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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Carleton Place Hospital receives gift from Legion



Ian Edwards, President of the CPDMH Foundation, and Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH accepting the donation from Ann Ecker, 2nd Vice President and Poppy Chair; Mark Bissonette, President of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 192; and Ted Millard, 1st Vice-President and Veterans Affairs Officer

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 192 has donated \$9000, which will be used to purchase two new stretchers for the recovery room of CPDMH.

"With the expansion of the hospital's surgical program to full-time, the purchase of the stretchers is very important in providing high quality patient care", stated Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH. "Since our hospital is named in memory of the lives lost, and the veterans who had served in World War I and II, I am very pleased that the Legion gave us this gift."

The Legion's gift is from the funds raised through the annual Poppy campaign organized to remind Canadians of the tremendous debt owed to the more than

117,000 men and women who gave their lives in the defence of Canada during two world wars the Korean War and other missions around the world. This year the Poppy campaign will be launched on October 28, 2005.

"As many of our veterans age we know they need the services provided by the Carleton Place Hospital. We see this gift to the hospital as an extension of our responsibility to look after the needs of the veterans in our community", stated Ann Ecker, Poppy Campaign Chair of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 192. "This is also a very important time of year for anyone associated with the Royal Canadian Legion because during this period we, and more importantly the community, take time to remember the sacrifices our veterans made."

While every year is important in honouring veterans, 2005 is especially meaningful because it marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. To pay tribute to the veterans and to commemorate the sacrifices made in the past, the Department of Veterans Affairs made 2005 the 'Year of the Veteran'.

"The Royal Canadian Legion has been a long time supporter of the Foundation and I am pleased to see this support continue, " stated Ian Edwards, President of the CPDMH Foundation. "Given that this is the 'Year of the Veteran' and also the time of year that the Legion prepares for Remembrance Day, I am very honoured that the hospital was chosen to be the recipient of this donation."

The Royal Canadian Legion began in 1925 as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League (BESL). Currently with over 400,000 members in over 1600 branches across Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion is the largest veterans based community service organization in the country contributing millions of dollars and voluntary hours to help veterans, seniors and youth. In addition, there are approximately 58,000 registered members of the Ladies Auxiliary who provide invaluable support to the Branches of the Legion and their fundraising activities.

Located at 177 George Street, Branch 192 of the Royal Canadian Legion was established in February 5th, 1931 has 472 members.

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