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| Forward this email to your Branch Executives, Committee Members and other members to keep them up-to-date on important updates and information. |
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| **>** | [Meet your Senior Elected Officers](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#m_-3570349965507546656_one) |
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| **Take the five‑second survey** |
| Is your Branch open for business? Many Branches are now starting to re-open their doors and resume Branch activities. Take this single-question, multiple choice survey to let us know if your Branch is currently open to members and the public. |
| **If you responded previously, please take the survey again so we can see how Branches are doing as things start to open.** |
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| **Meet your new Senior Elected Officers** |
| The Royal Canadian Legion’s 48th Dominion Convention (Virtual Edition) was a success, with 880 Delegates and 175 Observers attending! While this year’s format was different, our goal remained the same: to make the Legion the best it can be in order to serve Canada’s Veterans. |
| This year, Delegates representing close to 250,000 members met online to discuss the future of the Legion and elect the next Dominion President and Senior Elected Officers. |
| Congratulations go out to our new Senior Elected Officers, who will carry out the business of the organization until the next National Convention: |
| Dominion President – Bruce Julian |
| First Vice President – Owen Parkhouse |
| Vice President – Berkley Lawrence |
| Vice President – Sharon McKeown |
| Vice President – Brian Weaver |
| Treasurer – Mark Barham |
| Chairman – Bill Chafe |
| Immediate Past Dominion President – Tom Irvine |
| **Key resolutions from the Convention** |
| At the Dominion Convention, Delegates discussed a wide variety of resolutions to further the Legion’s mission and support the organization. Of note are these resolutions passed to support Veterans, Seniors and Communities: |
| *ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE OVER 60 CLAUSE* |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Royal Canadian Legion recommend to Veterans Affairs Canada to implement the Veterans Survivors Fund immediately; |
| and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Royal Canadian Legion recommend to the Federal Government to fulfil its promise to eliminate the Marriage after 60 clause |
| *VAC CONTRACT BEDS FOR MODERN DAY VETERANS* |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Royal Canadian Legion, on behalf of all Canadian Forces Veterans, strongly advocate to extend the eligibility of “VAC Contract Beds” to include all Canadian Forces Veterans. |
| *LTC FACILITIES* |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Veterans Affairs Canada and the Ministry of Health immediately survey the 14 local LHINs and produce a list of all Veterans waiting placement in LTC facilities; |
| and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED That Legislation be enacted to re designate all vacant PABs as Preferred Admission Beds to allow immediate placement of all waiting Veterans in LTC facilities and that those facilities be in the areas close to the Veterans normal residence. |
| *ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CAF AND DND* |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to effect meaningful change that the Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion call on the Government to establish a fully independent Office of the Inspector General of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence reporting to Parliament. |
| *SUPPORT FOR CANADA’S INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY* |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, given the requirement for Canada-wide unity of this national imperative and recognizing the importance of improving cultural and heritage awareness, understanding injustices and commemorating loss, The Royal Canadian Legion and all its commands, branches and members extends its unreserved support, however possible and appropriate, and in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, to assist in this healing journey. |
| [**Read the news release  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIxMjMyLTg3NzY2MTQzYmE4NTRkYzk5ZWQ4ZTIxYjNlZGMzMzY3%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1kNzM4Y2FiYmYzMjQ0ZWE5YjVlODc1NDA1NThkMTMyYg%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTA%3Ab25l%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9sZWdpb24uY2EvbmV3cy8yMDIxLzA4LzE5L3JveWFsLWNhbmFkaWFuLWxlZ2lvbi1kZWxlZ2F0ZXMtZWxlY3QtbmV3LWV4ZWN1dGl2ZS10ZWFtP19jbGRlZT1aV3hzWlc1M2IyeG1iV0ZqYkdWdlpFQm5iV0ZwYkM1amIyMCUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1hY2NvdW50LTQ0MTJlYWNhMTQ0YmU2MTE4MGQyYzIyNDEyNTM3NDA4LWQ3MzhjYWJiZjMyNDRlYTliNWU4NzU0MDU1OGQxMzJiJmVzaWQ9NDhhYjhiNTctMzQwMC1lYzExLTgxMjYtMDA1MDU2YTJlNzZk&K=ibUQHaLRBt23epK3UYr9zw) |

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