



**Billy Bishop/Kerrisdale (B.C./Yukon No. 176)**

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### **URGENT COVID-19 MEMO #12 to Members**

Dear Comrades

Today the British Columbia Health officer has issued some new important directives to Bars, Clubs and Restaurants. This is as a result of the increase in cases of Covid-19 as a result of some non-conformance to previous and still in force phase 2 rules.

As a result all patrons of bars, clubs and restaurants must stay seated at the table they are assigned to on entering the premises for the duration they are there, and be served rather than lining up at a bar. They are not allowed to move tables chairs, table hop or otherwise walk around except to use the washroom facilities. One notable quote from today's briefings was "no lineups"

This is obviously a major issue with us as a Non-Profit Legion Branch where costs are tightly controlled to ensure we can not only provide veteran and membership support, but also be able to pay our bills over the long term. With no line ups allowed the meat draw process becomes problematic and will have to be cancelled until we can introduce a non-lineup process. To provide the mandated table service we will now be challenged with the extra labour costs it involves.

Given the initial opening requirements in June, we have spent a large amount of volunteer time and endeavoured to provide a premium "new normal" service to our members with the required adherence to all of those legislated requirements To a very large extent our members have been understanding and in conformance to our legislated directives and posted policies and requirements. Naturally there have been some challenging exceptions.

On a good note we have increased our membership over the last few months and it is to them that I direct my sincere thanks for their continued support and trust we can continue to provide them support .

Given the new directives today , we were already being proactive in obtaining new staff due to some reductions in current availability, but are now accelerating that process. We have been utilizing volunteers but there is a limit to their availability but I know the members who have been attending are very appreciative of the volunteers "giving" to the branch so that they have their Legion Branch to come to and relax and enjoy the comradery.

We hope to continue this availability but we must also be able to be able to pay the bills and cannot continue to be in a loss situation. We will be monitoring the financial situation over the next weeks and thus there is a possibility we may have to close again and re-evaluate all aspects in the beginning of September.

We will be updating all members on these and other issues on a regular basis by E mail and on our Website but we may have to close with little notice.



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In Comradeship

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