

**Minutes Of An Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Thursday 28 July 2016**

Committee Members Present

Committee Members Absent

President	Cliff Weir	Bev Miller
1 st Vice President	Wes Rideout	Janet Gaylord
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald	Ron Knapton
3rd Vice President	John Robertson	John Petch
Past President	Murray Salter	Larry Scott
Executive Members	Dan Spencer	
	Anne Parker	
	Alfie Read	
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick	

Introduction The meeting was called primarily to discuss whether to pave the Branch parking lot. President Cliff Weir noted that he and Charlie Burrige had contacted six paving companies but that only two had responded with written estimates.

One estimate was for \$22,119.75 including taxes. The other estimate was for \$28,501.75 including taxes. Cliff noted that the current unpaved parking lot generates so much dust in summer that it adversely affects the operation of our neighbour, the Maple Leaf Restaurant. The dust also affects the residents of the adjacent apartment complex. From the Branch point of view, paving the parking lot will allow the parking spots to be marked to maximize its capacity and would make snow removal easier. Cliff and Charlie have discussed the paving with town officials who concur with the concept. Cliff also noted that the walkway and drive lane between the Branch and Maple Leaf Restaurant would be the responsibility of the restaurant and that the owner has received a separate estimate for the work.

After much discussion of the merits of the two estimates, it was felt that the estimate from G Williams Paving for \$22,119.75 should be accepted. In order to account for unanticipated costs, Alfie Read put forward a motion to expend up to \$26,000 on the paving project. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried. The motion will be put to members for their approval at the 13 Sep General Meeting.

Charlie Burridge asked for an update on Branch finances. Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch Building Fund has just over \$100,000,000 and that the General Fund account has just over \$62,000. Cliff Weir noted that the large Building Fund was the result of a significant bequest made to the Branch in the Will of Cliff's brother.

Lottery Bill Beswetherick noted that on 10 August Carveth Care Centre will be dedicating stones to mark the passing of veterans who had resided at the residence and that the stones are funded by the Carveth Ladies Auxiliary. Bill asked that the Lottery Fund expend \$200 to support the 2016 stone dedication ceremony. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried.

War Memorial Project Bill Beswetherick briefed members on the Gananoque War Memorial project which would involve placing an interlocking stone apron around the base of the memorials and an interlocking stone pathway from the sidewalk on Kings Street to the memorial. The intent is to have the project completed by this Thanksgiving.

The project is estimated to cost, with taxes, about \$8,500 to \$9,000 (Doornbusch Landscaping will provide the labour free, estimated at about \$3,500). The Gananoque Boat Line has committed \$2,500 to the project, the Ladies Auxiliary has been approached to donate \$500, and \$4,500 will come from the sale of the books *Gananoque Remembers* and *Voices from the Past that were funded by the Town Granting Committee*. Bill Beswetherick put forward a motion that the Branch General Fund provide \$1,000 towards the project. Seconded by Murray Salter. Carried. The various donations come to \$8,500.

Adjournment At 11:10 Murray Salter made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary