



City of
Prince Albert

CORR 24-19

TITLE: Veterans' Graves Maintenance Account- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2

DATE: April 23, 2024

TO: Executive Committee

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:

That the Correspondence be received and referred to the Financial Services Department and the Community Services Department.

PRESENTATION: Verbal by Rick Hodgson, President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter dated April 10, 2024

Written by: Rick Hodgson, President and Deanne Reise, Vice President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2



Branch 2
Prince Albert
133 8th Street East
Prince Albert SK S6V 0V8

April 10, 2024

To Mayor and City Council:

RE: VETERANS' GRAVES MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Please be advised the Royal Canadian Legion Prince Albert Branch #2 proposes that the Veterans' Graves Maintenance Account be closed.

This account was created by the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Prince Albert Legion Branch # 2 to approve work and expenditures for Veterans' graves. The maintenance and repair of Veterans' graves now falls under the Federal Government's Veterans Affairs Canada purview. Furthermore, the Ladies' Auxiliary Branch #2 was dissolved in 2018.

According to our records the last time the Veterans' Graves Maintenance Account was used is February 1, 1999. See attached request and approval.

We have not had an updated report from the City's Financial Services department on the amount in the account since April 30, 2017. At that time, the balance was \$75,470.53.

Prince Albert Legion Branch #2 would like to request the funds for the Veterans' Graves be transferred to their General Account to be used in support of Legion maintenance. This is to ensure the Legion continues on for Veterans and their families in years to come.

Please find attached the minutes of the Prince Albert Legion Branch #2 for April 11, 2018, where under 12.0 New Business Ladies Auxiliary Finance Officer Carol Eyberson states that they had a meeting in December and decided they were closing. She also states they decided to donate their remaining balance to the Legion Building fund. Also, in the minutes under 10.5 Rick Hodgson discusses how the Legion is taking over the funerals for Veterans.

Rick Hodgson will speak to this proposal on the Legion's behalf.

Sincerely,

Rick ~~Hodgson~~ - President
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2

Deanne Riese -- Vice President
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2

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Executive Committee

**Recommended
Disposition:**

Refer to Financial
Services Committee
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VETERANS' GRAVES MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT SPEAKING NOTES

1. Purpose – Close the Veterans' Graves Maintenance Account
2. History – Account created by the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Prince Albert Legion Branch # 2 to approve work and expenditures for Veterans' graves. Not used since February 1999.
3. Maintenance and Repair of Graves – handled by Federal Government Veterans Affairs Canada
4. Ladies' Auxiliary dissolved in 2018.
5. Legion planned use – to support Veterans and their families through Legion maintenance.



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Date

February 12, 1999

Brian Parchauer
City of Prince Albert - Comptroller
City Hall, 1084 - Central Ave.,
Prince Albert, Sask.
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Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: VETERANS' GRAVES MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT:

Please note the letter under date of February 1, 1999, over Comrade Vince Elmers' signature.

Be advised that the procedure indicated in Comrade Elmers' letter was adopted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2 at the General Meeting of the Branch on Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

Be further advised that Comrade Elmer was given the authority of the Branch to obtain funds for the purposes indicated in his letter. As Chairman of the Veterans' Graves Committee he will handle all works and expenditures as indicated and will report these activities to the Branch and through the Branch to the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch #2.

Yours truly

R.H. Tooley
President

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2



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President
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #002
Prince Albert

Attached is the year end financial statement of our Veterans' Graves Maintenance Account as submitted by the City of Prince Albert.

Note, that we have now reached our goal of \$40,000.00, and can now use the interest and further donations to finance work at maintaining graves of Veterans in our four cemeteries. As is at present we have \$9,573.00 available for such work.

In order for the City to release money from this account, I would propose the following procedure:

1. The Graves Committee will submit in writing a request to approve work and expenditures to the Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary.
2. When approval has been received, we will approach the financial section of the City of Prince Albert and they will issue a check to use for such amounts.
3. On completion of the work, we will submit reports to both the Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

We request your approval of the above procedure.

Yours fraternally,

Vince Elmer
Chairman of Veteran's
Grave Committee



City of
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May 30, 2017

Royal Canadian Legion
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Attention Anne C. McLeod

RE: VETERANS' GRAVES MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Please note that the Veterans' Graves Bank account balance, as of April 30, 2017 is calculated as follows:

Balance, December 31, 2016-----	\$75,062.52
Interest Earned during 2017-----	408.01
Balance, April 30, 2017-----	<u>\$75,470.53</u>

If you require any further information or assistance from me, please do not hesitate to call me at 953-4392.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Tkachuk
Assistant Director Financial Services

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH #2
GENERAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, April 11th, 2018

6:30 P.M. Auditorium

1.0 CALL TO ORDER BY Rick Hodgson TIME: 6:30

2.0 AGENDA

Marie Mathers moved to accept the agenda, Gord Simpson Seconded, carried

3.0 GUESTS

3.1 No guests

4.0 INITIATIONS:

4.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

4.2 AFFILIATE MEMBERS

No initiations

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Financial Correspondence

No financial correspondence

5.2 General Correspondence

Novus Law group requesting someone attend annual General meeting to be held at Carnival bingo Saturday April 21 2018 10 am carnival Bingo. Marie Mathers will attend.

Military service recognition book recognizes veterans, and would like us to advertise in their book. Cost including GST is \$1,570.00 smallest is business card size and \$205.00. Proceeds raised help to keep the book in circulation and helping sponsorships.

Motion to file made by Marie Mathers, Gord Simpson seconded, carried

Ogilvie site furnishings, sent a letter explaining that they make steel benches, have sent pictures, it will be posted upstairs if anyone is interested.

Brewers distributors invited us to meet the staff and learn what goes on at the distribution center, April 10th Prince Albert at the days inn.

New Horizons, an information session on how to apply for Grants

Birch hills April 17, 1-4 at the seniors center

Prince Albert May 23 1-4 at P.A. Senior advocacy center

Al Dreaver will look after finalizing the grant for the compressor that was issued by Northern lights

Gord Simpson motion to accept, Marie Mathers second, carried

6.0 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD April 4th, 2018.

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.2 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:

Jean Watts pointed out that there was no name for the Veteran that was given a lunch for a funeral. His name was Henry Gibbs and lived in North Battleford.

Marie motioned to accept the errors, Colin Riese Seconded, carried

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD MARCH 14TH, 2018

No meeting as we did not meet quorum

Marie motioned to accept Tim Hogan Seconded, carried

8.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

8.1a Bank Balances Attached

8.1b Financial Statements Profit and Loss attached to April 3rd

Uncategorized income was the Grants direct deposited and Accountant not sure what it was for, should go to building fund, Brenda is working with the accountant to try and get these in the proper account, our profit is \$55,603. As of April 3rd.

I am going to be finance as well as membership, I will be going through this and hopefully have a better understanding by the next meeting.

Jean watts stood and said that she was happy with the good job that everyone was doing.

Deanne moved her report, Carol Eyberson seconded, carried

9.0 POPPY FUND REPORT

Nothing to report

10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Membership-Deanne Riese

Report attached to Executive minutes

I will also be trying to set up a pin ceremony, not sure how long it takes to get.

Deanne moved her report, Jean Watts seconded, carried

10.2 House and Lounge-Gord Simpson

We had repairs done in the Kitchen, we had to replace 5 feet of pipe and was done by Mat Alexander, I see our roof is leaking again, we will talk to the Guy that did the roof and get it fixed.

Rick Hodgson moved his report, Colin Riese seconded, carried

10.3 Ways and Means-Al Dreaver

Chasse the Ace was approved today so we will move ahead with our draw on April 21st.

Share the wealth is still on the go upstairs, last one was won by Brenda Cripps. We have to finalize a grant for the compressor, we also have 2 grants that were put through by Anne, this is a complicated process and we are invited to a workshop to help fill out the applications, The grant that we received for Tables and chairs, there are people looking into 20,000.00 the sound system for 6800.00, the money is in the bank and shows on the financial report, we also have a progressive 50/50 draw ready for submission, the draw date is July 1st in Kinsmen Park which is a big fundraising day for us.

We are also finalizing the position of the secretary, we will have our final recommendations next month.

There was a volunteer supper here last month there was 70 that attended, there was a storm that cancelled out a lot of people, it was a success.

We need volunteer to work and keep this place going, we are in a never never land place, and numbers are in the black but at the same time our membership numbers are decreasing. There is less than last year those are things we are struggling with, ways and means is a way to bring us to the forefront. And also to make money to keep this place going.

I so submit my Report, Al Dreaver

Deanne Riese commented that she would like to point out that we can sell tickets for the week and bring them for the draw, people don't have to be here for the draw, but need to appoint a proxy if they are not to be here, if you sell the tickets, and know you are going to be here, just let them use your

name for the proxy. Put your own name and put a proxy if you want there to be a proxy, you don't have to fill that out if you are going to be here. Al commented that we are also going to broadcast this on Facebook, Live for the draw.

Deanne Riese commented that Lotteries would not let us just do 3 for \$5.00, you have to give the option for the one ticket, so 2500 will be 1 single for \$2. Or 9,000 sets of 3 for \$5. For a maximum of \$25,000.00

Terry Sayer seconded, carried

10.4 Entertainment-Clara Lafond

April 14th we are having an adult Easter egg hunt at the cost of \$5. Person, 6 games, with mini draws, have a chance to win an egg to win the big prize. There is a door prize as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Chinese food supper before.

Clara moved her report, Carol Eyberson seconded, carried

10.5 Suppers/Banquets

Suppers going good, more people involved in doing suppers, we can spread it out more, I need someone to take it over on the executive, let me know. Friday snacks Jean will do one for Taco in a bag. If anyone wants to come out. \$5. Person, A Veteran requested this.

Rick Hodgson commented that if there is there anyone interested in taking suppers over, come talk to me.

We are doing funerals for Veterans the same way the Ladies Auxiliary did it and we will be putting them in the financial report. As well as if they make a donation.

Rick Hodgson, I so move my report, seconded by Colin Riese, carried

10.6 Bingo-Rick Hodgson

Brenda Cripps and Marie Mathers are looking after the afternoon bingos and we are getting regular volunteers that come out, please bring names forward for new volunteers.

Tuesday Bingos are going good and our people are coming out regularly, but would like to see more.

I so move my report, seconded by Jean Watts, carried

10.7 Sports-Colin Riese

Our branch held the Provincial Crib, members from around the province come, we had a lot of people attend and a lot of helpers, Lots of Kudos and lots of thank you, there is a card beside the till to read, please take the time.

We have finalized the shuffleboard league for the year, and had a banquet at the end, and I like the way it was run, Crib and pool should be run the same way and if we could get darts going that would be great.

For the future I would like to see these all roll out the same way as shuffleboard, so coming next fall, we will be looking for volunteers for these.

April 22nd and we have one more crib tournament before we are done for the summer, it will be a round robin.

Colin moved his report, seconded by Tim Hogan, carried

10.8 Funerals and Graves-Marie Mathers

If people are wondering why the flags are at half mast, it is for the Humboldt Broncos, and the lives lost, Saskatchewan command has approved this.

Brenda Cripps mentioned that Comrade Gary Klughart passed away this morning. His funeral will be on Monday. He is no longer a member here but was in the past.

Marie moved her report, Deanne Riese seconded, carried

10.9 Service Officer-Gary Renaud

Helped one veteran this month, gave him support for travel that was approved by Regina, and taken from the Poppy fund.

I so move my report, Colin Riese seconded, carried

10.10 Cadets-Gary Renaud

April 21st there will be an exercise and we will be getting ready for final inspection.

Respectfully submitted Gary Renaud, Marie Mathers seconded, carried

10.11 Remembrance Day-Marie Mathers

Nothing more to add to my report, May 23rd is the next meeting.

Marie moved her report, Gord Simpson seconded, carried

10.12 Decoration Day-Tim Hogan

Meeting will be April 18th at the Anavets. At 7PM

Tim submitted his report, Gord Simpson seconded, carried

10.13 Canada Day-

Still trying to track someone down to head Canada Day,

Rick submitted his report, seconded by Tim Hogan, carried

10.14 Publicity –Erin Strauss

Rick Hodgson commented If anyone has anything to advertise please get a hold of Erin, she has been missing meetings, as the Herald is switching there systems over and she is a part of that. She has been in contact and advertising will still go out

10.15 Sargent at Arms- Gary Renaud

One funeral April 7th, otherwise everything is quiet

Gary moved his report, seconded by Debbie Shidlowky, carried

10.16 Visiting-Marie Mathers

Nothing to add

10.17 Padre- Bishop Arthurson

10.18 Past President-

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

No old business

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

Carol Eyberson has said I have been to the last 2 general meeting and I would like to mention now, as there were no meetings. I think everyone is aware that the Ladies Auxiliary has folded, the ladies with the auxiliary are getting older, tired and sick, and we were down to 4 that showed up. It was a 6 hour day for the ladies, then having to sit while the funeral was going on. It was a long day for the ladies, we have been talking about this for a year, and Gerry tried her best to keep it going we are at the point now where there are no other volunteers and because of her health, we got to the point that we needed to stop. We were the only branch in Saskatchewan that still had a Auxiliary. We has a meeting in December and decided that we were closing and what to do with the money that we had left in the bank, we had just over \$5,100.00 in the bank we decided that we would donate to the legion Building fund, so that if something went wrong it could be fixed right away, and the other thing that I would like to say is that the ladies over the last 5 years have donated over

\$40,000. To the branch, I wanted to make that clear because there is a lot of comments about what the Ladies did with their money. I did have a list, but forgot it.

There are still some Ladies willing to help with the funerals.

Gerry Laird commented that she enjoyed doing this and has been here a long, long time. We used to have parties for the pulp mill, a lot of men that were members here worked at the Mill and they asked if I would put parties for them here, we made a lot of money from them. I really enjoyed it, I think I would like to come back and help out. It's not hard work. That is about all, my husband and I really enjoyed and always like the Legion, my brother died overseas, I think about that, and this is part of their Legacy. Thank you.

Rick Hodgson wants to say thanks for all the Ladies and their service to the Legion over all the years, as well as on behalf of the past presidents and past executives would like to say thanks for all the stuff that you Ladies have done for the Legion over all the years.

Carol Eyberson says thank you.

Five of us attended the zone Rally last month, all of the other clubs are in the same place we are with dying memberships and what they are trying to do to keep their Legion afloat. Rick asked that Brenda speak for the Zone

Brenda Cripps says thanks to Colin Riese, as he is her new deputy Zone commander.

The only club in her Zone that is doing great is Smeaton, and Crib has kept them going. The president is a volunteer fire man and the firemen have come into the legion and started crib and now they have 50 people for crib.

The District commander would like to do training on how to get everyone on board for finance with new ways to do things and all the new changes involved in Finance. We want people to attend.

13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Marie motioned for adjournment, Benda Cripps seconded, carried