Bellwood Toronto

Special thanks to our host facility for supporting today's gathering.

Today's Theme

Enabling resilience through structured support

Forum Core Theme

“Enabling Resilience using support services”

Participant Mindset

“I am able to sit with my emotions and those of others in order to be more open for different perspectives and to the betterment of my community.”

Desired Outcomes

What we aim to achieve today in Toronto



Improved Awareness

Understand programs and overlaps between charities, NGOs, and government services.



New Networks

Enhance collaboration among stakeholders, including reciprocal board representation.



Community Mapping

Map stakeholders and exact service offerings within the local community.

Bowtie Model for Risk Management

Understanding causes, core vulnerability, and consequences of trauma



RESPECTMap Video Resources

English and French "how to" video guides



French Guide

Learn how to use and register in RESPECTMap with French narration and subtitles.

<https://youtu.be/TJ5T5UjcGc>



English Guide

Step-by-step English tutorial for navigating and updating the RESPECTMap directory.

<https://youtu.be/GuKpZAAuw4c>

Forum Agenda

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| 08:30 | Doors open & complimentary continental breakfast available |
| 09:00 | Welcome remarks by Gord Hagar (RFC) & Andrea Groff (EHN Bellwood Toronto) |
| 09:15 | Guest Speaker #1: Omer Vandevyvere – Evidence-based trauma treatment for CAF, Veterans & first responders |
| 09:40 | Guest Speaker #2: Blaine Phibbs (Boots on the Ground) – Importance & impact of peer support |
| 10:00 | Coffee & snacks compliments of host, tour of Bellwood Toronto. Have contact info ready! |
| 10:30 | Breakout discussions begin, including description of your organization |
| 11:00 | Facilitated backbriefs from breakout topic tables |
| 11:30 | Closing remarks by Marteen Valleau & Gord Hagar • See you at Spring Forum 2027! |

Conference Room Housekeeping

Health, safety, and hybrid participation



Health & Safety

- Washrooms & coffee break locations.
- Alarm rally point: green Muster Point sign outside (roll call).
- Questions: raise your hand or virtual hand.



Zoom & Breakouts

- Enter name, org, and email in Chat box.
- Zoom participants form a dedicated breakout team.
- Nominate a spokesperson for backbriefs.
- Notice: Session is being recorded.

Wi-Fi & Connectivity

Network access and device etiquette



Network Credentials

Primary: EHN-GUEST

Password: EHNH3@th

Alternate: SmartRG 1368

Please minimize use of e-devices during sessions.

Guest Speaker #1

Evidence-based trauma treatment approaches



Omer Vandevyvere

Clinical Director at EHN Bellwood Toronto

Addressing specialized care for serving CAF members, Veterans, and first responders.

Guest Speaker #2

The importance and impact of peer support



Blaine Phibbs

Boots on the Ground

Highlighting the meaningful impact of peer support programs for first responders.

Health Break

Networking & facility tours



Coffee, Snacks & Bellwood Tour

Please feel free to mingle amongst groups, share contact information, and tour the facility.

Photo compliments of Donna @ Charmed Horse Assisted Wellness Centre

Session Resumption

Moving into breakout discussions



Health break's over, folks! Please take your seats.

Photo compliments of RCMP Pipes & Drums (Ottawa)

Meeting Notes & Action Items

Post-forum participation & feedback

- ➔ Integrate your organization into our mapping by answering the mapping questionnaire.
- ➔ Complete our satisfaction survey sent via email to help us improve future forums.
- ➔ We will share all approved meeting documents, presentations, and participant lists.
- ➔ Confidentiality or privacy concerns? Inform Gord Hagar at respect.ontario.coordinator@gmail.com

Next Forum in Spring 2027

Looking ahead with EHN

- ★ Feature agencies whose members have "run to danger" throughout their careers.
- ★ Continue to find new participants and promote collaborations.
- ★ Invite participants to present their organizations and services.
- ★ Tell us what you would like to see or hear at the next Forum! Contact: respect.outreach@gmail.com

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Thank you for attending in-person!

Information captured will be shared as part of the meeting report in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

Gord Hagar (RespectCanada) & Marteen Valteau (EHN Guardians)