

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Comrade Torrie

ROLL CALL:

Present: R. Etmanski, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Deugau, Werner, Foote, Torrie, Leben, Matheson

Excused: Walsh, O'Brien, Wiebe

Absent: Criss

LAST POST

William Stanley	Ordinary member	July 23, 2025	84 years old
Carol Emerson	Affiliate member	June 5, 2025	no age

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as made by Comrade Deugau
Seconded by Comrade Matheson

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTING TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

Report to be presented at next Executive Meeting

Motion made by Comrade Lehman
To stop the half price meals for all Executive
Seconded by: Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Matheson

1. 50/50 Raffle – Total tickets sold \$20,850.00. We have made our minimum amount!
2. Old, also included in last month's report. Shared folder: I created a shared folder in Microsoft 365 for storage of documents/information that would be handy for all of us to have access to. So far I have only uploaded the executive contact list but having it stored here will make it easy to update as needed. No one is obligated to use this shared folder but for those of us who prefer to access some of the information remotely, please add a folder for your committee/responsibilities. I will also begin updating a 365 calendar with event info weekly using the events binder once I return from vacation.

3. Province of Alberta Funding: the Community Enhancement Program Small, 15 Sept deadline. Mac has given me quotes for the boiler repairs and the ice machine repairs, and I intend to apply for this grant. In order to meet our portion of the matching requirement of this grant, I will be using some of my volunteer hours and would like to use Mac's hours as well. This should save us significant monies on these repairs.
4. Old, also included in last month's report Other suggestions to increase profits etc.:
 - a. Create a position on the executive (maybe using the vacant 2nd Vice President position), for an Event Planner/Sales position. This could take some pressure off Flo to focus on the other aspects of Manager/Admin/Staff Supervisor/All-round person who takes care of us. It will also give us someone who do active sales work to increase rental revenue. My suggestion for this role is Cheryl Taylor who is an Event Planner with the City of Edmonton and has a ton of experience in this area.
 - b. Have we considered holding the Friday and Saturday dances in the Maple Leaf or Wild Rose rooms when they are available instead of the Canteen? If this is a shift that can be considered, this will leave the Canteen open to be promoted as a local pub/hangout where people can drop in for food and drink, play pool etc. I can use some of my contacts at the base/MFRC/Public Affairs/Messes to promote it as such. The bands and entry fee do discourage a casual drop-in. We could also consider a price increase on food and drinks in the canteen with this change. Prices for food and drinks for the dances could remain the same given that there is an entry fee.

I so more my report

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1048 members for 2025 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
396	408	219	25

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

7 New Applications 0 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

New Members - 7

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Andres, Bradley	Montgomery, Robert	Facco, James
		Smith, Wayne V.
		Strachan, Anita
		Wright, Tina

Transfer - 0

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate

Reinstatements – 0

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate

For a total of 7

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade J Hyshka

CARRIED

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrade Matheson

I would like to start doing posters for events and taking them to MFRC, stores, etc.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade W. Hyshka

Get all entries into him 14 days prior to the sporting event

You must have four meetings in to qualify for reimbursement

Comrade Torrie so moves Comrade W Hyshka's report.

Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

Nordic has the bladder for the expansion tank. It will come on a separate invoice. The bladder will be installed prior to winter. The fridge went down and Ron was here with the tech from 8:15 to 5:00 fixing it.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Etmanski

We will start probably next week on the main display for Remembrance Day. We will get our medals and our mannequins and stuff that we were planning on setting up at that time.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Matheson

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J Hyshka

I want to thank Joe Luce and his Entertainment Committee for all their hard work and dedication to this Branch.

Tickets for all events and special events will be available on both Eventbrite and in the office.

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

August 22/23 – Norman and the Country Jammers

August 29/30 – Sparkling Tones

UPCOMING EVENTS - **all prices are GST applicable

Saturday, October 18, 2025

The Bratwurst Betrayal

Oktoberfest at the Legion

Tickets available on Eventbrite and at the office

I am working on our New Year's Eve dinner and more information will be forthcoming.

We need to start looking at preparing for the Legion's 100 anniversary in 2026.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade J Deugau

CARRIED

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

No report

POPPY:

No report

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka –

No report

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Criss

No report

KIPNES: Comrade Deugau

Sent an email to Kipnes to advise that we were postponing our Veteran's Dinner.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Matheson

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Foote

The Honour Guard participated in a graveside service on August 14, 2025 for Charles Cascart

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade C. Wills

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Flo Werner

Ron has hired two new cooks for the kitchen.

We have Grey Cup tickets for sale. Jennifer got the license.

Has anyone confirmed with Debbie and Dan Doyle about cleaning the parking lot this winter and what the cost will be because I will need to get ahold of the other guy if they cannot do it.

The bank has changed their policy. They will no longer accept cheques to Kingsway Legion. They will need to be made out to The Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch #175. The online banking charges are killing us.

Someone from the Farmer's Market suggested that we advertise on the radio about the raffle.

We need to update the sign on 50th street. It has not changed since the Neil Diamond show.

Comrade Wills so moves the Manager's report.
Seconded by Comrade J Hyshka

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rentals (Vohon) – advised the dance group no because we cannot accommodate due to events already booked in the big room on Thursday. Would the group consider changing their days.
2. Charity Status – need to look at getting our charity status
3. **Motion by: Comrade R. Etmanski** – to put forward for approval a donation to MFRC the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund – Section 403(ii) of the Poppy Manual

Seconded by: Comrade Wills

CARRIED

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF KINGSWAY LEGION BRANCH NO. 175

Comrade Leben – I have seen a couple of commercials on television. How do I get a copy of that. You need to contact Dominion Media to obtain.


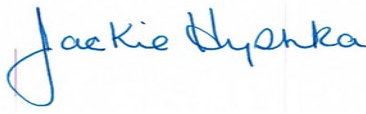
Comrade Torrie – have not heard any new regarding the tower

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

Motion for adjournment made by Comrade J Hyshka

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm

 Rick Etmanski President Kingsway Branch #175	 Jackie Hyshka Executive Secretary Kingsway Branch #175
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