

# The Legion Quarterly Newsletter



Dr. C. B. Lumsden Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 74, Wolfville, NS

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## What is the Poppy Campaign?



The Poppy Campaign is very much a local initiative, conducted by Legion Branches in cities, towns and communities across the country. Donations collected during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the branch level to directly support Veterans and their families within their community and to help ensure Canadians 'never forget'.

In the days leading up to November 11, Poppies can be seen in every corner of this great country. This show of support and display of remembrance would not be possible without the efforts of thousands of Legionnaires who volunteer to distribute Poppies to the community through schools, community organizations and local businesses. We are so grateful for their efforts, and for the support of the many partners, local and national, who welcome Legion volunteers and place Poppy boxes into their locations.

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to call Wolfville  
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**78** years!



Dr. D.B. Lumsden Branch 74

## Remembrance Day Ceremonies!

Dr C.B. Lumsden Branch 74, Wolfville and Acadia University

We are pleased to announce that due to public feedback that this year **Remembrance Day Ceremonies** will be held in **two separate parades and ceremonies**. One ceremony consisting of Parade Commander, Flag Party, Branch Members, Military, RCMP, Scouts and Guides, will gather at the Legion on Nov 11 by 10:30 and march to the Wolfville Town Memorial for a 1100 Hr. Ceremony, including laying of Wreaths.

**A Second contingent** with similar make up will be in location and seated at University Hall by 1045 Hrs. The parties involved will be part of that ceremony and then lead the march to the University Memorial for the second placing of the wreaths, with dismissal following.

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## CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL BAWTREE! Deep Roots Valley Arts Award

Our Wolfville Legion Branch 74 congratulates with great pride Michael Bawtree, as he received the Deep Roots Valley Arts Award on September 24, 2023. Deep Roots is so pleased to be adding Michael Bawtree's name to the growing list of Valley Arts Awards.

The Valley Arts Award stands in recognition of a person (and sometimes, as in 2020, a team!) who has made a significant long-term contribution to the arts in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. Specific criteria to consider in nominating someone include that the person is or has been a local resident, and they have worked in development and/or promotion of Valley artists, arts events, or culture.

The Valley Arts Award was first presented in 2004 to Jack Sheriff, founder of Theatre Arts Festival International and the Kipawo Showboat Company.

**Nominations for 2024** can be submitted to:

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## TWO NEWCOMERS TO WOLFVILLE - AND TO THE LEGION!

The Wolfville Legion were delighted to welcome two new members to its ranks this summer. They are Sara Plummer and her husband John Matthews, who arrived here from Ontario in January, together with their dogs, Blue and Mr. Darcy. It wasn't long after they settled in that they came into contact with their new neighbour Michael Bawtree. When Michael found out that they were both worked in the software and tech industry, he asked whether they would be interested in helping with our internet business. They said they would be delighted to, and that they would also like to join the Legion - they had seen the exciting renovations bringing our Legion back to life on Main Street, and wanted to be a part of it.

Sara was born and raised in Toronto. Matthew is from Manchester, England, but has lived in Toronto since 2018.

Following that first meeting they met with members of our Executive, and offered to begin by setting up a GoFundMe page. This they have now done, and our GoFundMe campaign is even now being rolled out, and has already attracted several thousand dollars.

Sara is also in the process of upgrading our Legion webpage, and hopes to have it ready to coincide with the reopening of the Legion in January 2024.

"One of the reasons we moved to Wolfville" said Sara," was the sense of community. We saw an opportunity to help out that community by assisting with the Legion's presence on the web, and took it."

The Legion Executive is very aware that our online presence is going to become more and more important as time goes by, and is very grateful to John and Sara for putting their expertise at our disposal. Nothing but the best for the Wolfville Legion!



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## PAUL MURPHY 1st VP, RENO UPDATE



**Hello again.** During the summer while many were vacationing, spending time with family or just lounging around the yard, many of your executive and some other members remained ever vigilant.

We continued to oversee the renovations, plan fundraising events, recruit new members, move furniture and even complete a couple of road trips to Amherst, all in support of completing our renovations so that we may all get to enjoy the new building and the comradeship of our legion membership. We arranged two road trips to Amherst to pick up approximately 5000 board games that were donated to us by the family of the late Major Jack Dawson, a retired Air Weapons Controller. These board games are mostly battle games or war games. Each one could fetch \$30-\$200 making this donation a sizable contribution towards our pending mortgage.

We also were required to relocate furniture from a temporary storage unit in Canning plus from Troy Restaurant who donated patio furniture for our new deck, thanks Will Lang and Daniel Franck, and transport them to another temporary storage space on Woodman Road. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers assisting me on the road trip and relocation of the furniture. They include Jo-Ann G, Brian M, Terry B, Kip H, John K, Peter T, Randy M, Denis G, Wanda M, Mark L, Dale P, Gary B, Berley R and Donn M. Our volunteers were quick to respond, especially the Amherst trips.

While we continue to receive some funding from the Municipality of Kings, the Province of NS and the Federal Government we still require innovative ways to raise money to pay for the renovations. Ross Patterson, owner of the Noodle Guy has generously put on a fundraiser at his Port Williams location helping to raise approximately \$2000.00. Thank you Ross!

We have also launched a Go Fund Me event. This is an extremely important endeavour as we strive to meet our renovations financial obligations. These are hard times, brought on by Covid and we understand that money is tight. However if you are able to donate \$5 or \$5000, it would be immensely appreciated. Just follow this link to the Go Fund Me site <https://www.gofundme.com/en-ca> and type Wolfville Legion into the search engine and click on the picture of our new look building you will be well on your way to donating to our cause as we strive to Remember the Fallen, Care for our Veterans and their Families and become a community hub, hosting events that all can enjoy.



We started up our coffee and tea socials at the White Rock Community Centre 6 Sep after a much deserved summer break. We normally serve 30-45 folks from 930-1130am every Wednesday and will continue until December. A free will offering gets you bottomless tea, coffee or juice plus a selection of sweets, treats and sandwiches. Legion members and community members are all invited to attend.

Our building renovations are into the final phase. The deck has been completed, the drywall has been hung and the mudding has been completed. Painting has begun and the plumbers and electrical technicians are busy applying their final touches. After the painting comes the installation of the flooring for all 3 levels and the elevator company could begin installation by mid November. Once all this has been done we will still need to apply trim, bar styling, attach emergency exit stairways, pour the concrete pads at the front and rear of the building and other miscellaneous tasks such as arranging multiple work parties to bring back all of the furniture and effects from 4 temporary storage facilities aka member's homes and a storage trailer supplied free of charge by Access Contracting. We are getting close but no firm date as to when we will take final possession back so stay tuned for the much anticipated opening of our new Legion building, at 310 Main St, Wolfville.

**Comrade Paul Murphy 1 st VP, Renovation Chair and Co Fundraising Chair.**



## OFFICER CADET SAVES YOUNG BOY'S LIFE

Mishall Rehman, Free Lance Journalist, Trenton, Ontario

Royal Military College student Officer Cadet Mskwoka McGregor proved he's a hero whether he's in uniform or not when he teamed up with his brother to save the life of a two-year-old boy. The incident took place over the holidays while McGregor was back in his hometown of Espanola, ON.

On McGregor's last evening in town, he and his brother Talon were supposed to go to the movies. But as fate would have it, the weather forced the two to stay close and visit a local restaurant instead. While they were having dinner, the brothers heard a commotion that caused them to leap into action.

"...[it] turned out to be a family in distress over their two-year-old son 'Jameson' choking on food. Once we recognized what was happening, my brother and I jumped in to help the family dislodge the food from the young boy's mouth. What seemed like an eternity was only about 50 seconds of him choking," recalled McGregor.

Because of their medical training and the fact that not many people were in the restaurant that night, McGregor knew immediately that he and his brother needed to help. Thankfully, we are both CPR trained, which played a massive role in saving the young boy," said McGregor. Thanks to Talon and Mskwoka's persistence, the food was dislodged, and Jameson began crying and breathing again. A fact that says McGregor brought him instant relief and pure joy.

"My brother and I didn't expect this much attention at all, but situations like this rarely happen in the small town we're from. It has been extremely humbling," noted the RMC student. For McGregor and his brother, it was all about saving a child's life. "I am just glad that he was able to be helped, and I get a peaceful feeling knowing he has his whole life ahead of him," said McGregor.

McGregor is now back in school and focusing on what's ahead. After participating in the Aboriginal Leadership Opportunity Year, he is pursuing his education and military career in the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) at RMC. ALOY is a one-year program that provides indigenous candidates with exposure to the CAF and a chance to advance their careers within the military. "I aspire to become an armoured officer when I graduate from RMC, and I'm looking forward to the years to come," said McGregor.




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# Legion’s Top Picks “Nova Scotia Events” Oct 1 - Dec 31

**Oct 7 - 8 The Valley Harvest Marathon** is a signature event in the Valley during the Thanksgiving week-end now in its 31st year! **Email:** [admin@valleyharvestmarathon.ca](mailto:admin@valleyharvestmarathon.ca) **Call:** (902) 496-1889

**Oct 23 - 29 Devour Food FILM Fest** This year, from October 23-29 Devour! will mount its 13th edition, exploring French Cuisine et Culture—how the roots of Acadian, Cajun, Creole & French cuisine, culture, and cinema intersect globally. Poignantly set in the ancestral homeland of the Acadians, a place that has shaped a vibrant culture worldwide, this year’s festival is shaping up to be Magnifique!  
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**Nov 17 - 19 The Acadia Craft Expo** is the longest running Christmas Craft Fair in Nova Scotia and has become an established tradition for generations of makers, crafters and the public. Featuring hand-made Atlantic Canada crafts, this show is known for its welcoming, family-like atmosphere and a variety of items from glass to wood carvings, jewelry, knitting, wools and more. A little bit of food, spirits and Christmas music make the attendance for this event in the top three Christmas Craft Fairs in Nova Scotia.

**Dec 16 - 1800 Argyle Street, Halifax The Irish Descendants Christmas** has been a Newfoundland tradition for almost 2 decades touring across the island and into Labrador. This year marks the first of many to come bringing the tradition to Newfoundlanders and Maritimers alike. Con O’Brien and his band will feature traditional and classic Christmas songs and carols that will warm your hearts during this special family time of year. The Irish Descendants Christmas will have surprise guests and a brand new Christmas recording to bring home and share with your family and friends. Get your advance preferred seating now before they sell out. THIS IS AN ALL SEATED SHOW.

**Dec 31 - New Years Eve at Lightfoot Vineyards.** Enjoy a four-course meal prepared by Executive Chef Geoff Hopgood carefully paired with Lightfoot & Wolfville wines in our Barrel Cellar. Following your meal, join us upstairs in The Gallery to celebrate the year that was and the year to come. With welcome drink, entertainment by True North DJs, spectacular fireworks, midnight toast, and late-night snacks, finish 2018 on a high at Lightfoot & Wolfville Vineyards. Ticket Options include the dinner, after dinner celebrations or you can enjoy a combined ticket to celebrate.

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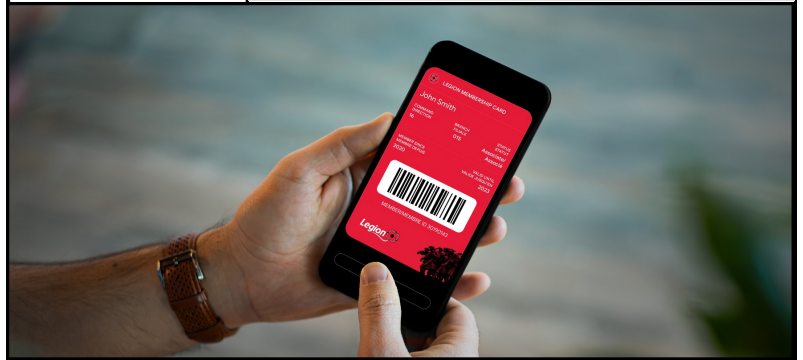
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**The New Wolfville Legion Building**



### President Donn Miles - A Message to All

The past weeks and months have seen much accomplished in our renovations to a new and modern Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. From those times six years ago, when four of us offered to make up a Planning Committee to look into the Branch's affairs and report back to members, there has been many changes to what was, and what will be.

Membership has changed due to lost Comrades, some leaving and a substantial number of new members joining, including Veterans, taking our numbers from 66 to 150 plus. Unfortunately, there could not have been a more trying time to take on this rebuild project, however, we managed through undying dedication and hard work to continue forward. Much gratitude is owed to many from our membership and the community that have made our dreams and goals become closer to reality, for every day that passes.

I take this opportunity on behalf of our Branch to say thank you to everyone, in every way, from every location that has assisted us in staying the course. Once we are fully operational in our beautiful new building, we extend an invitation to all to come visit us. Look for our grand opening soon. Perhaps you may want to make use of our amazing facility and even join our ranks if so desired.

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