



# BRANCH UPDATE

**BRANCH 530  
WATERLOO ONTARIO**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> , 2015**

A Status Update report from The Building Committee:

## RENOVATION UPDATE

A lot has been happening on the new building renovations during the month of June. The demolition of the interior has been essentially completed.

This picture shows the renovations in what will become the Banquet Room. Structural steel has been added to the existing steel beams and ceiling joists have been doubled up to provide additional strength and stability to the Club Room which is located immediately above.



During the demolition we encountered a few unexpected structural issues that has resulted in the project falling about 3 weeks or so behind schedule.

This picture is taken from what will become the Banquet Room bathrooms looking towards the Cadet office in the right background and the Mechanical Room in the left background.

The structural issues found required us to remove the support posts from the beam supporting the front half of the building. These support posts will be replaced once supporting piers and footings are installed.



In the picture you can see the shoring supports and the cut-outs in the floor for the piers and support footings where the new support posts will be installed.



On the upper level, this picture is taken from near the stairway entrance to the Club Room looking towards where the Snooker Tables will be located in the back right corner. The Club Room Bar will be located in the right hand side of the picture.

This picture shows the front portion of the Main Floor of the building with the wall to the Club Room on the right hand side. The area I am standing in will be the Club Room Bathrooms. The window in the background will be in the Dart Room area.



This picture shows the shoring posts supporting the roof. This shoring is necessary to carry the load from the Roof to the shoring posts in the basement. In addition, we will be adding some additional steel beams to allow removal of some existing support walls and enlarging of the Dart Room.

The Board Room, Poppy and Admin offices are located on the left side of this picture.



Not too much is happening yet on the outside of the building. This picture shows the opening that has been built for doors from the Club Room. At the moment it is just a big step, but these doors are being put in now to allow for a deck to be built off the Club Room at some point in the future.

As mentioned earlier, the project appears to be running about 3 weeks or so behind schedule because of the structural issues found with the supporting posts in the front half of the building. While we do not yet have an updated schedule as to when construction is to be completed – it looks more and more likely that we will not meet the mid-August target completion date and this will very likely push into late August or early September. Stay tuned and we will post updates as they become available.

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCING UPDATE:**

We are currently still tracking on budget. While the unexpected structural issues came with a significant additional cost to fix – we had allowed some money in our budget for unexpected contingencies. That contingency fund is now getting very thin, but we are still hopeful we can complete the project on budget.

We received some great news last week. Peter Braid, MP for Kitchener-Waterloo called to inform us that our grant application for \$50,000 towards the installation of an elevator has been approved. We are expecting to receive the paper work in the next couple of weeks. That funding along with the funds approved by the KW Poppy Fund will cover about 85% of the total estimated cost of installing the elevator.

We expect July to be a very busy construction month as the plumbers, electricians and framing crew begin to start building out the interior spaces. **Please remember this is an active construction site and visitors are not allowed on site. While it may be tempting to drop in and take a look – please do not do so. This is a busy and dangerous site and visitors are not permitted.** We will try to post pictures and regular updates so stay tuned!!

*The Building Committee*

If you have anything that you feel should be posted to the Branch website, and/or included in the next Branch update, please send directly to [530events@bell.net](mailto:530events@bell.net) for consideration.

## LAST POST

Since the last update in January, the following Comrades have passed away:

- Jean KIESWETTER  
(L.A.Member)
- Jim JAMISON
- William ENGEL
- Doug BARTLETT
- Thomas HUGGINS
- Reg BENSON
- Robert HADDOCK Sr.
- Len BRUDER
- Albert MENARD
- Carl RIECK
- George BALSER
- Father Bernie HAYES
- Joan JERVAH

***We Will Remember Them.....***

## *DID YOU KNOW.....*

While we anxiously await the opening of our new Branch, the RCAFA Wing 404 has offered to be our temporary "home".

Our Saturday Meat Draws will continue, and the Wing will be having a BBQ every Saturday from 1 – 6.

**The Wing's new extended hours are as follows:**

Monday & Tuesday	1 - 6
Wednesday	1 - 10
Thursday	1 – 6
Friday	1 – 11
Saturday	1 – late
Closed Sundays	

A good crowd was on hand for the Branch Honours and Awards Ceremony Sunday Afternoon, May 3rd,

Branch H & A Chair, Comrade Donna Champion, presented years of Service pins to a number of Members, presented Bars to Members of the outgoing Executive, as well as several Legion Service medals to deserving Members.

Among the recipients were Comrades **George Sim** and **Robert Wastell**, with 45 years of Service, Comrade **James Emslie**, with 55 years, and Comrade **Angus Horne**, a 60-year Legion Member.

The afternoon culminated in the presentation, by Comrades Patti Sargent-Gibson and Comrade Branch President Charlotte Daniel, of a Legion Life Membership Award to Branch 1st Vice, and outgoing Zone "C-2" Commander, Comrade **Bob Berg**.

The attendees were treated to fresh Tim Horton's coffee and thousands of doughnuts, generously donated by Comrade Morris McGrinder.

Special Thanks also go to Comrade John Champion for manning the bar, Comrade Deb McCarter for running the registration table, Comrade Rae Ashton for her organisational assistance, Comrade Judy Dennis for taking photos, to Comrades Bob Berg and Bob Vanstone for marching on the Colours, and to Comrade Steve Mann for acting as "D.J". And of course to Comrade Donna Champion for "gettin' 'er done".