

Finance Report - Pat Ostrom & Jim Uswak

Hello everyone, here is a summary of how the Branch did financially in April and May 2026.

	Particular	30-Apr	31-May	YTD
Licensed Premises	Sales	\$ 41,923.09	\$ 44,960.15	\$ 213,988.91
	COGS	\$ 12,631.66	\$ 13,676.09	\$ 72,326.02
Schedule I	Expense	\$ 26,442.93	\$ 28,337.76	\$ 133,153.60
	Net	\$ 2,848.50	\$ 2,946.30	\$ 8,509.29
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Pull Tabs	Income	\$ 3,692.50	\$ 5,609.00	\$ 22,758.00
	COGS	\$ 5,250.55	\$ 4,400.39	\$ 18,150.98
Schedule II	Expenses	\$ 380.50	\$ 101.00	\$ 721.50
	Net	\$ (1,938.55)	\$ 1,107.61	\$ 3,885.52
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KENO	Income	\$ 15,269.22	\$ 14,785.91	\$ 74,297.14
	COGS	\$ 12,852.30	\$ 12,268.00	\$ 59,885.00
Schedule III	Expenses	\$ 47.00	\$ -	\$ 141.25
	Net	\$ 2,369.92	\$ 2,517.91	\$ 14,270.89
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Kitchen	Sales	\$ 48,952.78	\$ 50,434.77	\$ 248,385.43
	COGS	\$ 17,734.62	\$ 21,103.47	\$ 100,595.50
Schedule IV	Expense	\$ 16,589.05	\$ 18,505.83	\$ 86,926.46
	Net	\$ 14,629.11	\$ 10,825.47	\$ 60,863.47
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Overall Branch	Income	\$ 132,695.26	\$ 134,941.36	\$ 703,782.87
	COGS	\$ 54,214.59	\$ 53,676.35	\$ 310,660.50
	Expenses	\$ 73,006.09	\$ 73,264.06	\$ 341,574.64
	Net	\$ 5,474.58	\$ 8,000.95	\$ 51,547.73
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PHN Fund	Opening	\$ 577,760.23	\$ 577,760.23	\$ 577,760.23
	Change (quarterly)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Closing Balance	\$ 577,760.23	\$ 577,760.23	\$ 577,760.23
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Poppy	Donations In	\$ 246.91	\$ -	\$ 5,687.77
	Expenses/ Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,842.34
	Net	\$ 246.91	\$ -	\$ (14,154.57)
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Gaming	Income	\$ 13,342.50	\$ 12,041.50	\$ 72,394.50
	Expenses/Donations	\$ 40,247.01	\$ 7,665.37	\$ 68,001.51
	Net	\$ (26,904.51)	\$ 4,376.13	\$ 4,392.99
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Our combined Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) and Payroll percentages were 71% in April & 75% in May. Our year-to-date average is currently 74% of revenue, which is where we would like to maintain it.

We are beginning to see a seasonal slowdown in sales during July, which is normal for the summer months. Many of our sports leagues are on a break, and many of our members are enjoying summer vacations.

Pat Ostrom and Jim Uswak, Finance Co-Chairs

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President's Message – Pat Ostrom

I would like to thank all of our members and their guests for their continued support and dedication to Branch 6.

As we move forward, let us remember why we are here—to honor the memory of our veterans, preserve their legacy, and inspire future generations. We are here to do good, be good, and treat one another with kindness and respect.

Together, let's make Branch 6 a welcoming place where everyone can enjoy friendship, fellowship, and camaraderie.

Trustees Report - Pat Ostrom, Karen Kuzek, Doug Hadley

Our Branch was placed under trusteeship in January 2025 due to infighting. Since then, the Executive has been working together to address these issues and understands what needs to be done to move the Branch forward in a positive and productive manner.

Latest Update

Mentoring of both the Executive and Management Teams is ongoing. As many members of these teams are new to their roles, they require additional time and experience in the day-to-day operation of the Branch.

After careful consideration, the Executive has determined that the Branch will not be ready to hold elections this year. The current goal is to be prepared for Branch elections in November 2027.

Next Steps in Trusteeship

Before the Branch can come out of trusteeship, the following conditions must be met:

1. The Executive must agree that they are ready to independently manage the Branch.
2. The Trustees must agree that the Executive is prepared to assume full responsibility for Branch operations.

To support this process, monthly General Information Meetings resumed in January 2026. These meetings provide the Executive with valuable experience in reporting to the membership and conducting Branch business.

Please note that the Branch does not hold General Meetings in July, August, or December.

The next General Meeting will be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, **September 23, 2026**, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Branch Elections – End of Trusteeship

When both the Executive and the Trustees agree that the Branch is ready to come out of trusteeship, members will receive proper notice of the election process in accordance with the Royal Canadian Legion's bylaws.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bring your friends and neighbours for a wonderful breakfast on the second Saturday of every month (exceptions may occur)

Cloverdale Legion Branch #6
17567 - 57 Ave, Surrey, BC

We serve up
2 pancakes, 2 eggs, 2 sausages & 2
pieces of bacon
at an affordable price

Served 8:30 am to 11 am

Adults - \$10
Children- \$5

So come out and mingle with your friends and neighbours while enjoying an unbeatable breakfast.

Ways & Means Report - Kevin Berryman

Our amazing volunteers continue to be the heart of Branch 6, Cloverdale.

Volunteers supporting Membership, Pancake Breakfasts, BBQs, Celebrations of Life, and other Branch events have contributed over **2,400 volunteer hours** so far this year. Together, they have helped serve more than 1,800 meals.

Since April, Branch 6 has hosted: 8 Celebrations of Life / 7 Birthday Celebrations / 5 Meetings

We also celebrated Canada Day with a wonderful community event featuring:

- Pancakes / Hamburgers / Cakes / face painter & balloon artist

In June, we were pleased to rent our parking lot to the television show Fire Country, which generated \$7,500 for the Branch.

Celebration of Life for Rich Scheller will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2026 - 12:30 pm.

Once again, a sincere thank you to our volunteers for your dedication, hard work, and continued support. Your efforts are what help make our Branch a welcoming place for our members and the community.

Entertainment Report - Gregory Crane

We have had some very positive experiences over the past few months with our Weekend Bands and Monday Open Mic Nights. During July, we added Sunday Summer Jams. We also had a wonderful evening in June with Honky Cat and the Elton John Tribute. The event was a great success and generated a \$1,500 profit.

LEGION PALOOZA Music Festival - Event Schedule attached.

This is the largest **FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** that the legion has ever undertaken. Admission is FREE or by DONATION. The Entertainment committee is proud to present our first-ever music festival - **LEGION PALOOZA, taking place over the BC Day long weekend, July 31 to August 3, 2026.**

The festival will feature 32 bands and 9 tribute acts, with every performer generously donating their time in support of this great cause. Additional fundraising activities will include **silent auctions, festival T-shirts, 50/50 draws, raffles, and a beer garden.**

The success of this event depends on the generosity of our members through donations and the dedication of our volunteers. We currently have 10 volunteers but are still looking for approximately 10 more. We are also seeking donations for our silent auctions throughout the four-day festival.

There is tremendous excitement about bringing a music festival to our Legion, and we look forward to sharing this experience with our members and the community. **All proceeds from LEGION PALOOZA will go directly towards the renovation and restoration of Cloverdale Legion Branch 6.**

If you would like to be part of this exciting event, please email me, Gregory Crane – legion6venue@gmail.com

I would like to thank all of our staff, especially Darin, Mario, and Christine, without whom I could not be successful in my role. They truly make me look good!

A special thank you also goes to:

- Ken Johnson, who tirelessly supports our Monday Night Jam.
- DJ Bruce Montero, who is always available when needed and does a tremendous job helping promote our Legion and activities.
- Kevin Berryman and Ron Robbins, for always being willing to lend a helping hand.
- My wife, Aneta, for her support with advertising and social media.

Finally, thank you to everyone who continues to support our entertainment programs and Branch 6. Your support makes all of this possible.

Membership Report - Jackie Patch

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer weather.

As of the end of June, our Branch membership stands at 2,986 members.

We continue to receive applications for our Centenary Membership, which is valid until December 31, 2026. A warm welcome to all of our new members—we're pleased to have you as part of Branch 6.

2027 Membership Renewals

Membership renewals for 2027 can be completed at any time. Members who renew by December 31, 2026, will automatically be entered into:

- The National Membership Draw for a brand-new Ford F-150.
- The Branch Draw for one of eight \$100 gift cards.

Annual membership dues remain \$60 per year, and members may renew for up to five years at a time.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who assist in the office, support the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), and volunteer at Cloverdale Market Days. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work are sincerely appreciated.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

This year's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program was a great success, with nearly twice as many members taking advantage of the service compared to last year. We look forward to offering this valuable program again in 2027.

Cloverdale Market Days

Branch 6 will once again be participating in Cloverdale Market Days. We invite everyone to stop by our booth, say hello, and learn more about what's happening at your Legion.

Market Day Dates:

July 25 / August 22 / September 12

Gaming Report - VACANT

If you are interested in volunteering and feel up to the challenge, please contact

office: 604-574-5300 Extn. 5 or email: rcl6legion@outlook.com.



MEAT & 50/50 DRAWS
Every Friday & Saturday Night at 5:00 pm
Followed by: Entertainment @ 7 pm

Poppy Report - Susie Chamberlain

I hope this note finds everyone in good health and enjoying the summer.

It is time to start thinking ahead and planning for this year's Poppy Campaign. A few of us will be meeting this week to brainstorm ideas and begin organizing our plans. I will keep everyone informed as details become available.

Supporting Our Youth and Cadet Corps.

We are currently supporting the **151 Cormorant Navy League Cadets**, a group of young cadets between the ages of 9 and 12 who do not receive government funding. During my first visit with the cadets, I was deeply moved by what I saw. Some of these young cadets were wearing boots without proper soles and uniforms that no longer fit. I could go on, but it was clear that they needed our support.

I took it upon myself to bring their situation to the attention of our members.

Branch 6 has offered to support the cadets with supplies for a **Car Wash Fundraiser** in September. A donation box has been placed at the bar, and any contribution you are able to make would be greatly appreciated.

The cadets will do the work, and all donations collected will go directly to their program.

Watch for more details through our bulletins and social media. It would be wonderful to see members bring their vehicles down, have them washed, and even join the cadets in supporting this event. There will also be a Hot Dog Sale taking place to make the event fun.

My motto to these young cadets is: "We must work for what we want."

It has been wonderful to see this message taking hold as the cadets have already started coming out to help at our Pancake Breakfasts.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Legion Week Open House Report - Scott MacMillan

The Legion Week Open House Committee is pleased to announce our **Annual Open House Tank Crush Event taking place on: Saturday, September 12, 2026**. The event will begin with Opening Ceremonies at 11:00 am. Event Schedule attached.

Special Guests & Displays

We are pleased to welcome many community partners and special guests, including:

- The Honourable Brenda Locke, Mayor of Surrey / MLA representatives /
- Clover Towing / CEMEC / Western Command / Pipes & Drums / Cloverdale Truck Museum
- Silver Diamond Country Dancers / Langley Flight Museum / 7 Cadet Corps / MP representatives
- Two RCMP K-9 Units, who will be putting on a demonstration
- The Legion Colour Party / St. John Ambulance

Main Attraction – Tank Crush

The highlight of the day will be our 55-ton Centurion Tank, which will be crushing four vehicles throughout the afternoon.

- Tank Crush times: 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm / 2:00 pm / 3:00 pm
- The grand finale will take place at: 4:00 p.m. – All four vehicles crushed at once!

The Legion Week Open House Committee has been working extremely hard for the past six months to organize this special event. Planning will continue right up until event day to ensure everything is in place for our members and community guests.

Thank You to Our Committee: Comrade Frank Redekop / Doug Lony / Dan Beck / Will Hank / Gregory Crane / Jim Uswak / Pat Ostrom / Kevin Berryman

Please mark your calendars and join us with your family and friends for a fun-filled day of excitement and community spirit. You will also have a chance to win a ride on the tank during the vehicle crush!

Publicity Report - Aneta Crane

Over the past three months, publicity efforts have focused on promoting major Branch events, including our Mother's Day Celebration, Father's Day Celebration, and Victoria Day Celebration.

Our Facebook page continues to promptly advertise requests from Ways & Means, major sports events, and all entertainment activities taking place at our Legion.

In the coming months, our social media efforts will focus primarily on the major events connected to the 100th Anniversary of our Legion. In addition to Facebook advertising, we will also promote events through the Cloverdale Reporter.

Centennial events, including our Legion Week Tank Crush, are already being promoted through our social media channels. Summer events such as the Legion Music Festival and Summer Barbecue are also actively being advertised.

The goal of the Publicity Committee is to keep our members and the community informed about upcoming events in a timely manner, helping us build awareness, encourage participation, and continue strengthening the connection between our Legion and the community we serve.

Honors & Awards Report - Larry Baldwin

The Honors and Awards Ceremony we held in April was a great success. From the people I spoke with, everyone enjoyed the event and was proud to receive their awards.

I have already started planning for next year's ceremony and am looking at ways to make it run even more smoothly. I would really appreciate hearing your thoughts and ideas on how we can make next year's event even better.

I am also in the process of ordering pins and additional medals for those who will be eligible to receive them next year.

Your feedback, suggestions, and ideas are always welcome. Thank you for helping make our Honors and Awards Ceremony a memorable event.



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We remember our departed members:

- Edna Bardeau - March 08, 2026
- Len Flamand - April 03, 2026
- Roy Speers - April 14 2026
- Rich Scheller - May 01, 2026
- Rober Bricknell - May 06, 2026
- Greg Hatch - June 25, 2026



Sports Report - Greg Vegh

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Gift Cards Are Here!

Looking for the perfect gift?
Legion gift cards are now available! They're a great choice for birthdays, holidays, thank-yous', or any special occasion. Pick one up today and treat someone special to great food, drinks, and good company. Stop by the Legion to purchase yours!



You can purchase Gift Cards at the Bar or at the Office. Call 604-574-5300 Extn. 5

Centenary Committee Report - Kathi Kopan

A Centenary Committee has been formed and is actively planning exciting events to celebrate two important milestones:

- * 100th Anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion – July 17, 2026
- * 100th Anniversary of Cloverdale Legion Branch 6 – March 19, 2027

100 Years of Supporting Canada's Veterans

2026 marks a once-in-a-lifetime milestone — a century of standing with Veterans, strengthening communities, and honoring the memory of those who served.

A BBQ was held on July 17, 2026, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion. Members and guests enjoyed great food, friendship, and our regular Friday night entertainment.

Centenary Events – Coming Soon!

Bringing the Races Back to Cloverdale!

A special part of Cloverdale Legion history was hosting regular horse races on weekends. We are excited to bring this tradition back!

Horse Race Nights: Time: 3:30 pm. Arrive early to choose your horse! (More dates TBD).

Saturday, August 22 / Saturday, September 5, 2026 / Saturday, November 21, 2026

Centenary Merchandise

Centenary items will be available for purchase this fall. Watch for details!

More Events Planned for 2027: Mark your calendars for these upcoming celebrations:

CLOVERDALE CENTENARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA.

5:00pm. March 20, 2027 - Save the date!

Centenary Golf Tournament – June 19, 2027, Details to follow

Summer Family Picnic – Summer 2027,

Featuring sack races, horseshoes, nail contests, tug-of-war, prizes, raffles, and more!

Children's Dart Tournament - Date to be announced

Stay Connected Follow our social media pages for updates and event details.

Centenary Facebook Page: RCL Cloverdale #006 – 100th Anniversary (Click the Events tab and Discussion section for details.)

Cloverdale Legion Facebook: facebook.com/cloverdalelegion

Instagram: royalcanadianlegion06

Email: rcl6cloverdale100yearcomm@gmail.com

We look forward to celebrating this historic milestone with all of our members, families, and the community!

Branch Announcements

BRANCH 6 CLOVERDALE KIT SHOP

We have started a Kit Shop located in the main foyer.

Available items include:

Baseball caps / Pins / Aprons / Medals / Branch 6 pins and more!

Stop by and take a look. All pricing includes shipping and taxes. Orders can be placed in the office.

SAVE THE DATE - LEGION HIGH TEA

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Escape into a cozy afternoon filled with delicate tiers of sandwiches, scones, clotted cream, jams, fresh baked pastries and cups of tea to tempt your taste buds.

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply indulging in a sweet moment, we're excited to host you at the Cloverdale Legion.

Tickets will be available mid Aug at the Legion. \$25.00.

Further details will be announced soon.

THANK YOU - ITS BEEN A PLEASURE

Thank you once again to all our volunteers and supporters. Your commitment and generosity continue to make Branch 6 Cloverdale a success. Please continue supporting your Branch, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

REGIONAL RECYCLING CLOVERDALE BOTTLE DEPOT

Recycling Bottle / Bottle Returns

Help support our Children's Christmas Party by recycling your empty bottles and cans.

Containers can be returned at: Cloverdale Recycling: 5534 – 176 Street,

Account Number: ROY013

All funds collected help offset the cost of our annual Children's Christmas Party. Thank you for your continued support. All donations are gratefully received.

2026 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Craft Market will be held on Saturday, **November 28, 2026**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

A limited number of vendor tables are still available.

To reserve a table, please contact **Judy Groening at 604-856-1532**. If there is no answer, please leave a message, and Judy will return your call.

Baking Volunteers: Please note that a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Legion entranceway.

We appreciate your support!