

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

Present: R. Etmanski, C. Wills, J. Hazen, J. Hyshka, S. Danyi, N. Danyi, O'Brien, MacIntosh, W. Hyshka, Foote, Deugau, Luce, Criss, Walsh, Wiebe, Matheson and Werner

Excused: Torrie

Absent:

LAST POST

No report

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Comrade Etmanski
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

4. Under Committee Reports remove 4(g) permanently, (i) and (p)
7. Under New Business:
 - a. Name plate for WWII vet

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS: Comrade N. Danyi

1. Committee Activity

There was **no Financial Committee meeting held in April** due to the long weekend. This report summarizes the organization's financial performance and governance highlights for the month based on internal reports and analysis.

2. Profit & Loss Overview (April 2025)

Total Revenue: \$115,282.07 in the month of April, with **YTD revenue at \$437,146.97**, marking a **45% increase YoY**.

Key Revenue Streams:

- **Canteen:** \$73,982.29 in April; \$248,066.13 YTD.
- **Rentals:** \$16,023.74, a YoY increase of **65%**.

Total Expenses:

- **Cost of Goods Sold (Canteen):** \$51,100.26 in April; \$183,065.25 YTD (5% decrease).
- **Operating Expenses:** \$55,155.19 in April; \$256,555.22 YTD (up 9%).

Net Income:

- April: **\$9,027 net profit**
- April 2024: **(\$125,711) net loss**
- **YoY improvement: \$134,738**

3. Balance Sheet Summary (as of April 30, 2025)

- **Cash & Equivalents:** \$43,917 (vs. \$34,858 in 2024)
- **Inventory:** \$22,384 (down from \$31,467)

Liabilities:

- **Total Current Liabilities:** \$181,025
- **Mortgage:** \$1,418,668 (decreased from \$1,479,468)
- **Total Liabilities:** \$1,599,692

Net Assets:

- **\$8,975,977** (vs. \$9,270,149 in 2024)

4. Key Financial Ratios & Indicators

Ratio/Metric	2025	2024	Interpretation
Liquidity Ratio	0.56	0.38	Below 1.0 — indicates technical insolvency risk.
Debt / Unrestricted Net Assets	0.16	0.17	Stable; assets are adequate to cover debt.
Debt Service Coverage	- 0.70	- 0.19	Negative — operations not covering debt service.
Building Operating Profit Ratio	0.95	0.47	Improved , but still < 1.0 — building still cannot financially support itself.
% of Operating Revenue to Service Mortgage	0.30	0.28	30 cents of every dollar of gross profit is used toward debt service.

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Cash & Credit Summary:

- **Available on Credit Line:** \$20,659
- **Unrestricted Cash:** \$12,495.91
- **Total Available Cash:** \$33,154.42
- **Payments Due:** \$100,278.90
- **Coverage Duration:** Less than 1 month

5. Operational and Governance Concerns

While the improvement in the **Building Operating Profit Ratio** is commendable, the building is **still not financially self-sustaining**. Currently, it relies on subsidies from memberships, donations, and AGLC revenue. **Any major capital expenditure could undo the Legion's hard-fought financial improvements**, and there are **several large expenditures anticipated** in the coming months.

Additionally, the committee must report a **breach of financial procedure**:

During a Legion event, the **Treasurer attempted to audit the count at the door** and was **denied access to the event's accounting records**. This incident violates internal financial

controls and should be investigated to ensure proper transparency and accountability moving forward.

It was brought to the attention of the financial committee that the building manager was using her personal credit card to cover costs as there was not sufficient cash flows to fund the liquor purchases. **Going forward either petty cash or the legion credit card** is to be used to reduce the personal credit risk for our dedicated manager.

6. Summary

- The Legion has made significant strides in recovering from prior losses, achieving a **positive net income** and improving several financial indicators.
- **Liquidity and debt coverage remain critical concerns**, and strict cash flow management is necessary. The Legion cannot pay its current bills. Managing cash flows to cover payroll continues to be an ongoing issue where bills fall deeper into arrears in order to cover payroll in a timely fashion. As current assets are less than current liabilities, the legion is technically insolvent and must work to reduce liabilities and continue to cut costs as much as possible.
- Governance issues, particularly related to financial oversight, must be addressed promptly to protect the organization's integrity.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Hazen

The Raffle is well under way and ticket sales have been slow to date. The volunteer coordinator Dawna Buchanan has been trying to get volunteers to come out to our big events booked in the large banquet room to sell raffle tickets, this is a challenge mostly because we are unsure of what is actually booked in these rooms? It would be helpful to have more information in the front desk agenda book to help facilitate the need for volunteers, stating what kind of event is happening, what are the timings and how many people will be in attendance. I had good success selling on the Election Day, the Blood Donor Clinic and the Firefighters AGM, unfortunately I was unable to sell any tickets at the Alberta NWT Commands Convention.

I am asking everyone on the board to do their part by taking a book or two to sell to your relatives, golfing buddies or whomever you might think would like to support the legion by purchasing a ticket. I have sent a request to 25 legions in our local area to ask if they could put up our raffle poster. I received only one reply from Red Deer saying they would share this information on their social media site. I believe that we could sell more tickets if the front end staff would greet folks as they enter the branch and just ask them if they know about our raffle and if they are interested in purchasing a ticket. We all need to do our part to help promote and sell as many tickets as we can, every ticket sold will be much needed funds toward helping the Legion keep its doors open.

As the raffle is a very big project and has been consuming a lot of my time and energy, I have asked Jennifer Matheson to help with Ways and Means. She has embraced the opportunity to assist

by her willingness to take on this role. She is a retired Logistic Officer and certainly has the expertise to facilitate and complete this responsibility, and I will certainly be there to assist her in any way I can. I am thanking both Jennifer and Kathy for doing the weekly audits on the raffle, their help is very much appreciated.

An application to the Poppy Fund requesting funds for the Kingsway Legion to host a Veteran's Dinner for 250 members was approved locally and has been forwarded up to Alberta Command for their endorsement, no word to date on approval. The dinner is scheduled for the 13 of June, but unfortunately if we do not receive approval soon from Alberta Command, this date will have to be moved to end of June or even into July.

Reminder for everyone, that I will be out of the area for the first week of June and June 16 to the 22.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 987 members for 2025 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
373	382	207	25

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

5 New Applications 1 Transfers 2 Reinstatement

New Members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Holmes, Brian D.	Bobowsky, Jordanna	Segin, Jeannette M.
Matheson, Jennifer L.		Brogan, Donna Marie

Transfer

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Hogan, Michael Norwood 178		

Reinstatements – 2

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Atkinson, Roger L.		
Jackman, Michael		

For a total of 8

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

Also a reminder that on September 1, 2025, dues are going up to \$75.00. So if you have not renewed your 2024 dues, do it before September 1 or you will need to pay the \$75.00.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrade Hazen

I am continuing to update the website, Facebook accounts and continue to compile a data base of membership emails and other contacts to send out the Entertainment Newsletter each month.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade C. Wills

CARRIED

Comrade Etmanski – access to the Legion Newsletter will be sent out and everybody will need to make up a password to access.

Comrade C. Wills – you will need to call Ron Wills to get access. This is not quite set up but we will let you know when it is.

SPORTS: Comrade W. Hyshka

No report

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

No report

HISTORIAN: Comrade Etmanski/Comrade S. Danyi

Veteran of the Month – S. Danyi

Thomas George “Tommy” Prince was born on October 25, 1915, in Petersfield, Manitoba, and was a proud member of the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation. A descendant of the respected Saulteaux leader Chief Peguis, Prince grew up in a large family on the Brokenhead Reserve. His early years were shaped by hardship and resilience, and from a young age, he developed skills in tracking and marksmanship that would serve him well in military life.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1940 and initially served as a sapper with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Eager for more action, he later joined the elite 1st Special Service Force—an elite Canadian-American unit known as the Devil's Brigade. During the Second World War, Prince distinguished himself in combat, most famously in Italy, where he repaired a severed communication line under enemy fire by disguising himself as a farmer. For his courage and ingenuity, he was awarded the Military Medal by the United Kingdom and the Silver Star by the United States.

After the war, Prince re-enlisted and served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during the Korean War. He took part in critical battles such as the Battle of Kapyong, where his unit earned international recognition.

Despite his military success, Prince faced systemic racism and was denied the same support and opportunities afforded to non-Indigenous veterans. He struggled to reintegrate into civilian life and endured poverty, unemployment, and alcoholism. Over time, he was forced to sell his medals to support himself and spent his final years living in a Salvation Army shelter in Winnipeg. He died on November 25, 1977, at the age of 62.

Tommy Prince remains one of Canada's most decorated Indigenous soldiers and a symbol of both valor and the injustices many Indigenous veterans have faced. His legacy lives on through commemorations in schools, buildings, and public campaigns to honor his contributions and remember the challenges he overcame.

While the government and VAC have come a long way in regards to accessibility to Veterans benefits and services regardless of race we still face a great issue with veterans and homelessness. This continues to be due, in no small part, to the lack of support for mental health issues and assistance for veterans and, as a consequence, access to proper medical care which then leads to complications with employment and self-medication.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

Just a verbal report. I have, just before I came to the Legion, I visited Hillary Zech. Terry happened to be there as well, she is in hospital facing some pretty significant medical tests. Had one yesterday and another one tomorrow. She is looking very well. I did not know that she was also a veteran. I knew she was a member of the Legion but I did not know she was a veteran. I conducted two funeral services, one we had the Honour Guard come and I did another veteran service. They did not want any Honour Guard or anything like that. So it was just a very simple. I am also officiating, not a veteran, but a member of this Legion. A fellow by the name of Jack Lindell. He was a member of this Legion for many years and transferred to Powell River, BC and I am doing his service this Saturday.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Luce

Radio Ads are currently running. This is a 9 week Radio campaign with every second day 4 times per scheduled day. We will be doing a contest on 96.3 The Breeze. Thought this was to start May 22, 2025 but this is changed to June 2 – June 27, 2025.

- 28 x inclusion in Breeze Rewards Club promotional messages (June 2-8)
- 20 x live announcer mentions
- 1 x Rewards Contest Listing (June 2-8)
- 1 x Events Listing
- 1 x Rewards Club Newsletter inclusion

96.3 The Breeze TOTAL PROMTIONAL VALUE: \$11,700.00

Kingsway Legion Branch #175 to provide:

- 5 x double guest dinner & show passes for June 27 performance

Legion Events for April

Legion of Laughs Comedy Nights are continuing until June 23rd, every second Monday. Will look at it for September for a different day of week.

Ukrainian Dinner & Dance was a Success Thank you Jackie!

Extreme Bingo was huge this past month. Thank you goes out to all who helped with the event. Karaoke Night was a surprise as to the numbers and money brought in. Thank you to the members who attended the evening. We'll look at it for more future events.

When all said and done the Month of April:

Total Gross Income \$21,650.77

Total Net Profit: \$10,028.22

As what May looks like

May 2025 (as of May 20, 2025)

Total Gross Income \$9,735.39

Total Net Profit \$3,060.24

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

No report

POPPY: Comrade D. MacIntosh

There has not been a Poppy Committee meeting.

Comrade J Hyshka – there will be a Committee meeting in June

Comrade Etmanski – Strathcona Legion has official announced that they are starting proceedings to separate from the GEPPF. There is a long drawn out process

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed 1 request for Poppy Fund assistance and referred 2 individuals to the Command Service Officer for additional assistance.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka –

No report

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Criss

504 Blatchford Field Royal Canadian Air Cadets

Comrade Fecteau attended 504 Squadron on May 14, 2025. Happy to announce 23 cadets have been approved for gliding and summer training. Sponsored a cadet Mess Dinner on April 6th where fun was had by all. 504 Annual Ceremony Review (ACR) will be held on June 11th and awards to be handed out on June 14th. Time for both events are still to be determined.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

Comrade Criss – we have a cadet corp from Norwood Legion, an Air Cadet Corp, who is getting no support from the Legion. Are we open to bringing them here? What is the procedure to that?

Comrade C Wills – how many cadet corps are we sponsoring now?

Comrade Criss – five

Comrade Etmanski – what the cadet corp is asking us if we can bring them on for volunteer purposes because they need to do so many hours of volunteering, work in the community and Norwood has not given them that opportunity.

Comrade W Hyshka – Motion: I move we accept this Air Cadet Corp to transfer to Kingsway

Seconded by: Comrade Criss

CARRIED

KIPNES: Comrade Deugau

No report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Foote

No report

MANAGER'S REPORT: Flo Werner

Ron and Carol, great job on Mother's Day.

The Blood Donor Clinic needs more light in this room. They are having a hard time seeing the needles going in.

Tuesday Darts would like bright lights over the dart boards instead of warm lights.

The Wildrose room has no lights working in the front of the room. There are only a few lights working in the hallways and there is one light working in the display cabinet.

Natalia came from Ukraine two/three years ago. She has been a delightful employee and she is leaving to pursue other interests. We wish her all the best and will miss her smiling face.

We will be amending our Harassment Policy with our disciplinary question forms.

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

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

NEW BUSINESS:

Comrade Etmanski

- a. AB-NWT Convention

Our new Senior Executive Officers for AB-NWT Command are:

President – Dave Velichko

Immediate Past President – Rosiland LaRose

1st Vice President – Scott Sadler

Vice Presidents – Kelly Lindbeck, Bob Peterson and Tim Penney

Treasurer – Bill Hart

Chairman – Terry Kuzyk

Resolutions passed:

Resolution 1

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Sections 301(d) and 306(b) of the Alberta-NWT Command By-Laws be amended to read:

301 “The Officers of this Alberta-NWT Command are the:
(d) Three (3) Vice Presidents of equal status”.

306(b) “When a vacancy occurs among the three (3) Vice Presidents for any reason, including election to higher office, the Alberta-NWT Command Executive Counsel shall fill the vacancy by electing from among its members a new Vice-President. This provision is not mandatory if the vacancy occurs within six (6) months of the next Alberta-NWT Command Convention.

Resolution 2

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The maximum number of consecutive terms for a President is two (2), and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Alberta-NWT Command By-Laws Section 307 be amended to read:

“President shall be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms, totaling four (4) years at the Alberta-NWT Command Convention.”

Resolution 3

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The maximum number of consecutive terms for a First Vice President is two (2), and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Alberta-NWT Command By-Laws Section 307 be amended to read:

“First Vice President shall be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms, totaling four (4) years at the Alberta-NWT Command Convention.”

Resolution 4 – DEFEATED

Resolution 5

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The maximum number of consecutive terms for a Chair is two (2), and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Alberta-NWT Command By-Laws Section 307 be amended to read:

“Chair shall be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms, totaling four (4) years at the Alberta-NWT Command Convention.”

Resolution 6

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The maximum number of consecutive terms for a Treasurer is two (2), and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Alberta-NWT Command By-Laws Section 307 be amended to read:

“Treasurer shall be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms, totaling four (4) years at the Alberta-NWT Command Convention.”

Resolution 7 – DEFEATED

Resolution 8 – DEFEATED

Resolution 9

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Alberta-NWT Command By-Laws be amended to include new wording:

“District Commanders will allocate up to one half of the Branches in the respective District to the Deputy District Commander. The Deputy District Commander will be responsible for sporting events, collecting of information and any other duties required by the District Commander. The Deputy District Commander will report to the District Commander.”

Resolution 10 - DEFEATED

Resolution 11

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Royal Canadian Legion, AB/NWT Command will hereby adopt a scoring policy for cribbage, that is identical to the scoring system that is used at the Dominion level. This system will be the secondary scoring to the 1, 2, 3 scoring, that is currently in place to better reflect the skill level of the team and reduce the number of tournaments that result in ties.

- b. 83rd 1809 Army Cadet Annual Ceremonial Review
June 3, 2025 – Comrade W Hyshka will be attending on my behalf

- c. Vets Night November 7, 2025 at WOs & SGT Mess

I got an email from the Wos & Sgt Mess and they are going to have a veterans night again on Friday, November 7. They would like as many veterans and Legion members to attend.

- d. Phone line – GEPF

At the General Meeting I am going to bring forward a motion to have the Poppy Phone line reinstalled and our bill for the past years we are going to submit that bill to the GEPF to be paid by them.

Motion: Comrade Etmanski – To have the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund pay for the dedicated phone line for the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund Poppy Campaign.

Seconded by: Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

- e. Name plate for WWII vet

Last year I was given a bunch of WWII memorabilia and I had a shadow box made to put the memorabilia in. I am having a name plate done right now. It will be on display in the cabinet for all to see on Remembrance Day. We are going to get as many of these things out on display.

Comrade S Danyi

Myself, Natalie and Donna will be resigning our positions effective May 31, 2025

Many thanks were extended to Comrades S Danyi, N Danyi and D MacIntosh for all their assistance and hard work.

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

Motion for adjournment made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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