

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 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, Wiebe, Walsh, Criss, O'Brien, Matheson (via phone)

Excused:

Absent:

LAST POST

None

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as amended Comrade Deugau

Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

APPLICATIONS FOR MSA AND MSM

We have 1 application for a MSA and one application for MSM.

Motion to approve the application for MSA and forward on to AB NWT Command by Comrade Etmanski

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

Motion to approve the application for MSM and forward on to AB NWT Command by Comrade Etmanski

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTING TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

No report

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Matheson

1. 50/50 Raffle – Total tickets sold \$28,425.
2. Property Taxes – I heard back from Counselor Paquette's office, and it is too late to appeal the increase in property tax. When the assessments are sent out in January, if they show an increase, we can put in a request for reassessment with background and justification, but it must be done then. Part of why the increase is so drastic is that for the first six months of the year, our payments were taken at the old rate, and the fully yearly increase has been prorated and added to the last six months. We will need to ensure that next year's assessment is flagged and discussed.
3. Remembrance Day
 - a. I have a live streaming camera and tripod, would there be any interest in live streaming the Remembrance Day ceremony to be projected inside the Legion for the elderly and injured? If so, I can take on testing and coordinating the set-up.
 - b. PA system - last year it was impossible to hear the ceremony for most people. I have a friend with the RNC Association, the association is not doing their own event this year, but I was told they have elected not to come to Kingsway because it is well known that there are issues hearing the ceremony. Have we looked at addressing this? I will use my own money to rent equipment if that is acceptable to the executive.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1036 members for 2025 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
390	402	219	25

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

10 New Applications 4 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

New Members - 10

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Dallner, James	Williston, Robert	Morrison, Maria
Dewitt, Matthew	Forst, John	Wille, Yvonne
Welwood-McKean, Norman	MacDougall, Alease	McLintock, Mary
	Williston, Janine	

Transfer - 4

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Nichollas, Shirley Dominion Br 15	Dorosh-Lalonde, Olga Leduc Legion Br 108	
Smith, Donald Dominion Br 15	Lovegrove, Chantel Grand Forks, BC Br 59	

Reinstatements – 0

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate

For a total of 14

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

Comrade Wills – as you all know, we are having a Special Meeting and there are some people, Ron has gone through the lists, that they don't have an email address or they have changed it and not told us. I need some help in making phone calls. Lionel was in today and did a great job. He phoned a whole bunch of people. So if I could get some people, we don't have a lot left, to help make some phone calls just to let them be aware of the meeting.

I got a notification from Dominion that from January 5 to December 13 of 2026, anyone coming in for a new membership will be filling out a centurion application and they will get the first year free. That is only for new people. Once that year is up, we then submit a regular application for them to become members

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrade Matheson

No report

SPORTS: Comrade W. Hyshka

Congratulations to Mac Torrie and Lionel Foote for coming in 2nd for in District 2 Euchre. They are off to Command Euchre in April 2026.

Our Legion Dart Teams did well and had a lot of fun. After more than 15 hours of play (108 games) Team Etmanski came in 5th and Team Hyshka came in 7th. Well done teams!

Kingsway will be hosting District 2 8 Ball Doubles on November 1 and we have 1 team entered. We also will be hosting District 2 8 Ball Singles on November 29.

On November 16 we will be hosting District 2 Darts Senior Mixed and December 6 Shuffleboard all categories.

Remember to get your team sheets in two weeks prior to the event.

Have replaced light on the shuffleboard, have only one spare as these types are becoming harder to find.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

Routine maintenance and getting ready for winter

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Etmanski

No report

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

I have been tracking with Comrade Faulkner and was going to go visit him in hospital but I was not allowed in the hospital because I had a bad cough. I will be visiting him again in the next day or two. I was on the way to the hospital to visit a member and received a call from the Branch that he had gone home.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

October 24/25 – CC & High Ryder
October 31/November 1 – Trick Ryder
November 7/8 – Dean Henry
November 14/15 – Sparkling Tones
November 21/22 – Hickory Wind
November 28/29 – CC & Highrider

UPCOMING EVENTS - **all prices are GST applicable

I have confirmed and have paid the deposit for the band on New Year's Eve. The band is

Blackboard Jungle. We will tickets for sale on October 31, 2025 for members and November 15 for non-members.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

Comrade Torrie – an addition to entertainment. I put up a poster for the Lest We Forget Concert which will be held at the Branch on November 4.

It was decided that the Maple Leaf Room would be set up with only chairs.

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

There are no Jams on this week. On the 30th Highway 45 will be here and after the Jams are every second week. I have also resigned from the Jams.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Hyshka

CARRIED

Comrade Wills - Jaime and Blondie will be running it. Joy is setting up the bands.

Comrade Etmanski – I want to thank Bill for all his hard work with the Jams for the past 7 years.

POPPY: Comrade O'Brien

Well support scarce this year. I am getting quite nervous. I only got two ladies at the Commerce Place and I got holes in both the Malls. I don't have a list from the LA and we are hurting big time for drivers and helpers.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

Comrade Etmanski – We will mention at the beginning and end of the meeting on Tuesday about the need for volunteers.

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I processed four requests for Poppy Fund assistance. Two of these were completed, and the other two were referred to the Veterans Food Bank for additional support. I also referred two low-income veterans seeking affordable housing to agencies specializing in veteran housing assistance. Additionally, I advised two veterans on issues related to Veterans Affairs forms.

I so move my report

Motion by Comrade Walsh: I move that we provide support to a low-income veteran in the amount of \$200.00 in Walmart Grocery cards

Seconded by Comrade Leben

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

There was an all Dominion Bulletin that came out on the Centennial Medal. The 100 year medal for the Legion. It is blue and gold with a bar on top of it, and the centre has a maple leaf. \$25 at the Branch level therefore \$30 for us over the counter. The price of shipping has gone up. It cannot be worn until January 1, 2026. We will have them here for the new year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka –

Received an email from AGLC and left it with Comrade Leben.

Letter addressed to all Branch Presidents from AB NWT Command President Dave Velichko. It is attached to these Minutes.

Comrade Etmanski – I met with the Ladies' Auxiliary today and thanked them for everything they do for the Branch and things will remain exactly as they have. We work very well together and we will continue to support the Auxiliary.

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Criss

Just a quick update. Nothing from the other corps. CB Hill have their fundraiser pub night and they did a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. They brought in just shy of \$5000.00.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leben

CARRIED

KIPNES: Comrade Deugau

No report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Foote

Even though we are a few weeks away yet, the Colour Party/Honour Guard are pretty business from November 4 we have three events, November 5 we have 2 events, November 6 we have 2 events, November 7 we have one event and November 10 we have one event. Then we set up for November 11.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Flo Werner

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

Comrade Torrie – On the night of the 28th I received a personal invite to represent the Branch and the Royal Canadian Legion to attend the Edmonton Oilers game for their Canadian Armed Forces Appreciation game. The Executive agreed that Mac should attend.

I have asked Comrade W. Hyshka to step in to be the Chair.

Tickets for the Lest We Forget are at the front desk.

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

Motion for adjournment made by Comrade W Hyshka

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm

 Rick Etmanski President Kingsway Branch #175	 Jackie Hyshka Executive Secretary Kingsway Branch #175
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October 20, 2025

ALL BRANCH EMAIL

Attention: Alberta-NWT Command Branch President

Dear Comrade,

RE: Alberta-NWT Command Ladies Auxiliary Charter

Please share this with your Ladies Auxiliary, if applicable.

After much consideration, the difficult decision was made to revoke the Alberta-NWT Command Ladies Auxiliary Charter. We will work with the current L.A. Command Executive during this process.

All operations will be wound up by December 31, 2025. This does not remove or change the status of Branch Ladies Auxiliaries. As stated in the General By-Laws, Section 801(c): *A ladies auxiliary to a branch shall be under the jurisdiction of the Branch.*

Membership for 2026 will be administered at the Branch level. Ladies Auxiliaries will no longer be required to submit membership fees to Command. Auxiliaries must work with their Branch to determine the cost and process of Ladies Auxiliary Membership. A template for membership cards will be provided to the Branch from the Alberta-NWT Command office.

Ladies Auxiliaries will continue to wear L.A. uniforms and march with their Branch. They can purchase supplies directly from Dominion Command Legion Supply in Ottawa.

There will be no changes in sports team requirements.

Ladies Auxiliary Conventions and rallies will no longer occur.

It will take some time to confirm all outstanding bills are paid and financials are prepared.

Once complete, the Alberta-NWT Command will distribute the remaining L.A. funds to currently operating Ladies Auxiliaries in the Alberta-NWT Command. Information on this will be communicated separately through the Branches.

Ladies Auxiliaries and Branches must work together. It is highly recommended that Branch Presidents allow their Ladies Auxiliary to provide reports to General Meetings. Unless they are a dual member, a L.A. member cannot vote at Branch General Meetings.

Ladies Auxiliaries must share their Meeting Minutes and Financial Statements with their Branch.

I appreciate your patience as we move through this process.

In comradeship,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave Velichko", followed by a horizontal line of dots.

Dave Velichko,
President

cc: Provincial Executive Council