

Branch 533 Fundraising Project
Have your name engraved on a stone in the
RCL Byron-Springbank Branch 533 Walkway

*My donation is \$_____ (without a stone) or for a stone:
\$120 for a 4" x 8" stone—one line

_____ (one name—16 characters)

\$150 for a 4" x 8" stone—two lines

_____ (one name—16 characters)

_____ (second name—16 characters)

\$250 for an 8" x 8" stone—four lines

_____ (one name—16 characters)

_____ (second name—16 characters)

_____ (third name—16 characters)

_____ (fourth name—16 characters)

\$500 for a 12" x 12" stone—six lines

_____ (one name—16 characters)

_____ (second name—16 characters)

_____ (third name—16 characters)

_____ (fourth name—16 characters)

_____ (fifth name—16 characters)

_____ (sixth name—16 characters)

Check here if you wish to remain anonymous ____.

Surname: _____

Given Name: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____

Fax: _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please mail or deliver your donation cheque, payable to
 "RCL, Byron-Springbank Branch 533" (re Brick) to:
 RCL, Byron-Springbank Branch 533
 1276 Commissioners Road West
 London, Ontario N6K 1E1

*The RCL, Byron-Springbank Branch 533, may be made a
 Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy or RRSP.

Ask your Representative. Revised: September 2019 jag

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Royal Canadian Legion
Byron-Springbank Branch 533
Walkway



Welcome to Legion Branch 533



Legion Walkway, unveiled 6 August 2011



Examples of the stone sizes



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History of the Royal Canadian Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion was started in response to the needs of the veterans who returned from World War I. In 1925, different groups met to help the disabled, sick, aged and needy. These groups also wanted to have meeting places for veterans. The following year, the Canadian Legion was officially formed. The Legion became an advocate for improved pension legislation, returned soldiers insurance and helps for those suffering from illnesses.

In 1930, the passage of the war Veterans Allowance permitted financial assistance to thousands of men who were not eligible for disability pensions although they couldn't work because of injuries received in war.

During World War II, the Legion provided canteens, entertainment and reading material for the veterans at home and abroad. It also prepared for the return home of veterans overseas. The Legion provided financial compensation, clothing allowances, pensions, medical treatment, preference in the civil service, vocational training and other services.

To this day, the Legion continues to maintain a network of professionals helping veterans, ex-service members and their families to secure the pensions and benefits to which they are entitled.

Today, the Legion has more than 500,000 members. It is the largest community service organization in the country. The Legion contributes millions of dollars and voluntary hours to help Canadians, especially seniors and youth.

Most Canadians associate the Legion with ceremonies and activities for Remembrance Day. This day is dedicated to all those who died during the two World Wars and the Korean conflict. The most recognized activity is probably the donations for the poppy emblem. Members of the Legion and friends distribute the poppy emblems to raise funds for needy veterans, ex-service members and their families.

Every year on November 11, Remembrance Day, the Royal Canadian Legion holds memorial services in communities across Canada.

The Legion is a non-profit organization with more than 1,600 branches across Canada, 21 in the United States and three in Germany

Fundraising Royal Canadian Legion Byron-Springbank Branch 533

The Byron-Springbank Legion was established in 1952. The expansion of the second floor took place in 1983 without the construction of an elevator. In May 2014, an elevator was installed which increases the accessibility of its facilities to both its upper and lower levels for the benefit of Legion Members, seniors and the Byron Community, including those with disabilities (both visible and non-visible).

Approximately 70% of the 600 plus Members of Branch 533 are seniors, and we want to better serve these seniors, Veterans, disabled persons and all Legion Members and guests.

The kitchen which was installed in 1983 needed renovation. This took place in August 2019.

Have your name or that of a family member engraved on a stone on the walkway in front of the Legion building and continue to support the Fundraising for the Legion.



Legion Walkway with engraved bricks and new electronic sign (2013)



Kitchen was renovated with new cupboards and stainless steel countertops, plus dish caddies (2019)

History of Fundraising Projects

In 2010, the Projects and Grants Committee of Branch 533 was successful in obtaining an OTF Grant of \$30,000 toward the new roof.

In 2012, with a grant from New Horizons for Seniors Program, the Legion purchased new tables and chairs, ceiling tile, refrigerator, vacuum and snowblower.

In 2013, with a grant from NHSP, the Legion purchased a new electronic sign and printer.

In 2013, the Projects and Grants Committee received an OTF Grant of \$100,000 and a Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund \$50,000 Grant, and Legion Members and Friends to help with the elevator, installed in May 2014.

In 2014, with a grant from NHSP, the Legion purchased a new 2-door freezer, hot food serving counter, chairs and computer.

In December 2015, a Grant Application was made to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the renovation of the kitchen. In April 2016, the OTF informed the Legion that it would not be able to fund the proposal.

In August 2019, \$70,000 had been raised and the Legion had the kitchen renovated.

Funds are needed for future projects. We ask for your donation to help make the Byron Legion continue to be a success--buy a brick



Jim Campbell, Past President, Royal Canadian Legion, Byron-Springbank Branch 533, in front of newly installed elevator (2014) with entry into Clubroom, Banquet Hall and Parking Lot