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Royal Canadian Legion
Richmond Branch 291
Portfolio

Schedule 1 to the minutes of the
Planning Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday, March 7th, 2006

March 7, 2006



Branch 291 History

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion and the 79th year of the Richmond Legion. June 26, 2002, marked a new beginning for the Richmond Legion when Branch 5 and 209 amalgamated into the current Branch 291. Prior to amalgamation both Branches had a long history of community involvement going back to May 25, 1927, when Richmond's first Royal Canadian Legion Charter was issued. Following this, on August 4, 1931, the first Ladies Auxiliary Charter was issued.

We are proud to have a long history of service in our community. Our motto is, "Service above Self" and our mandate is to serve our community in the spirit of Remembrance.



Who We Are

The Richmond Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion consists of 470 members including World War 2 and Korean War Veterans. Our ranks also include members who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, Voting, and Non Voting members. We have a diverse membership comprised mostly of seniors and professionals from all walks of life. Membership is not limited to Veterans or X-Service Personnel our membership categories and hierarchy include:

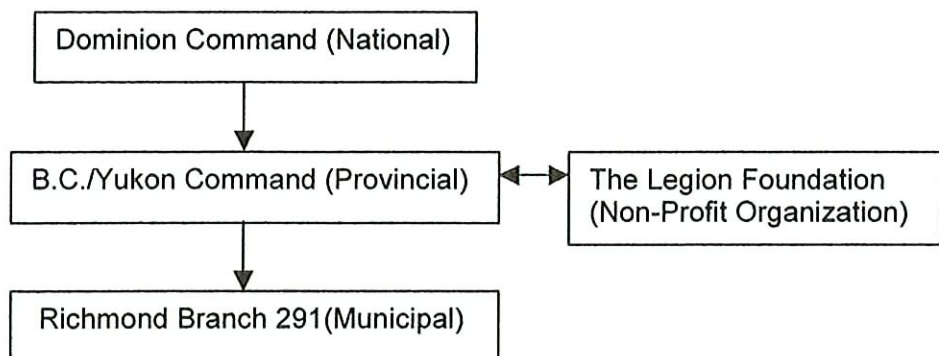
- Ordinary Members; World War 2 & Korean War Veterans, those who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, and the RCMP.
- Associate Members: Spouses and Children of Ordinary Members.
- Voting Members: Members who have 5 years of membership.
- Non-Voting Members: Any Canadian Citizen of good standing.

Our Branch is governed by it's own General By-Laws and an Executive Committee that is elected annually by the membership. Our Charter, issued by Dominion Command, recognizes us as a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Ladies Auxiliary forms it's own Executive Committee and augments the Branch's activities and Canteen to ensure we meet our monthly financial objectives

The Executive Committee meets monthly to execute its duties and to ensure the business of the Branch is conducted. General Membership Meetings are held monthly where the Executive Committee motions it's business and financial recommendations to the membership to ratify by vote.

It is important to note that our future plans must be conducted within compliance of our General By-Laws. The Executive Committee is bound to research future proposals, complete a Business Plan and submit it to our Command Structure for approval, and make recommendations to our membership before notification and a vote on future plans can occur.

The Royal Canadian Legion Command Structure





Our Facility

We are a private organization and the owner of our land title addressed at 11131 Bridgeport Road, Richmond, B.C. Our Branch is located adjacent to the Northeast corner of Bridgeport and Shell Roads and comprised of a site and building, zoned I4 light industrial, which we own outright. The 2006 Property Assessment valued our site at \$768,000.00.

Our current facility is approximately 5,500 square feet comprised of a full service licensed bar, lounge, office and kitchen. We also facilitate two full size pool tables, shuffleboard, and dart, teams. The Branch hosts the following annual events:

- January, Installation of Officers.
- June, Annual Veteran's (D-Day theme) Anniversary Dinner and ceremony.
- September, President's BBQ and membership early bird drive.
- November 11, Remembrance Day Ceremonies.
- December, Annual Hughie MacLeod Food Drive.

We employ two staff to work the canteen, a Chartered Accountant, and a variety of service providers when required. The Executive Committee positions are all volunteer positions that total annually in the thousands of man-hours. Many additional members volunteer their time on Branch initiatives and events.

On August 29, 1979 the Legion donated land to the Richmond Legion #5 Senior Citizen Society. Today known as the Golden Mews seniors housing complex located on 7251 Langton Road. We maintain a close relationship with the Golden Mews and their Board of Directors includes members from our Branch. This land is registered with the CMHC and BCHMC as a non-profit operation, which still has a balance on its mortgage. The 2006 Property Assessment valued this site at \$6 million.



Our Financial Portfolio

We have positioned ourselves and created a financial portfolio in excess of \$1.1 Million, which is currently invested with a major chartered financial institution. All of our assets are owned and our site and facility are mortgage free. The Branch's main source of income is made through the canteen operations. We rely on monthly social events to generate profit through the canteen to cover our operating expenses. Our financial records indicate some months are better than others but this fluctuation balances the books annually and we are currently operating in the black.



Our Community Work

The Branch's annual Hughie MacLeod Memorial Food Drive enables us to donate a complete turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, and toys for the children to needy families in Richmond each Christmas. Over the past 10 years we have been able to provide a Christmas for over 500 families who would otherwise not be able to celebrate Christmas. The Branch makes annual donations to the following organizations:

- Richmond General Hospital Foundation.
- Kiwanis Court, Golden Mews, Pinegrove, Fraserview, Minoru, and Rosewood Seniors Housing.
- The Poppy Fund donated \$35,000 to Veterans in 2005.
- Cadet Corps:
 - Army Unit 2947.
 - 2381 Irish Fusiliers.
 - 692 Air Force.
 - 655 Air Force.
 - 194 Bicknell Sea.
 - Miller Navy.
- Local Non-Profit Organizations.
- Capilano College Endowment Fund.

The Richmond Poppy Fund, comprised of Branch 291 and the Steveston Army Navy Air Force Unit 284, organizes the annual poppy drive and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Volunteers from both service clubs form the Executive to administer the logistics of the Poppy Fund. The fund supports Veterans and their Dependants to provide a wide variety of services to ease financial burdens and improve their quality of life.

The Richmond Legion Community Band, supported by and comprised of members from our Branch, has performed for several community events including the annual Steveston Canada Day Parade and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Veterans and members of our band also volunteer to perform in other bands, such as the Vancouver Naval Drum and Bugle Corps, who attend parades throughout the Lower Mainland and toured nationally in 2005.

**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - BRANCH # 291
SCHEDULE OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS
July 1, 2002 to November 30, 2005**

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7/15/02 Richmond Olympic Society-National	53	350.00
12/17/02 Lower Mainland Color Party	ops	200.00
12/28/02 Jeremy's Memorial Foundation	79	456.63
12/28/02 Rmd Minor Triple A Bantam Hockey	82	568.67
12/28/02 Capilano college Scholarship Fund	83	5,000.00
12/28/02 655 Air cadets	80	42.71
12/28/02 Fraser Delta Girl Guides	81	209.64
Total 2002		6,827.65
3/25/03 Testaments of Honour #412	88	250.00
3/25/03 Korean Veterans Assoc. of Canada	91	25.00
3/25/03 Minoru Seniors' Society	92	200.00
4/30/03 Candlelight Tribute Committee	67	50.00
5/16/03 Fraser Delta Girl Guides	96	1,400.00
5/16/03 Baseball	97	200.00
5/16/03 Cap. College Scholarship Fund	98	1,000.00
5/27/03 Legion Foundation-Spinoza Bear	ops	300.00
6/12/03 Old Goats' Hole Sponsorship	2	100.00
6/30/03 BC Senior Games	144	55.00
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7/31/03 Richmond Six A Side Soccer League	4	200.00
9/30/03 BC Shuffleboard Assoc.	9	100.00
10/22/03 Rmd Navy League	11	300.00
10/22/03 12th Service Battalion	12	325.00
10/22/03 2947 Royal Canadian Air Cadets	13	300.00
12/11/03 Veterans Candlelight Tribute	20	200.00
12/11/03 BC Old Timers Soccer League	21	350.00
12/11/03 Lulu Island Music Society	22	160.00
12/11/03 City Centre Community Assoc.	23	200.00
12/15/03 Cap. College Scholarship Fund	24	250.00
12/15/03 AAA Hockey-Rmd Minor Bantam	25	175.00
12/15/03 Girl Guides-Fraser Delta	26	435.00
12/15/03 655 Air Cadets	27	50.00
12/15/03 Jeremy's Memorial Foundation	28	400.00
12/15/03 St Davids Parent Assoc.	29	100.00
Total 2003		7,180.00
2/17/04 Int'l Peace Arch Assoc - hands across the border	35	100.00
3/23/04 Legion Foundation-Spinoza Bear	38	300.00
5/11/04 Fraser Delta Girl Guides	42	1,646.90
5/11/04 Jeremy's Memorial Foundation	43	681.85
6/22/04 Cadet Metals	47	43.60

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10/14/04 Delta Dart League	54	500.00
11/23/04 Candlelight Tribute Committee	57	200.00
12/5/04 Jeremy's Memorial Foundation	58	348.81
12/5/04 Fraser Delta Girl Guides	59	209.14
12/14/04 Richmond Midget AAA Hockey	60	385.25
12/14/04 655 RCAC Squadron	63	32.82
12/14/04 Vancouver Veterans Assoc. Band	64	500.00
12/14/04 Richmond Community Band Society	65	500.00
12/31/04 Royal Canadian Air Cadets	13	300.00
Total 2004		5,748.37

1/31/05 Royal Canadian Air Cadets	67	300.00
2/15/05 Richmond Air Cadets	71	200.00
2/15/05 Richmond Air Cadets	72	200.00
2/15/05 Irish Fulliers of Canada(Army Cadets)	73	200.00
2/15/05 BC Children's Hospital	77	500.00
2/22/05 Minoru Seniors Society	78	200.00
2/15/05 Bicknell Navy Cadets	74	200.00
2/15/05 Miller Sea Cadets	75	200.00
2/15/05 Broken Arrow Darts Assoc.	76	100.00
5/12/05 Dominion Command	82	165.88
5/15/05 Capilano College Horticultural Dept	84	1,000.00
5/15/05 Richard Stepp	85	220.00
5/24/05 Bicknell Sea Cadets	87	1,000.00
5/24/05 Miller Sea Cadets	88	1,000.00
5/31/05 Vets Dinner	ops	139.23
5/31/05 TAGS	ops	32.55
10/13/05 Lower Mainland Color Party	98	100.00
11/15/05 Rmd Community Band Society	101	100.00
11/30/05 Richmond Air Cadets	72	200.00
11/1/05 Legion Foundation-Spinoza Bear	99	350.00
Total 2005		6,407.66
Total Branch 291 donations		52,327.36

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - BRANCH # 291
Ladies Auxilliary
SCHEDULE OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS
1997 to 2005

February 28, 1997	Veteran's Luncheon	\$109.30
April 1, 1997	Veteran's Comforts	\$1,000.00
April 1, 1997	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00
April 1, 1997	Salvation Army	\$500.00
April 1, 2006	Richmond General Hospital	\$500.00
April 1, 1997	Victoria Order of Nurses	\$500.00
May 24, 1997	Branch Donation	\$2,310.15
October 18, 1997	Branch Donation	\$3,000.00
December 11, 1997	Towards recovering pool table	\$150.00
December 11, 1997	Veteran's Luncheon (X-mas)	\$281.52
December 11, 1997	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$1,000.00
Total 1997		\$9,850.97
April 9, 1998	Branch Donation	\$511.86
June 12, 1998	Branch Donation	\$2,000.00
June 12, 1998	L.A. Command Veteran's Comforts	\$1,000.00
September 10, 1998	Salvation Army	\$500.00
September 10, 1998	Victoria Order of Nurses	\$500.00
September 10, 1998	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00
November 16, 1998	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$1,000.00
November 16, 1998	Richmond General Hospital	\$500.00
November 16, 1998	Salvation Army	\$500.00
November 16, 1998	Victoria Order of Nurses	\$500.00
November 16, 1998	Pacific Command Veteran's Comforts	\$1,000.00
November 16, 1998	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00
November 16, 1998	Veteran's Luncheon (Three Luncheons)	\$600.00
Total 1998		\$9,611.86
January 1, 1999	Veteran's Luncheon	\$423.50
April 26, 1999	Salvation Army	\$500.00
April 26, 1999	Victoria Order of Nurses	\$500.00
April 26, 1999	Pacific Command	\$1,000.00
April 26, 1999	Minoru Senior Citizen's Society	\$500.00
November 13, 1999	Salvation Army	\$500.00
November 13, 1999	Pacific Command Veteran's Comforts	\$1,000.00
November 13, 1999	Pacific Command	\$200.00
November 13, 1999	Victoria Order of Nurses	\$400.00
November 13, 1999	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$1,065.33
Total 1999		\$6,088.83
February 4, 2000	Veteran's Luncheon	\$2,462.40
February 4, 2000	Branch Donation (TV for Branch)	\$4,000.00
December 20, 2000	Richmond General Hospital	\$912.00
December 28, 2000	Branch Donation (Propane for Branch)	\$1,000.00
December 28, 2000	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00
December 28, 2000	Alzheimer's Society	\$500.00

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December 28, 2000	Heart & Stroke Foundation	\$500.00
December 28, 2000	Canadian Diabetes Society	\$500.00
December 28, 2000	Richmond General Hospital	\$500.00
December 28, 2000	Branch Donation	\$500.00
December 28, 2000	Zone Donation	\$300.00
Total 2000		\$11,674.40

June 14, 2001	Veteran's 75th Anniversary	\$1,000.00
June 14, 2001	George Derby	\$1,000.00
June 14, 2001	St. Vincent's Broch Farni	\$1,000.00
June 14, 2001	Richmond General Hospital	\$1,000.00
June 14, 2001	Branch Donation	\$500.00
June 14, 2001	Kiwanis Senior Citizen's Society	\$150.00
June 14, 2001	Veteran's Luncheon	\$600.00
June 14, 2001	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$1,000.00
Total 2001		\$6,250.00

2002 No Donations made \$0.00

2003	Veteran's Luncheon	\$400.00
2003	Kiwanis Senior Citizen's Society	\$100.00
2003	Remembrance Day	\$440.00
2003	Branch Donation	\$750.00
2003	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$900.00
Total 2003		\$2,590.00

2004	Branch Donation	\$1,000.00
2004	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$800.00
2004	Remembrance Day	\$438.68
2004	Branch Donation (60th Anniversary D-Day Dinner)	\$200.00
2004	Veteran's Luncheon	\$202.67
2004	Richmond Poppy Fund	\$50.00
2004	Veteran's Luncheon	\$106.19
2004	Branch Donation	\$200.00
2004	Veteran's Luncheon	\$96.79
2004	Branch Donation	\$500.00
Total 2004		\$3,594.33

2005	Zone Donation	\$50.00
2005	Branch Donation	\$77.50
2005	Food Hampers (X-mas)	\$900.00
2005	Remembrance Day	\$500.00
2005	Branch Donation	\$500.00
Total 2005		\$2,027.50

Total 1997-2005 \$45,599.06



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**Gift History – The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 291
 November 23, 2005**

The Richmond Hospital Foundation is deeply grateful for the support of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 291, the Ladies’ Auxiliary and the Richmond Poppy Fund over the past fifteen years. Your gifts have made a significant and lasting difference in so many areas. Below, please find a summary of your giving history and current recognition.

Total giving:	\$118,313.94
Number of gifts:	37
Number of gift years:	15
Area(s) supported:	Paediatrics, Minoru Residence, Extended Care, Trauma, Rehabilitation, Obstetrics, Emergency Room, Diagnostic Imaging, Oncology, 3 South Medical Atrium donor wall listing
Current recognition:	category: Champions

Equipment purchased:

Date	Item	Amount
July 2005	Patient Lift – Emergency Room	\$7,700
July 2004	Dynamap Machine – 3 South Medical Ward	\$5,000
June 2004	Four automatic blood pressure machines – Maternity	\$6,000
June 2002	Direct View Remote Panel – Diagnostic Imaging	\$5,000
February 2002	Emergency Department	\$5,000
October 2000	Medication cart – Maternity Department	\$3,000
August 2000	Chair Lift – Minoru Residence	\$4,000
June 2000	Two children’s wheelchairs – Paediatrics Department	\$3,000

The Foundation does not have detailed records prior to 1994, only a cumulative giving total for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 291, Branch 5 and the 291 Ladies’ Auxiliary.

May 1999	Six blood pressure monitors – General medical wards	\$3,900
May 1999	Wheelchair – Minoru Residence	\$1,000
October 1996	Two commodes – Minoru Residence	\$1,200
October 1996	Arm balancer (exerciser) – Rehabilitation Department	\$2,400
May 1995	Neonatal monitor – Maternity Department	\$1,000
November 1994	Chemotherapy infusion pump – Ambulatory Care Department	\$5,500

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Spinoza Bear Program

and Review

Weekend, July 3-4, 2004

Community

The bear facts about Spinoza

Soothing voice inside bear provides comfort to children in crisis

by Martin van den Hemel
Staff Reporter

Richmond's Marie Murtagh now has a fuller appreciation for how a special talking teddy bear can make a world of a difference for children in crisis.

Murtagh's daughter Lucy has been formally diagnosed as a high-functioning autistic and received a Spinoza talking bear in April thanks to a program generously supported by the YVR Can-Am Golf for Kids, Legion Foundation and Richmond Legion.

Despite her initial reservations, Murtagh said Spinoza has had a wonderfully soothing and comforting affect on her daughter. It has helped her deal with her sleep anxieties, which for about 18 months kept her up in the middle of the night because of her tears.

"I have to say the day that she got the bear, she just glommed onto it. She just clung to it for days."

Although the formal diagnosis came just this week, there were indications when Lucy was three-and-a-half that she wasn't connecting with kids. Murtagh initially thought Lucy may have Aspergers Syndrome, a developmental disorder that impacts social interaction.

A friend suggested that Lucy should be signed up to get the bear, but Murtagh was unsure whether it was appropriate. After all, Lucy wasn't suffering from a terminal illness. If Lucy got one, perhaps that would mean another needy child wouldn't. At \$175 U.S. each, Spinoza isn't cheap.

But now Murtagh is all smiles. With a soft gentle voice and a meditative message that gives positive reinforcement, Spinoza



Chung Chow photo

Legion representatives Bryan Dunnett and Don MacLeod present a Spinoza Bear to Lucy.

has been great for Lucy, who now knows it is good to be special.

Sometimes, Spinoza doesn't talk, he simply hums.

"I just couldn't believe how she'd become drawn to it. It became part of her night routine."

Though Spinoza came with six cassettes, Murtagh said she's only used one. The others seem to have content that's aimed at older children.

And although right now life is calm in Lucy's household, Murtagh is comforted at the thought that Spinoza will be there to deal with future obstacles, growing up with Lucy as she does.

"I know that down the road there are going to be new anxieties for her. (Spinoza) will be a comfort for her and a security. I have to say that I'm really pleased that I have it."

Spinoza hasn't just been another

stuffed animal. It has been a friend, giving Lucy another resource, providing her a way to cope with situations that may bring about stress.

Worthy Spinoza Bear recipients are identified by local charities. The Spinoza bears are purchased thanks to fundraising efforts by groups such as the YVR Can-Am Golf for Kids.

For more information about Spinoza, check out the website at www.spinozabear.com.

Spinoza Bear Program

Branch 291 is delighted to be working with the Legion Foundation (the Legion's non profit organization) and helping Richmond families and children who are living with a life threatening illness. We have been involved with the Spinoza program since 2003. We have donated three bears and helped to deliver another three bears that were donated by various Richmond non-profit organizations. We will continue this work and look forward to working with other interested organizations and donators.



Our Future Operations

We are requesting assistance and a partnership with the city to help us to relocate, lease, or purchase a new facility from which we can successfully continue to run our operations from. We are interested in exploring a variety of development options to find a mutually beneficial arrangement. We are interested in secure developments that can provide a perpetual and long-term income.

We are interested in learning more about the feasibility of development projects such as; sport soccer field developments, the surrounding area of the Olympic Oval, Seniors Housing Projects, and any other opportunities the City of Richmond can recommend.

On February 28, 2005, an Expression of Interest Application for the Olympic Oval was submitted to the Program Expressions of Interest department. We are also interested in exploring the possibility of relocating to the old Coast Guard site or the old DND lands located adjacent to this site.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time and effort to look at our portfolio.