

Zone G6 Convention Meeting
Branch 174 Arnprior
Sunday September 14, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 13:00 by Zone Commander, Jim Wilson and declared open for business. Opening ceremonies followed.
2. Moved by Brian Kilby, seconded by Barry Pascoe to adopt the agenda and permit deviations. Carried.
3. Zone Commander, Jim Wilson thanked everyone for coming out and hoped the meeting would be completed in short order.
4. Janet Tobio, President, Branch 174 thanked everyone for attending, hoped we enjoyed our lunch and thanked the kitchen staff for their work.
5. Moved by George Wood, seconded by Pascoe that the minutes of the previous convention meeting be approved, carried.
Motion – Moved by Stephane Quinn, seconded by Lorraine Lapensee that \$1,500.00 be allocated for Poems, Posters and Essays for the upcoming year. Carried
6. **In Attendance:** Bob Thomson, Terry Jacobs, Ivan Cole, Kevin Francis, Claire Husson, Darleen Sargeant, Norma Melanson, Peter Schaffer, Brian Kilby, Jim Hamlin, Debby Holden, Gaetan Chartier, Lorraine Lapensee, Dennis Hearn, Ken Fleming, George Wood, George Dolan, Kevin Johnson, Jim Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Stephan Guy, Sue McLean, Barry Pascoe, Stephanie Quinn, Elaine Madore, Rob Madore, Bruce Irvine, Bonnie Farrell, Jan Tobio, Donna Bell, Karen McNab, Scott Burnie, Deb Blanchette and Jason Countryman. The secretary wishes to apologize for any misspelling of names.
7. Comrade Jim Wilson introduced Stephane Guy, 2nd^d Deputy District G Commander as our guest speaker. Comrade Stephane's notes can be read on **Attachment "A"**. Comrade Kevin Francis thanked Stephane and handed him a cheque for \$50.00 payable to the Diabetes Association on his behalf.
8. Commander, Jim Wilson presented his report, moved it, seconded by Jim Hemlin and carried.
9. Deputy Zone Commander, Kevin Francis presented his report, moved it, seconded by Brian Kilby.
10. Ladies Auxiliary Zone G6 Commander, Elaine Madore, presented her report, moved it, seconded by Lorraine Lapensee and carried.
11. The Treasurer's report was presented by Claire Husson, moved it, seconded by Donna Bell and carried.
12. Sports chair, Ivan Cole presented his report, moved it, seconded by George Wood and carried.
13. Membership chair, Kevin Johnson presented his report, moved it, seconded by Sue McLean and carried.
14. Seniors chair; Dennis Hearn presented his report, moved it, seconded by Terry Jacobs and carried.
15. Service Officer, Sue McLean presented her report, moved it, seconded by George Wood and carried.
16. Poems, Posters & Essays chair Stephanie Quinn presented her report, seconded by Barry Pascoe and carried.

17. Public Speaking chair, Lorraine Lapensee presented her report, moved it, seconded by Donna Bell and carried.
18. Smiths Falls, Br 95 President Bruce Irvine, presented his report, seconded by Claire Husson and carried.
19. Arnprior, Br 174, President Janet Tobio presented her report, seconded by Kevin Francis and carried.
20. Carleton Place, Br 192 President's report was presented by 1st Vice, Brian Kilby, seconded by George Wood and carried.
21. Almonte, Br 240 Rob Madore presented his report, seconded by Barry Pascoe and carried.
22. Perth-upon-Tay, Br 244 President Ivan Cole, presented his report, seconded by George Wood and carried.
23. Lanark, Br 395 President Darleen Sargeant, presented her report, seconded by Norma Melanson Pascoe and carried.
24. West Carleton, Br 616 President Kevin Johnson presented his report, seconded by George Dolan and carried.
25. Kanata, Br 638 President Jim Hemlin presented his report, seconded by Dennis Hearn and carried.

New Business

Branch Inspections

Branch 95, Smiths Falls	Wed. October 22	7:00 pm
Branch 174, Arnprior	Sunday, October 26	2:00 pm
Branch 192, Carleton Place	Wed. October 15	7:00 pm
Branch 240, Almonte	Wed. October 8	7:00 pm
Branch 244, Perth-upon-Tay	Sunday, October 5	7:00 pm
Branch 395, Lanark	Wed. October 29	7:00 pm
Branch 616, West Carleton	Wed. October 1	7:00 pm
Branch 638, Kanata	Wed. September 17	6:00 pm

Motion of adjournment by Jim Hemlin, seconded George Wood, carried.

**Next Zone G6 Convention – Sunday March 8, 2026
Branch 616 West Carleton**

Zone Commander
Jim Wilson

Secretary
Claire Husson

Attachment "A"

District notes

I would like to bring greeting from our District Commander Tyronne Seeley as he wishes you a successful Council/Convention

Aviva Class action lawsuit is still going on with a lawyers meeting on Aug 24-25 and the court date set for Jan 2026

Provincial Convention is to be held in Zone G5 on May 15-17 2027.

Dominion Convention is to be held in Winnipeg on Aug 22-26 2026

Provincial Loans are capped at a maximum of \$25,000 at 5% for 3 years.

Ruck to Remember will be held between Windsor to Chatham in District A. If you would like to donate, be aware that you do not need to submit an SUF.

Provincial Service Bureau need an annual budget of 1 million dollars. Please donate generously out of your Poppy Funds.

An AGCO representative will be at our District G Convention in Cornwall, to answer any questions you may have. If you have questions, please send them in advance to our District G Secretary Donna Longmire.

The Legion is 100 years old in 2026. To commemorate this event, there will be centenary medal, a book, a crest, a coin and a stamp from the postal service.

We have been contacted by an MPP who wishes to put forward a private member's bill requesting November 11th become a statutory holiday in Ontario.

The MPP has military family, her son who has served 4 tours in the Navy and other relatives and friends in the army and air force. She has been speaking with many Veterans and their families in creating this bill.

Several points should be considered before deciding whether to support it or not.

1. Ontario, Manitoba, and Quebec are the only provinces in Canada where November 11th is not a Statutory Holiday.
2. The idea of November 11th becoming a Stat holiday in Ontario would also include changes to the Retail Holiday Act in Ontario 2000 that would ensure businesses are also closed that day so no retail shopping, grocery stores etc. would be open.
3. This would also include a change to the 1990 Education Act making Remembrance ceremonies and education a mandatory lesson in schools the day before November 11th (and if that falls on a weekend, the Friday before).

Presented by

Stephane Guy, 2nd Deputy, District 'G' Commander