

**RCL BRANCH 92
EXECUTIVE MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

ATTENDEES:

President:	Bob Howard	1 st Vice:	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice:	Janet Gaylord	Service Officer:	Alf Read
H & P:	Bill Beswetherick	Exec:	Bruno Mathieu
Poppy:	Owen Fitzgerald	Exec:	Chris Ormsbee
Sec./Treas:	Shirley Howard	Sgt at Arms:	John Robertson
Manager:	Ann DeWolfe		

ABSENT:

3 rd Vice:	John Beddows	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
L & D:	Ron Miller	Exec:	Sharron Dorey
Sports:	Carla Nelson	Poppy:	Wes Rideout
Exec:	Kevin Offord	Past Pres:	Ray Foster

Prior to the start of the meeting, Anne Parker asked if the Legion flags were at half-mast for Gloria MacMillan's passing. The reply was "Yes" and then she asked how long they should be down for and the general consensus is that it is for 3 days. It might have been for 7 days awhile back or at sunset the day of the funeral. President Bob stated that we will check into this.

Bob and other executives met with John Beddows and a member of the army personnel at the War Memorial this morning over what is going to happen on the morning of Nov. 11th. Representative of the Band did not show up. The contingent from the army looks to be about 40 personnel. They will be forming up at the top of King and Stone Streets and will parade down to the Cenotaph. The Army contingent will stay on the street. The Colour Party will break off and go up beside the Cenotaph where they usually are, the band will cut across and be over by the Bandstand, facing the street and Cenotaph. This is the way it was laid out this morning.

Anne Parker asked if she was the MC and Bob replied that he is assuming that she will be. He has a text out to John Beddows to confirm this.

Owen Fitzgerald asked, where as Legionnaires, do we line up? Response from Bob: You will line up behind the Colour Party at the top of the hill, and when you get down to the Cenotaph, you will break away and be within the crowd. There will be an area to one side that they will place plastic chairs out for those who require them.

Bob stated that the procession will be – The band out front, then the Colour Party, Legionnaires and Veterans and then the Army contingent. Also, John has the 4 person Honour Guard for the Cenotaph.

Bob also asked PRO and Website manager to please post on their sites – Any veteran or member that wishes to march in the parade is to be here at approximately 10 AM. We will probably form up about 1015 and start down about 1030. By the time we get down there and have everybody in place it should be about 1045 in time to start the ceremony.

Owen Fitzgerald asked about the laying of the wreaths and Bill Beswetherick responded that John Beddows will be calling him tomorrow to sort out how many. Bill stated that some of this can be

sorted out next week. Someone from our Branch can lay the wreaths from sponsors who do not show up for the Ceremony.

John Robertson reported that the Silver Cross people are trying to contact David Payne to see if they will lay a wreath. They have laid it before, but that doesn't matter. The street will be closed off at 10 AM and remain closed until 1230 PM. The Colour Party, Army Contingent and Band will be dismissed at the Cenotaph when the Service has concluded. The contingency plan is if there is an accident on Hwy 401 and that King Street is needed for a by-pass, it will be a Static parade. In other words, we will form up at the Cenotaph. The Army Contingent will be in the Square, by the Fountain.

When the Parade starts, John Robertson will give the command to bring all to attention, then the command will go to the Pipe Major and John will say "On your Command" then he will carry on from there. That way everyone will be on the same page. The Pipe Band will be in the front.

Owen stated that this is well planned and Bob stated that John Beddows has been doing all of this, and that he is doing a great job.

Alf Read asked who our contact is with Cliff Edwards? Response from Bob: John Beddows is the contact. Bill stated that Cliff has done it for the past 8 years and therefore has it down pat.

Janet Gaylord asked what time we are meeting at Carveth for the Service there? Response from John Robertson: We have to be at Carveth for 1:30 PM because you have to go through the Covid test. John changed the program, we are going to stay until the wreaths are laid and "In Flanders Fields" is read, then we are going to leave. Alf Read asked who the OPI is for that. Response from John – Shannon is John's contact. We will need the tape for Reveille and Last Post. Murray Salter who usually plays the tape, is not well so will be unable to this, this year.

Bob got an e-mail from Kevin Offord today asking if Br 92 could put a poppy box in the Military Museum. Bob told Kevin that Br 560 Kingston should be responsible for that as the Museum is not in our area of distribution. During the discussion, it was noted that Queens and the Prisons do not have boxes either. Bruno mentioned that Br 560 is going through a lot of changes recently, so that could be the reason for lack of distribution.

Bill Beswetherick asked when they would be counting the monies from Poppy campaign, and Owen suggested 2 days after Remembrance Day. Owen stated that he would advise Bob of the exact date for the counting of the money. Also Bill mentioned that it would be nice if the evening of Nov 10th that they get some assistance to load wreaths into the back of a truck for placement the morning of Nov 11th prior to the service.

Anne Parker stated that they will be talking about the Digital membership and that her Membership assistant, Bruno will be doing that this next week.

Ann DeWolfe reported that the annual Health Inspection was today. The dishwashers' drains are screwed up and she is having someone in to look at them. Both the Bar and the kitchen. Also, since we do not have Pest Control, we have to have a log book to record how successful our mouse traps are.

Owen Fitzgerald suggested that when the Poppy committee picks up the boxes from the local businesses, we give the managers/owners a letter of appreciation and thanks for their support over the years of our Branch and our Veterans. There was general agreement that this should be done.

Alf Read reported on the LA 's last meeting. Also brought up again the program "Wheels for the Wise". Stated that he has all the information.

Meeting adjourned

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER