



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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January 2008 Branch Line

Another year has come and gone, and as we begin 2008 we would like to extend our best of wishes in the hopes that this will be a wonderful and prosperous year ahead for you and yours.

Happy New Year to All

The Editors



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Comrades,

As we begin another year in the life of the Legion, I would like to thank everyone for the comradeship that was given and received, during the hectic period of Christmas and New Year's. Almost everyone had only positive comments regarding how our Branch is really shaping up. If we all, Executive and Members, work together in harmony, 2008 should be a year to be proud of.

So, as we look forward to Spring, the Executive, my wife Hilda and myself would like to wish one and all, a HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2008.

Your President,
Nigel Ord

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**The Royal Canadian Legion  
Port Elgin Branch 340  
General Meeting Minutes  
December 04, 2007**

**1. Call to Order:**

President Nigel Ord called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

**2. Present:** President Nigel Ord  
Comrades: Ruth Clemmer, Dan Kelly, Robert Harrison, Gord Kelly, Kevin Smallwood and Rhonda Harrison

**Absent:** Cdes Mike Atkinson and Terry Mills absent with notice

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion moved by Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Dan Kelly that the Treasurer's Report as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 be deferred to the next General Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

At this time, President Ord informed the General Membership that Evelyn Bondy will no longer be available as Branch Treasurer. He does have another individual who is interested in the position.

**4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion moved by Dan Kelly, seconded by Ruth Clemmer that the General Meeting Minutes of November 06, 2007 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion moved by Robert Harrison, seconded by Bob Maas that the Executive Minutes of November 27, 2007 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**5.1 Motion moved by Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Rhonda Harrison that we sponsor the 340 Air Cadet Squadron for \$5,500., the first payment of \$2,500. due on December 01<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and the second payment of \$3,000. due February 01<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

- 5.2 **Motion moved by Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Robert Harrison that we donate \$400. to the Cape Hurd Sea Cadets for support of their program.**  
CARRIED
- 5.3 **Motion moved by Dan Kelly, seconded by Ruth Clemmer that we donate \$500. to the Salvation Army in the name of Wardrop Pharmacy.**  
CARRIED
- 5.4 **Motion moved by Dan Kelly, seconded by Norma Dudgeon that the following Executive vacancies be filled as read:**  
**Cde Mike Atkinson – Poppy and Legion Seniors**  
**Cde Terry Mills – Secretary, L/A Liaison and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice**  
**Cde Charlie Roopnaraine – Building Chair**  
CARRIED
- 5.5 **Motion moved by Robert Harrison, seconded by Rhonda Harrison that Cde Dan Kelly be appointed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice.**  
CARRIED

**6. Correspondence:**

Nil

**7. Committee Reports:**

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

The winner of the November Early Bird Draw was Comrade Keith Page. Congratulations. Membership is reminded to pay Renewal Dues by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following candidates were initiated – Eileen Kelly, Sean Kelly and Don Churly.

**Motion that the following applications for membership be adopted as read:**

|                  |                            |                                                           |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Associate</b> | <b>Mrs. Patricia Kelly</b> | <b>Moved by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Lyle Lawson</b>  |
| <b>Associate</b> | <b>Mr. Sean Ross Kelly</b> | <b>Moved by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Bev Wakeling</b> |
| <b>Associate</b> | <b>Ms. Pamela Smith</b>    | <b>Moved by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Ruth Clemmer</b> |

CARRIED

Poppy: Ruth Clemmer

Comrade Ruth presented her final report as she is resigning her position on the Executive. As Poppy Chair, this position was very cherished to her. She thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and efforts during this Campaign.

Total expenses to December 04<sup>th</sup> are \$4,481.78.  
The bank account to date is \$ 14,853.87.

PRO: Robert Harrison

Cde Bob thanked Ruth for all hard work and dedication as the Poppy Chairman.

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

**Bingo:** Still going well and breaking even with attendance. The jackpot has been won 3 times and no changes are being made to the format.

**Meat Raffles:** Also going well and will continue with raffles this weekend. There will be a raffle this Friday night in support of the Firemen and will be held downstairs.

Youth & Education: Nigel Ord

A successful Remembrance Day Poster and Essay Contest was carried out this year, unfortunately there were no entries from St. Joseph's School. Thanks to the Legion members who volunteered as Judges. 12 Entries will be going to Zone on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Public Speaking contest will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Honors & Awards: Norma Dudgeon

Cde Lyle Lawson was presented with a Certificate of Merit for his dedication and hard work as the Public Relations Officer for 2005 – 2007.

**8. New Business**

- 8.1 The ice machine has been repaired and will be picked up on Thursday.
- 8.2 A Raffle Licence will be required if a draw is to be held during a private rental event.
- 8.3 **Motion moved by Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Bev Wakeling that the Branch Advisory Committee be contacted to review our financial situation and advise accordingly. President Nigel to contact Zone Cde Les Highfield.**

**CARRIED**

- 8.4 Cde Bob Maas informed the Membership that Cde Bob Currie is not doing well with his health situation.

Also, the beer cooler in the upstairs hall appears to be working okay now.

- 8.5 Cde Murray Thede suggests that a cover be placed over the air conditioner in the kitchen.
- 8.6 Cde Alexina Atkinson is requesting permission to purchase a flag pole, a smaller United Nations flag and 2 extenders for the slings. She is also inquiring if any Member has a smaller Naval Flag, would it be possible for the Color Party to use.
- 8.7 **Motion moved by Bev Wakeling, seconded by Alexina Atkinson that the January General Meeting be cancelled due to time constraints. The next General Meeting will be February 05<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

**9. Motion of Adjournment:**

**Motion moved by Bev Wakeling that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:05 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

**10. Closing Ceremony:**

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

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Nigel Ord, President

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Rhonda Harrison, Acting Secretary



**OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEES  
2007 - 2009**

**BRANCH**

|                                          |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| President                                | Nigel Ord           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President           | Terry Mills         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President           | Dan Kelly           |
| Past President                           | Norma Dudgeon       |
| Secretary                                | Terry Mills         |
| Treasurer                                | Mary Ann Cork       |
| Sgt-At-Arms                              | Alexina Atkinson    |
| L/A Liaison                              | Terry Mills         |
| Air Cadets                               | Linda Dougherty     |
| Bingo                                    | Dan Kelly           |
| Bursary & Charity                        | Dan Kelly           |
| Canteen & Hall Rentals                   | Kevin Smallwood     |
| Entertainment                            | Linda Dougherty     |
| Honors & Awards                          | Norma Dudgeon       |
| Hospital Visitation                      | Christine Schenk    |
|                                          | Bob Maas            |
| Legion Seniors                           | Mike Atkinson       |
| Membership                               | Rhonda Harrison     |
| Nevada                                   | Blair Eby           |
| Poppy                                    | Mike Atkinson       |
| Property                                 | Charlie Roopnaraine |
| Public Relations                         | Robert Harrison     |
| Sports                                   | Gord Kelly          |
| Track & Field                            | Earl Farrell        |
| Training & Organizational<br>Development | Norma Dudgeon       |
| Veteran Services                         | Norma Dudgeon       |
| Ways & Means                             | Dan Kelly           |
| Youth Education                          | Nigel Ord           |



**OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEES  
2007 - 2009**

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| President                      | Brenda Collins   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Cheryl Lawson    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Christine Schenk |
| Past President                 | Diane Mills      |
| Secretary                      | Betty Fraser     |
| Treasurer                      | Marg Esplen      |
| Sgt-At-Arms                    | Alexina Atkinson |
| Sports                         | Elaine Coltman   |

**BRANCH HOURS**

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|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Monday – Friday</b> | <b>3:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight</b> |
| <b>Saturdays</b>       | <b>1:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight</b> |
| <b>Sundays</b>         | <b>4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>    |



## In Memoriam



Our sincere condolences to all the family and friends of our departed Members in 2007.

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Robert Fryday</i>         | <i>January 2007</i>   |
| <i>Flay "Corky" Cochrane</i> | <i>January 2007</i>   |
| <i>John Williamson</i>       | <i>January 2007</i>   |
| <i>Joan Boudreau</i>         | <i>January 2007</i>   |
| <i>Harold Hyde</i>           | <i>June 2007</i>      |
| <i>Doug Fryer</i>            | <i>June 2007</i>      |
| <i>Leslie Hearn</i>          | <i>July 2007</i>      |
| <i>Francis Borland</i>       | <i>July 2007</i>      |
| <i>Terry Holk</i>            | <i>September 2007</i> |
| <i>Orland Nuttall</i>        | <i>October 2007</i>   |
| <i>Jim Esplen</i>            | <i>November 2007</i>  |
| <i>Robert Currie</i>         | <i>December 2007</i>  |

### ***Lest we Forget – Lest we Forget***



### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership requirements have changed and it is no longer necessary to have any type of military ties or background to become a member. We are always looking for new members and would like to see more people join our Branch. Applications are available from the Bar Steward. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or leave a message with the Bar Steward.

If you've paid for but have not picked up your renewal card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Renewal Cards can be picked up at the Bar. Please let me know if there are any changes in your contact information. Address changes may result in a delay of your Legion magazine.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rhonda Harrison  
Membership Chair  
Port Elgin RCL Branch 340

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Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen every day.  
 Be brave. Even if you are not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference.  
 Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures.  
 Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks softly.  
 Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have.  
 Be kinder than necessary.  
 Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.  
 Commit yourself to constant self-improvement.  
 Don't major in minor things  
 Never cut what can't be untied.

Quotes by H. Jackson Brown Jr.

## \* N O T I C E \*

Do you have "Smart Serve" certification? If so, would you be interested in coming forward to volunteer some assistance to our Bar Steward when they are very busy? For more information, please contact Kevin Smallwood at 519-832-6992, e-mail [rsmallwood@bmts.com](mailto:rsmallwood@bmts.com) or leave your name and contact information at the Bar.

Kevin Smallwood  
Canteen Chairman  
Port Elgin Branch 340

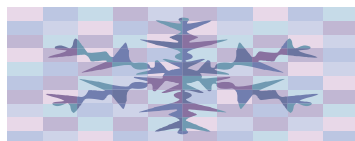
## ~ A T T E N T I O N ~

We are endeavoring to re-build our e-mail distribution list so the General Membership can be notified of upcoming events and to receive the monthly edition of the "Branch Line" Newsletter. If you wish to receive this information via e-mail, please leave your e-mail address with the Bar Steward. Even if you had previously notified the past Public Relations Officer, please re-submit the information.

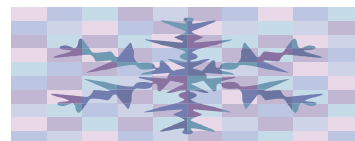
We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to have everything in order shortly.

If you have an article, joke, favorite recipe or something you would like to share with the Membership, please leave your submission with the Bar Steward and we will be more than happy to print your article in an upcoming issue.

ROBERT HARRISON  
PRO  
PORT ELGIN BRANCH 340



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### PUB NIGHT ~ 8 to MIDNIGHT

January 26 ~ Dance to the "Westernairs"

### MEAT ROLLS

January 12 & 26

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, January 11

8:00 p.m.

Sign Up Sheet at Bar

### GENERAL MEETING

Next meeting will be February 05<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### L/A GENERAL MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

### BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot



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|                                                                        |           | <b>1</b><br><b>HAPPY<br/>NEW<br/>YEAR!</b>       | <b>2</b><br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM  | <b>3</b><br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM  | <b>4</b><br><i>BALLROOM<br/>DANCING</i><br>8:00 PM                                          | <b>5</b>                                                                      |
| <b>6</b>                                                               | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>L/A GEN. MTG<br>8:00 PM              | <b>9</b><br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM  | <b>10</b><br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM | <b>11</b><br><i>BALLROOM<br/>DANCING</i><br>8:00 PM<br><hr/> <i>TRIVIA NIGHT</i><br>8:00 PM | <b>12</b><br><i>MEAT ROLL</i><br>4:00 PM                                      |
| <b>13</b>                                                              | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                        | <b>16</b><br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM | <b>17</b><br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM | <b>18</b><br><i>BALLROOM<br/>DANCING</i><br>8:00 PM                                         | <b>19</b>                                                                     |
| <b>20</b>                                                              | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                        | <b>23</b><br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM | <b>24</b><br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM | <b>25</b><br><i>BALLROOM<br/>DANCING</i><br>8:00 PM                                         | <b>26</b><br><i>MEAT ROLL</i><br>4:00 PM<br><hr/> <i>PUB NIGHT</i><br>8:00 PM |
| <b>27</b>                                                              | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br><b>EXECUTIVE<br/>MTG</b><br>8:00 PM | <b>30</b><br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM | <b>31</b><br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM |                                                                                             |                                                                               |
| ~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~ |           |                                                  |                                      |                                       |                                                                                             |                                                                               |

NOTE: Please be advised that all information contained in the newsletter issue is accurate at time of printing. All dates and times are subject to change and the Editors apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.