



The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
CONSTITUTION & LAWS COMMITTEE
MEMORANDUM



To: Comrade Garry Pond, Provincial President

Date: August 5th, 2020

Subject: Branch Operations

From: Bruce McKittrick

The majority of areas within the Province have moved to Stage 3 of the COVID-19 protocols. These provisions have expanded the numbers permitted at both inside and outside gatherings. There have also been changes for businesses such as bars, restaurants, etc. allowing entry to a specific number of patrons in the premises provided they follow specific restrictions.

Given the above situation, many Branches within the Province, may now be in a position to re-open for business and convene General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings at their physical location. However, it is incumbent upon all Branches to comply with every and all current protocols declared by any level of Government and their respective Health Departments.

Branch & Executive Committee Meetings

Therefore, the Provincial President, with the concurrence of the Provincial Administrative Committee, has exercised his authority under Section 505, and pursuant to Section 418.a. of The General By-Laws, by making the following new declarations:

Declaration No. 3 – 2020

‘Any Branch that is able to, and chooses to return to an operational status in compliance with **all** applicable COVID-19 protocols, may commence holding all General Meetings (excluding Election Meetings) and their respective Executive Committee Meetings and its responsibilities in compliance with the governance found in the provisions of all General By-Laws and applicable Branch Regulations. All Members of the Branch must be notified of the General Meeting commencement date via a method chosen by the Member pursuant to Section 918. of The General By-Laws of Ontario Provincial Command.’

- And further –

‘Any Branch unable by choice or circumstance to return to an operational status as cited above will continue to rely on the provisions of the previous declarations made by the Provincial President under the above quoted authority and listed as follows:

Declaration No. 1 – Memorandum Dated – April 8th, 2020 – Titled ‘Branch Executive Functions’ (Executive Committee Meetings)

Declaration No. 2 – Memorandum Dated – April 11th, 2020 – Titled ‘Branch Executive Functions’ (Executive Committee Financial Responsibility)

Note: These declarations were passed via a Zoom Meeting of the Provincial Administrative Committee on the 11th day of April 2020, and subsequently reviewed by the Provincial Executive Council via a Zoom Meeting on the 13th day of April 2020.

The new declarations shall become effective immediately upon the approval of Provincial Executive Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

“They served till death! Why not we?”