



Preserving, promoting, and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.

**CULTURAL MOMENT FOR MAY 23RD CELEBRATES,
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION MOUNT FOREST BRANCH 134**

The mission of The Royal Canadian Legion is to serve Veterans and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country. There are more than 1350 branches across Canada. Community involvement includes supporting local Veterans and seniors; supporting youth sports and other programs; volunteering to help those in need; and offering a place for your community to gather.

Legions are funded through membership dues, renting out our halls for events, Legion merchandise, and through donations to the Poppy Trust Fund. In addition, Legions raise a large part of their funding through various fundraising events where members volunteer their time. There are about 250,000 Legion members across Canada.

Funds raised through the Mount Forest Legion support our local community and can include outreach and assistance programs to Veterans and their families; supporting our essential community services such as our hospital; youth sports, leadership programs and activities such as Cadets, Scouts and Guides, and education; supporting seniors as well as families in need, and organizing the annual Remembrance Day ceremony.



The Mount Forest Legion relies on the support of many volunteers and is looking for new members and volunteers. Volunteers are needed to hold positions on the Executive Committee; other committees such as Sports and Entertainment; to help with events held in the rental hall; and at the annual Fireworks Festival when the Legion provides musical entertainment under the Beer Tent. The Mount Forest Legion's Fireworks Festival Beer Tent is their largest fundraiser.



The Ladies Auxiliary is a non-profit organization that operates separately from the Legion and contributes a valuable resource to the Legion. The Mount Forest Ladies Auxiliary provides volunteer as well as financial support to the Legion. They also support programs and activities at the Legion. The Ladies Auxiliary also relies on the support of volunteers and is always looking for new members.

Submitted by Sue Doherty on behalf of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable