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EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS STARTING TO FLOW

Elliot Lake – Royal Canadian Legion Branches struggling with the pandemic are pleased that federal assistance is starting to flow, according to Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP, Carol Hughes.

“While the need to assist veteran’s organizations was obvious, it took a concerted effort to convince the government to act,” said Hughes. “I know my actions were fortified by the work of others in my party as we took every opportunity to remind the government of the important role that Legion Branches perform in our communities and the need to ensure they survive this unique event.”

Hughes’ remarks relate to news that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #194, located in Hornepayne, was awarded \$10845.04 support funding in late December 2020.

“We were so happy to receive this funding and it couldn’t have come at a better time as it’s more expensive to heat the building in winter months,” said Branch 194 President, Albena Liebigt. “We have a big building, so it takes a lot of fundraising to keep the doors open. While our revenues have dropped by nearly 75% , as many other legions we continue to think outside the box for fundraising ideas . We are very fortunate to have the support of our small community!”

Hughes notes that Branches who have yet to apply for this funding can do so in January.

“Fund raising opportunities that allow local Branches to support themselves were curtailed since so many events that support them were either unavailable, or severely cut-back,” said Hughes. “The Legion does so much good work, supporting veterans and their families as well as helping communities across the country, that we had to find a way to help the organization back.”

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