

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Legion Memorial Hall's First Phase of Renovation Done**

The Legion Memorial Hall recently had its first phase of the renovation project finished as of March 2017. Improvements to the hall started in April last year with the canopy, stucco, and entryway awning updated. The front of the hall received its much needed facelift. Renovation work was continued inside the hall. The walls received a fresh coat of paint. The wooden dance floor was also sanded and polished. The carpet on the basement and ground floor area was changed. Industrial grade linoleum was placed in and around the bar area for easier cleanup and added protection to the hard wood floor underneath. A new and more energy efficient refrigerator and air conditioning unit were purchased as well.

“It is exciting to see what has been accomplished so far,” said Councilor Jocelyn Skelton. “We are fortunate to have community members willing to help in the upkeep of our hall. We truly appreciate the volunteer time and effort put in by Councilor Brian Teetaert and Denise Teetaert.”

Skelton adds, “This is also a timely project to commemorate our celebration of Canada 150. Now on its 66<sup>th</sup> year of being an integral part of our community, the Legion Hall has witnessed numerous milestone events from people in and around the area.”

The second and final phase of the renovation will commence in the next couple of months. Upon completion, the community is assured that residents and other users will have continued access to the hall. This facility has greatly contributed to the quality of life in the community. Residents will have peace of mind that this hall will continue to be a venue for various community gatherings for future generations.

#### **Background**

In 1949, members of the Royal Canadian Legion No. 127 conceptualized building a community centre in memory of those who have served in the war. It was going to be a lasting legacy to be used by generations to come. With the help of community members and other service organizations, the Legion Memorial Hall was opened and dedicated on November 11, 1951.

In the late 1970's and early 1980's, new areas were added to the hall and the kitchen was renovated through the Town, Lion's Club, and Kinsmen group. These renovations made it one of the best halls around the Southwest region of Manitoba.

PHOTOS

