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Comrades,

A message from the Provincial Property Committee, at the request of our Provincial President.

This is a difficult time for all of us. Medical authorities everywhere recommend, when possible, people self-isolate to avoid the spread of this killer virus. Only essential services are being permitted to continue to operate, many at great risk. Repairs and renovations to our Branches can't take precedence over the health and wellbeing of our Members, our Staff, nor anyone else with whom we may do business.

Your Provincial Property Committee appreciates that some may see the closure as an opportunity to complete long planned or awaited repair projects. On the contrary, now is not the time! The closure of our Branches was a measure imposed by Government, during a crisis, to protect the safety of All Ontarians, not only our Members.

Though some of our Branches received approval of the Ontario Command Property Committee to proceed with work as presented, we know there may be Branches that have followed the procedures as per the Property section of the Legion Officers' Manual 2012. Basically, the Branch Committee has presented the Notice of Motion, held the meeting, received approval, though not submitted the required documentation for approval to the Provincial Property Committee. You are welcome to do so electronically. Our Committee will review each submission and advise accordingly. These procedures, which have served us well since being implemented, were introduced to comply with Provincial Legislation, and will not be changed.

The doors to our Branches have been shut by the Provincial Government for a reason. Repairs and renovations to branches are insignificant, when we don't know what tomorrow will bring. We need to be concerned with the overall health and wellbeing of our society. Please heed the direction of authorities and not compromise the health of others.

Yours in Comradeship

Sharon McKeown
Immediate Past Provincial President
Chairman, Provincial Property Committee