



# HIGHLAND CREEK RCL BRANCH 258

## Branch 258 Update – April 2020



*From the President*

Comrades,

### 45 Lawson Road

I want to update you on Branch 258's continued effort to keep our Legion Branch and Members safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. It continues to be a privilege and a tremendous responsibility to serve our Legion and our members and our local community.

On instruction from Dominion Command and the Province of Ontario, all Legion Branches are closed indefinitely. This will not change until the Provincial and Federal Government's restrictions are relaxed.

Here at Branch 258 Karen, our office manager is in the office most days looking after day-to-day business i.e. paying bills etc.; unfortunately they are still coming in. She is also passing on to the relevant person any messages left at the Branch office **416-281-2992**.

As President, I am visiting the Branch and the new building every day to maintain our branch security, checking to ensure our premises are safe against break-ins or vandalism. Brenda Butt has been doing the same a few times a week. Doug Stevens does a walk around the property. So far everything is in order.

### Executive

Our executive is helping out where and with what ever they can!

But we are all governed by the State of Emergency guidelines and because of this we cannot hold any meetings with more than five people in attendance. We have to comply, otherwise everyone will themselves in situations they don't want to be in. However, as President I am still required to provide all levels of the Legion Command with informative reports on a regular basis.



### Membership – June Viles

Comrades, we need all Members Support at this time and those that have not renewed their 2020 membership have two options, to either register or pay on line at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca), or you can mail a cheque to the branch. Once payment is received, as Membership Chairman I will mail out the 2020 sticker. Please feel free to contact me directly either via email: [membership@rcl258.com](mailto:membership@rcl258.com) or through the branch office **416-281-2992** should you require any further info.

## 305 Morrish Road

Two engineers have been in the building measuring the internal area to provide us with a CAD 3D plan. It should be ready very soon. The Executive can hopefully take a look at this electronically and discuss the recommendations that the engineers provided, i.e. which hall is best suited to (a) the sports and clubroom (b) banquet hall for rentals etc. One major decision that has to be made by the Ladies Auxiliary is if they plan to still do large banquets or just provide bar food, such as burgers and fries, fish & chips etc, also still continue to cater birthday, showers, celebrations of life.

Because of the COVID-19 Virus situation - Renovations will be on hold for the time being, there will be no contractors to undertake the work even if the branch had decided on any plans. If we get really behind schedule with renovations, we have until May 31, 2021 at 45 Lawson Road and I'm hopeful our purchaser will allow us to extend our lease agreement if required.

Comrades, we are working at keeping everyone safe, healthy and updated with current situations. Make it a point to check our own "Highland Creek Branch 258" web site at [www.rcl258.com](http://www.rcl258.com) on a regular basis as mailing info and newsletters is costly, and is not listed as an essential service and we are trying to keep the essential service workers safe by not using snail mail. If you have a computer check out all levels of The Legion as they all have Websites here are the address.

Zone D5 [www.zone-d5.com](http://www.zone-d5.com)  
Provincial Command [www.on.legion.ca](http://www.on.legion.ca)

District "D" [www.rcldistrictd.com](http://www.rcldistrictd.com)  
Dominion Command [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca)

For those with out Computer access speak to a friend who does and ask them for the information.

In closing, Comrades these are difficult times for everyone and we must not lose site of what we must do to ensure our Families, our Veterans, our Seniors, our Legion and our Community are not at risk

Please stay safe, keep calm, be kind, wash your hands and practice social distancing.

*Richard Viles*

On a lighter side here are jokes to bring a smiles to all the women in our lives....

### **FINALLY! BLONDE MEN JOKES:**

**A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers "Yes but I'm not sure what to do...it's for dry hair and I just wet mine."**

**A blond man spots a letter on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.**

**A blond man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"**