

## Travis Rob

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**Subject:** Exercise FROSTY GUNNER (26-28 Jan 2018)  
**Attachments:** Maps - Ex FROSTY GUNNER (116 Bty).pptx; Land Agreement - Ex FROSTY GUNNER (116 Bty) - Town of Fort Frances.doc; Non DND Land Request - Ex FROSTY GUNNER (116 Bty).docx

Good day Mr. Rob,

As requested during our phone conversation, below and attached is some information about our proposed training exercise.

**Name of Training Event.** Exercise FROSTY GUNNER

**Dates.** 26-28 January 2018

**Location.** Point Part, Fort Frances

**Participants.** Army reservists from 116 Independent Field Battery (Royal Canadian Artillery) in Kenora, Ontario.

**Intent.** Establish a bivouac in an urban park in Fort Frances to conduct winter training (tent routine, navigation, improvised shelters), practice convoy drills, and attract potential new recruits through static and dynamic public displays.

**Scheme of Manoeuvre.** Deploy to Point Park on 26 Jan (recruiting event #1), conduct winter training on 27 Jan (recruiting event #2), practice convoy drills during redeployment to Kenora on 28 Jan.

**Main Effort.** Safe conduct of blended training while also maximizing opportunities for community relations and recruiting.

**End State.** Mandated winter refresher training is completed and the unit profile is enhanced in Fort Frances.

We expect to arrive in at the park around 1200 hrs on 26 Jan and depart no later than 1200 hrs on 28 Jan. We'll spend two nights sleeping in our military tents in the park.

We come completely self-sufficient, but will contract portable toilets from the local area for the weekend, both for our use and use by anyone from the public who comes to observe our training.

Although we will come prepared to operate completely austere for the weekend, if it is possible to arrange for use of the camp's main office and to have the power turned on, our recruiting representative may set up a table inside to meet with members of the public in a slightly more comfortable climate. Day use only – no one would be permitted to sleep in there.

Our recruiting display will include some of the weapons we typically train with (e.g. service rifle, mortar tube), but there will be no ammunition brought on this exercise and the weapons will remain in the care our personnel 24/7.

As part of our winter survival training, we would like to have our soldiers build some small fires near our bivouac site. We intend to apply for a fire permit through your fire chief and will provide all of the fire starting materials ourselves. As part of the same training, our soldiers will construct improvised shelters (e.g. quinzees), but will not cut any of the trees in the park in the process.

We have contacted MNR separately about doing snowshoe marches on Rainy Lake close to Point Park wherever ice thickness permits.

I hope this gives you enough information to begin discussions with the applicable town officials. In the coming days/weeks, there will be a properties officer from the Dept of National Defence who will officially contact about a land use agreement for this exercise. In the meantime, you can contact Warrant Officer Robin Everett (carbon copied) if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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