

# Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71

## General Meeting March 30, 2026

1. Call to Order: By Comrade Chris Farthing at 7:40 pm in the Veterans Hall
2. Roll:        7 Executive                      11 Members                      Guests
3. Minutes of the last Executive and General Meetings: The February 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes have not been emailed out yet, as we are having technical difficulties with the email system that we are working on. Comrade Elizabeth Carlow moved the adoption of the General Meeting Minutes from January 2026 as distributed, seconded by Comrade Mary-Lou Flegel. **Motion Carried**  
Going forward, Elizabeth noted that the Executive Meeting minutes be sent on the months that we only have 1 meeting (the Executive Meeting).
4. Correspondence: Valentines from BC/Yukon Command for our local Veterans and a Thank you letter from Comrade Heather McLeod for the space for crafting on Sundays.
5. Reports:
  - a. Financial – Financial Review to March 30, 2026 (attached) Specifics as follows: These are the balances in the bank as of this morning.
    - i. The General Account – Comrade Ken Carlow reported that the bank is still sitting at \$200,000. The outstanding bills are approximately \$10,000, with membership, bar expenses and groceries. The Executive may look to see if investing is a good idea and bring it forward next meeting. The investment that is maturing shortly will be reinvested.
    - ii. Gaming account report – Ken reported that Gaming is sitting a little higher than usual, but the Cadet support will come out soon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Ken will check to see what else we can support with Gaming funds.
    - iii. Poppy Fund report – There was an investment come due and the Principal hasn't been reinvested yet. The investment will be \$10,000.

Ken is always available if there are any questions or concerns. Comrade Ken Carlow moved for adoption of the Financial Report, seconded by Comrade Lance Anderson. **Motion Carried.**

  - b. Committees:
    - i. Club (House, Bar & Lottery) – Comrade Chris Farthing reported that the Terms of Reference are coming along for the Bar Manager position. Bar Manager will look after inventory, staff scheduling and day to day issues. All the armless chairs are done, and the armchairs have been started. Table options will now be considered. The House Rules are being

updated, a separate meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm is open to anyone interested. Comrade Chris Farthing moved his report, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli. **Motion Carried**

ii. Ways & Means and Volunteers – Comrade Elizabeth Carlow reported:

- Fundraising – Upcoming dinners are this week April Fools Dinner, April 8<sup>th</sup> is Roast Beef Dinner, April 15<sup>th</sup> is Pork Ribs, April 22 is Steelhead, and April 29 is Roasted Chicken Pieces. The next lunch is April 9<sup>th</sup>, with soup and sandwiches. Ways & Means Committee will be meeting early in May to do some more Wednesday dinner planning and other event support. The next Tones Toons evening is scheduled for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Interior Health will come and do a kitchen inspection in April, date needs to be confirmed with Inspector.
- Catering – There hasn't been any catering except for the Zone darts lunch. There were several birthday parties with either 71 Eatery for food or food brought into the back hall. The Celebration of Life at the end of April has not confirmed food from Ways & Means.
- Legion Market – Elizabeth mentioned that the one-day Spring Market went well with 11 vendors. Thanks to 71 Eatery for serving lunch. The next indoor market will be May 9<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 3 pm.
- Rentals – Elizabeth commented that there are on-going rentals. Dee at Fun and Games has planned some more Sunday and Friday afternoons, in March, April and May. Also, a local Daycare will use the back hall for one day in April. The Kinsmen Club is planning a Bingo for May 11. More details will be coming. Also coming in May is a private rental and Grad Reunion, both on weekends and the Hospital Auxiliary AGM luncheon, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Comrade Shawn MacNeil with 71 Eatery mentioned that everything is rolling along well.

- Farmers Market – Comrade Marius Hoofd reported that most of the summer Saturday dates are filled. This year there are 120 different vendors, most of which are full-time. There is about \$12,000 already paid vendors.
- Meat Draw – Comrades Aline and Stuart Walker sent their report by text message. At the last Executive meeting the Executive decided to try Meat Draw from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday's. The discussion surrounding the decision was maybe it would be easier to get volunteers to sign up. Also, to still have meat draw but have it before any events start on Saturdays. This is a trial time for April and May. Then the timing will be revisited.

iii.Membership – Comrade Mary-Lou Flegel reported that we have 469 active members, that means have paid for 2026. So, from January’s meeting to now there are a couple hundred not paid for 2026. Comrade Ken Carlow said that we need a couple more volunteers help track down the 2025 members. Mary-Lou mentioned that the type of member for 2026 is not required as all new members are automatically labeled Centenary.

Comrade Mary-Lou Flegel moved to accept the following new Centenary members:

Jesse Winchester, seconded by Comrade Ken Carlow.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Matthew Willox, seconded by Comrade Lance Anderson.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Rick Kubian, seconded by Comrade Tom Southon.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Angela Kubian, seconded by Comrade Reg Jean.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Bryan Wood, seconded by Comrade Liam McElhinney.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Erin McNeil, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Beverly Meyers, seconded by Comrade Brian Churchman.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Gerald Israelson, seconded by Comrade Marleen Reijers.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Judith Frain, seconded by Comrade Marius Hoofd.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Mike Blandon, seconded by Comrade Kathy McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Jody Behan, seconded by Comrade Tom McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Glenn Pomeray, seconded by Comrade Shawn MacNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Tara Field, seconded by Comrade Brian Pilatzke.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Julie McSweeney, seconded by Comrade Howie Williams.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Colleen Weatherhead, seconded by Comrade Ken Carlow.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Kim Frocklage, seconded by Comrade Jan Farthing.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Pamela Frocklage, seconded by Comrade Lance Anderson.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Veronica Roby, seconded by Comrade Tom Southon.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Joyce McMurray, seconded by Comrade Reg Jean.	<b>Motion Carried</b>

Edeltraut Fuller, seconded by Comrade Liam McElhinney.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Brandy Carey, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Brent Gonek, seconded by Comrade Brian Churchman.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Shelley Wenger, seconded by Comrade Marleen Reijers.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Ken Wenger, seconded by Comrade Marius Hoofd.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Greta Martin, seconded by Comrade Kathy McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Brent Moore, seconded by Comrade Tom McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Robert Cotterall, seconded by Comrade Shawn MacNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Gayle Cotterall, seconded by Comrade Brian Pilatzke.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Juanita Violini, seconded by Comrade Howie Williams.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Pieter Jansen, seconded by Comrade Jan Farthing.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Kenneth Elmgren, seconded by Comrade Ken Carlow.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
John Rouse, seconded by Comrade Lance Anderson.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Edson Martin, seconded by Comrade Tom Southon.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Daryl Bosch, seconded by Comrade Reg Jean.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Debra Bosch, seconded by Comrade Liam McElhinney.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Robert Connell, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Silvia Statham, seconded by Comrade Brian Churchman.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Brie Thorsteinson-Olge, seconded by Comrade Marleen Reijers.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Jessica Donovan, seconded by Comrade Marius Hoofd.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Roberta Fulton, seconded by Comrade Kathy McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Roi Golan, seconded by Comrade Tom McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Susan Melaine, seconded by Comrade Shawn MacNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Teresa Palmer, seconded by Comrade Brian Pilatzke.	<b>Motion Carried</b>

Marina Perry, seconded by Comrade Howie Williams.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Shauna Sillem, seconded by Comrade Jan Farthing.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
David Baldwin, seconded by Comrade Ken Carlow.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Dale Sylvestre, seconded by Comrade Lance Anderson.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Helen Metcalfe, seconded by Comrade Tom Southon.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Andrew Maclaghlan, seconded by Comrade Reg Jean.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
James Brewington, seconded by Comrade Liam McElhinney.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
David Maksymec, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Michelle Poisson, seconded by Comrade Brian Churchman.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Scott Barsby, seconded by Comrade Marleen Reijers.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Nicole Barsby, seconded by Comrade Marius Hoofd.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Bob Urban, seconded by Comrade Kathy McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Patricia Urban, seconded by Comrade Tom McNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Bill Ark, seconded by Comrade Shawn MacNeil.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Lianne Lang, seconded by Comrade Brian Pilatzke.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Neil Humphry, seconded by Comrade Howie Williams.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Patty Humphry, seconded by Comrade Jan Farthing.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Lisa Cannady, seconded by Comrade Ken Carlow.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Leisa O'Sullivan, seconded by Comrade Lance Anderson.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Peter Marshall, seconded by Comrade Tom Southon.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Melissa Waite, seconded by Comrade Reg Jean.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Ian Waite, seconded by Comrade Liam McElhinney.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Adrienne DaCosta, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli.	<b>Motion Carried</b>
Shari Riches, seconded by Comrade Brian Churchman.	<b>Motion Carried</b>

Terry Susan Sleen, seconded by Comrade Marleen Reijers. **Motion Carried**

Mark Doherty, seconded by Comrade Marius Hoofd. **Motion Carried**

Blayne Kirby, seconded by Comrade Kathy McNeil. **Motion Carried**

Kevin Northey, seconded by Comrade Tom McNeil. **Motion Carried**

- iv. Sports – Comrade Lance Anderson reported that 2025 was a full and interesting year. There were some new events and some regular ones. Lance thanked Comrades Marius Hoofd, Mary-Lou, Ken and Elizabeth Carlow for their help throughout the year. Some new ideas are always welcome, like a 9-hole Ladies only Golf Day.
  - v. Honors & Awards – Comrade Elizabeth Carlow mentioned the Awards Ceremony will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, not the 24<sup>th</sup> as previously noted. There will be refreshments and goodies. Comrades Laurie and Jerry Meadows will be back in time to organize this event.
  - vi. Building Maintenance – Comrade Tom Southon reported that there are several items that need to be addressed, there is no timeline at this time.
  - vii. Poppy – Comrade Lauren Scavarelli mentioned that Comrades Jennifer Lindal and Lauren will go to the schools to get the Zone Poster/Literary Awards to students.
  - viii. Banner Program – No report
  - ix. Cadets/Youth – Comrade Brian Pilatzke reported that there are 15 Cadets. There was a thank you in the paper for supporting their music program. The Cadets will be busy in the summer with some summer camps.
  - x. Scholarship – No report
- c. Service Officer – Comrade Howie Williams mentioned that every other Wednesday, at 3 pm, he is at the Branch for any Veteran to come and talk or ask questions. At 3:30 pm Howie then goes to Ivy House, Columbia Gardens and Columbia House to visit shut-ins and Veterans/Spouses. Howie is looking to reach out to new Veterans to the Valley, if anyone knows of any, please give Howie a call 250-342-0100. Comrade Chris Farthing thanked Howie for doing this important work.

## 6. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Governance – Comrade Chris Farthing reported that part of the Vice-President role is Governance, this includes By-laws, and Organization roles,(terms of reference). The By-laws need to go to a General meeting in a Notice of Motion for May's meeting. The terms of reference will be approved by the Executive.

There is also the Code of Ethics that the Executive need to read and sign. And finally, Business Plan, for example, what is the 3-5 year plan for the van.

- b. Van Update – Comrade Kathy McNeil reported that the van has been out seven times and is booked for every Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 until the end of August. Business cards have been printed. Kathy spoke to a small group of residents and families at Columbia Garden Village on Sunday, March 29. They were pleased the Legion has taken this on. Business cards were given out, and some were left with the Activities Director to give out. The St. Patrick's Day party collected \$804 in donations, and there has been an anonymous donation of \$1000. Brian is keeping an eye on maintenance requirements.
- c. Zone Convention – Planning is coming along. There is some time for a skit or something else before the band starts on Saturday, if anyone has any ideas or thoughts. We are allowed 5 delegates to attend. Comrades Jennifer Lindal, Chris and Jan Farthing, Marius Hoofd and Mary-Lou Flegel said they would attend. There is lots of room for Observers to go to the meetings at no charge. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner/dance is \$35 per person and for just the music it is \$5 per person.

There is a Zone convention issue to address; we need a Recording Secretary for the weekend. If anyone is interested, please contact Elizabeth.

- d. New Members Meet & Greet – The Meet and Greet was supposed to be every 3 months but it was postponed in January. There was some discussion, the date for the next Meet and Greet is May 9<sup>th</sup>. (secretarial note: date changed to May 30<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Improve Show)

## 7. New Business

- a. ALS Donation Request – Comrade Elizabeth Carlow reported that we usually support the ALS Society with a donation. Comrade Mary-Lou Flegel moved to send \$1,200, seconded by Comrade Lauren Scavarelli. Comrade Marius Hoofd moved to amend the motion to donate \$3,000, seconded by Comrade Ken Carlow. Discussions regarding sources of funds lead to considering Poppy Funds first, then Gaming Funds and finally General Funds.

The amendment to increase to \$3000 was considered.

**Motion Carried**

The amended motion to donate \$3000 to the ALS Society.

**Motion Carried**

- b. Rockies Community Award – Comrade Tom Southon reported that the Rockies are developing a sense of culture/history of the team. Some of the current awards are Rookie of the year and Most improved and the trophies go home with the players. There will be a Community Award starting next year to stay in the Rink with yearly plaques naming award winners. Tom approached the Branch Executive and obtained agreement that the award be official called the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 Community Award.

- c. Comrade Mary-Lou Flegel reported that the Canada Day float will need to be decorated on June 29-30. It will reflect the history of the Branch. Mary-Lou is looking for help and ideas.

8. General Welfare of the Branch

- a. Dessert for tonight's meeting is thanks to Comrades Jennifer Lindal and Lauren Scavarelli. If there is anyone interested in bringing something for the May meeting, please let me know.
- b. The next Executive meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The next General Meeting is May 25 at 7 pm.
- c. Comrade Brian Churchman commented on the fact that when we have an event anyone sitting over by the pool table can't hear everything, because the speakers are not hooked up. There was some discussion and there will be some effort to rectify the problem.

9. Closing Ceremony

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm by Comrade Chris Farthing.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved

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Elizabeth Carlow  
Branch Secretary

Chris Farthing  
Branch Vice President