

# Great Village Legion to Hold Banquet

In an email circulated to members Fred Richard, Secretary, Royal Canadian Legion, Great Village advised at the last meeting the branch decided to hold a Remembrance Day Banquet in 2022, the first since 2019.

According to the email, president, Comrade Diane

Barkhouse has secured the Great Village and District Ladies Fire Auxiliary to cater to the banquet. The menu will be roast turkey with all the trimmings. The banquet will start at 5 pm (4:30 for 5:00) on November 11, 2022. We do not know the cost yet.

The branch will not be selling tickets, but will have a "donation bottle" at the door. In order to allow the caterers some planning time and time to shop for supplies, please call president, Comrade Diane at 902-668-2380 before October 3, 2022 if you will be attending.



## Can You Help Find a Big, Beautiful Tree to Thank Boston

*A Walk In The Woods*

By Donald Cameron

(This article was originally published in the September 2022, Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee (CFAC) Newsletter)

At this nice time of the year, many of us are travelling, visiting beaches and parks, and getting out to enjoy nature in many ways. While enjoying these summer activities, perhaps you could keep an eye out for a big, beautiful Christmas tree. It may sound strange to talk about Christmas trees in August, but this big tree I am referring to, is nearly a 12 month-a-year project. Each year, the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables is responsible for finding and facilitating the cutting and shipping of the perfect big tree to Boston.

Again, this year, the tree was not involved in the Halifax parade nor community visits due to Covid-19 precautions, and was delivered to Boston in mid November via container ship. Received with much appreciation, the tree was erected at Boston Common and adorned with more than 7000 Christmas lights in preparation for a grand lighting event.

On December 2, the tree lighting ceremony was broadcasted locally to more than 200,000 viewers and attracted approximately 20,000 people to Boston Common to watch the entertainment and lighting ceremony. After the countdown and lighting of the tree, a tremendous fireworks show was held to the delight of viewers.

The Boston population are impressively aware of the fact that Nova Scotia is connected to them by history, caring, kindness, generosity, and a big Christmas tree. And they seem to really appreciate it.

Looking for future trees for Boston? If you possess on your property, or see during your travels, a large and well shaped spruce or fir tree that might make a good tree for Boston, please let us know.

Following is some of the eligibility criteria: Twelve to fifteen meters (40-50 feet) in height; Uniform and symmetrical shape (four good sides); Healthy with good deep green colour; Medium to heavy density branching and foliage) and Easy to access and remove.

If you think your tree in question may meet this criteria, you are asked to take photo-



Donald Cameron, RPF

tos of the tree and send them and location details to myself, or the nearest Department of Natural Resources and Renewables office, or to Sandra Johnston at Sandra.Johnston@novascotia.ca.

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We will have a maximum of 60 people, the allowable number for our hall. You do not need to be a legion member, all are welcome.

Information taken from an email circulated by Fred Richard, Secretary Royal Canadian Legion, Great Village Branch.

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be centred here.

**Presentation Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 4 @ 6pm  
(call ahead to confirm)

**Council Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, October 13 @ 6pm

**Council Meeting**  
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