

2024 Convention Call

49th Dominion Convention

TD Station
Saint John, New Brunswick
24-28 August 2024

**BUILDING OUR FUTURE ON A
FOUNDATION OF STRENGTH.**



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2024 CONVENTION CALL

GENERAL

Commands, Branches and Sections of The Royal Canadian Legion are invited to assemble their delegates in Saint John, NB for the 49th Dominion Convention.

This Convention Call is issued under the direction of the Dominion Executive Council in accordance with Section 901 of The General By-Laws.

PROGRAM

A detailed program is enclosed, however, the following is provided as a summary of activities:

Registration	Commences upon receipt of this Convention Call through your Provincial Command. You must first register with your Command as a delegate. Once Commands have all delegates registered they will forward to Dominion Command and you will be provided with an email with further registration/payment instructions.
Workshops	Five informative sessions are scheduled for Saturday, 24 August 2024 at the Saint John TD Station. Plenty of seats are available to accommodate all planning to attend.
Opening Ceremony	Sunday, 25 August 2024 at the Saint John TD Station
Business Sessions	Commence following the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, 25 August 2024, Saint John TD Station and conclude Wednesday, 28 August 2024
Installation and Closing Ceremonies	Wednesday 28 August 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW IN ADVANCE – PLEASE BRING YOUR PERSONAL SMARTPHONE OR TABLET TO CONVENTION!

a. Electronic Registration:

Similar to our 2021 Dominion Convention all delegate registration will occur in advance online. If you require any assistance, please contact our Member Services Team at 1-855-330-3344 or

Convention@legion.ca

b. Electronic Voting:

Similar to our 2021 Dominion Convention all Senior Elected Officer voting will occur electronically. Please attend with your personal data or Wi-Fi enabled smartphone or tablet to vote using our 2024 Convention App. Your device will need to be able to access the free internet provided. Assistance will be available on site to ensure all delegates are able to vote successfully. Upon checking in at the welcome desk at TD Station you will be directed to the Impact AV booth to perform a pre-voting check-up to ensure you are fully equipped for the electronic voting.

c. Electronic Pre-Convention Book (Committee Reports and Resolutions Book):

Similar to our 2021 Dominion Convention the Pre-Convention Book will only be available in an electronic format to lessen our environmental footprint while reducing overall costs. All resolutions will be shown on

the Convention screens at time of voting, but we encourage you to use your electronic devices to follow along on our 2024 Dominion Convention App. This Book will also be available in a downloadable, printable format allowing you the option to print the Book in advance and bring to Convention. The Book will be available online mid-July.

DELEGATES

- d. **Branches:** To determine your Branch representation:
- Every Branch shall be entitled to send to Convention two delegates for the initial 100 Voting members or fraction thereof and 1 delegate for each subsequent 100 members or fraction thereof, which includes ordinary, associate and affiliate-members (*Subsection 903.a*).
 - Branch representation is based on the number of paid-up voting members at the end of the preceding calendar year (*Subsection 903.b*). However, every delegate to a Dominion Convention must be paid up to the end of the current year (*Section 905*). Delegates, therefore, must be members in good standing and paid up to 31 December 2024.
 - Branches formed on or after 1 January 2024 are entitled to send one delegate to the Convention; the delegate must have their dues paid up to 31 December 2024 (*Subsection 903.c*).

It is vital to the successful organization of the convention that branches pay particular attention to the above constitutional requirements.

a. **Dominion Executive Council:** Voting members of the Dominion Executive Council who are not accredited Branch delegates shall be accredited delegates to the Convention (*Subsection 907.a*), however, they may only carry proxies if they are an accredited Branch delegate as defined in Section 911 of The General By-Laws.

b. **Past Dominion Presidents:** All Past Dominion Presidents who are not accredited Branch delegates shall be accredited delegates to Convention (*Subsection 907.b*), however, they may only carry proxies if they are an accredited Branch delegate as defined in Section 911 of The General By-Laws.

DELEGATE ACCREDITATION: CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATE

To become an accredited delegate, branches are to complete the enclosed Credential Certificate and **forward to your Provincial Command office. DEADLINE IS 31 MAY 2024.** Additional copies may be obtained from your command office or found at: Legion.ca/2024Convention
Legion.ca/Congres2024

It is important that the Credential Certificate be completed properly. The Convention Credentials Committee must ensure that individuals registering as delegates are properly accredited; if incorrect or incomplete information is received, the member's accreditation could be jeopardized.

Provincial Commands will provide delegate lists to the Convention Credentials Committee prior to the opening of registration.

Important: It is extremely important that only delegates accredited by their Branch be permitted to take an active part in deciding matters of policy at a Dominion Convention. The Convention Credentials Committee does not wish to turn away any properly accredited delegate; neither does the committee wish to permit unauthorized votes.

VOTING AND PROXIES

Only accredited delegates may vote at convention (*Section 914*). Each delegate will have one vote; when an election ballot vote is required, however, proxies may be used.

- Any delegate, accredited by the Branch of which he/she is a member, may carry, in addition to his/her own credentials, up to four proxy credentials. These proxies may be from any Branch or Branches within his own Provincial Command (*Section 911*).
- Proxies must be registered in advance of the opening of the Convention and may only be used when an election ballot vote is required.
- Every proxy, to be valid, shall include a credential certificate naming the delegate entitled to register such proxy (*Section 913*).

A Branch that wishes to be represented by proxy must complete a Credential Certificate in order that the delegate designated as the holder of the proxy can make use of the vote(s) at their disposal. Strict attention to this requirement will prevent delay and possible disappointment when credentials are being examined by the Convention Credentials Committee.

Important: In order for a delegate to carry proxies, the person must be an accredited delegate of their own branch.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Delegates and observers will register and pay in advance online. Upon arrival at the Convention and verification of the registration, delegates and observers will be provided with a delegate kit; they will then be directed to their respective Provincial Command desk where they will be issued a nametag and voting card as applicable.

REGISTRATION FEES

The fees, payable upon registering online are:

Delegate: \$70

Observer: \$30

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions to be dealt with at convention:

- shall be submitted from a Branch through the respective Provincial Command (*Subsection 919.a*).
- may be submitted by a Branch or Branches, Command or Standing Committee of Dominion Command (*Subsection 919.b*).
- must be received at Dominion Command at least 112 days prior to the opening of the Convention (*Subsection 919.c*).

Deadline for receipt of resolutions at Dominion Command is 4 May 2024.

Late resolutions: Resolutions received after 4 May 2024 will be considered as Late Resolutions. Late resolutions will be referred to the Dominion Executive Council meeting prior to the Dominion Convention. Only those resolutions considered urgent will be presented to the Convention for consideration; resolutions deemed not to be urgent will be returned to the respective Provincial Command following the Dominion Convention.

Important: Branches are to ensure that all resolutions are submitted prior to the deadline established by their respective Provincial Command. Allowance must be made for the length of time mail takes in transit.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Each delegate is responsible for making his/her own travel and hotel reservations.

Air Canada has confirmed that a discount of 5% on standard fares is available by using the Promotional Code. To book a flight with your promotion code, access aircanada.com and enter **PDRFJDM1** code in the Promotion Code Box.

To assist you in arranging your **hotel accommodations**, a list of hotels in downtown Saint John with which the Legion has reserved blocks of rooms is included in this package. This list details the standard room rates and proximity to the TD Station. To make a room reservation, delegates are to call the telephone number for the hotel, and quote 'Legion Convention' to receive the discounted rate.

The deadline date for making your hotel reservation is 21 June 2024. It is strongly recommended that delegates make their arrangements as early as possible as reservations after this date are subject to availability.

TD STATION

The Business Session for the convention will be held at the Saint John TD Station, 99 Station St., Saint John, NB.

TD Station is located in the centre of the city's bustling downtown. The facility is home to the Saint John Sea Dogs of the Quebec Maritime Hockey League and is connected to the Saint John Convention Centre and the Hiton and Delta Hotels via an aboveground/underground walkway connection.

- a. **TD Station:** Delegates can enter the facility through the main entrance off Station Street or via an overhead walkway.
- b. **Ground Floor, TD Station:** All Business Sessions, Opening Ceremony and the Installation and Closing Ceremonies will occur here. The Dominion Command office and the LAC Office are located on this level.
- c. **Mezzanine Level, TD Station:** Located on this level will be the Welcome booth, Provincial Command booths, Legion Supply sales Exhibits and Concessions.
- d. **TD Station:** Will also host the ON Command Caucus Meeting on Monday, 26 August

SAINT JOHN TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE

The Saint John Trade and Convention Centre is located at 1 Market Square, Saint John, NB.

The Centre will host the Provincial Command Caucus Meetings on Monday, 26 August for BC/Yukon, AB-NWT, Saskatchewan, MB/NWO, Quebec

THE HILTON SAINT JOHN HOTEL

The Command hotel for the Dominion Convention is:

Hilton Saint John Hotel
1 Market Square
Saint John, E2L 4Z6
506-693-8484

This hotel is located in the heart of Saint John and across the street from the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre. It is also connected to the TD Station by an overhead walkway.

- a. **The Hilton Saint John:** Will also host the NB, NS/NU, PEI, NFLD/LAB and International Zones Command Caucus Meetings on Monday, 26 August

SAINT JOHN AIRPORT

The Saint John Airport is situated about 15 km and only a 15-minute drive from the downtown core.

The taxi fare from the airport to downtown is a metered rate, approximately \$20.

WEBSITES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

The following sites contain information concerning the convention and the meeting facilities in Saint John:

Dominion Command Convention website:

www.Legion.ca/2024Convention

www.Legion.ca/Congrès2024

Saint John Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) website:

<https://rcldomcon24.ca>

Saint John LAC email:

dominionconvention2024@gmail.com

Saint John Convention Facebook page:

[Facebook](#)

Saint John TD Station website:

<https://www.tdstation.com>

2024 PROGRAM

Saturday, 24 August 2024

0900 hours	Pre-Convention DEC Meeting <i>Hilton Hotel – Kennebecasis 1 & 2</i>
0900-1700 hours	Welcome Booth <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
0900 – 1700 hours	Exhibitors Supply Sales Area and Concessions <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1300 – 1700 hours	Tuberculous Veterans Section Meeting <i>Hilton Hotel – Belleisle 1</i>
1300 – 1700 hours	OSI Special Section Meeting <i>Hilton Hotel – Belleisle 2</i>
1000 hours	Workshop 1 – Poppy and Remembrance and your Branch: <i>(presented by Dominion Command Poppy and Remembrance)</i> <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1100 hours	Workshop 2 – Veterans Services 101: <i>(presented by Dominion Command Veterans Services)</i> <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1300 hours	Workshop 3 – Membership: The road to 300,000! <i>(presented by Dominion Command Member Services)</i> <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1400 hours	Workshop 4 – Marketing and Communications – Branch Support Programs! <i>(presented by Dominion Command Marketing and Communications)</i> <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1500 hours	Workshop 5 – The Legion National Foundation – An Hour To Give! <i>(presented by The Legion National Foundation)</i> <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1400 hours	Parade Marshal’s Meeting and Commemorative Ceremony Briefing <i>Hilton Hotel – Belleisle 1 & 2</i>
Evening	Social Activity <i>Saint John Area Branches</i>

Sunday, 25 August 2024

0800 – 1700 hours	Welcome Booth <i>Saint John Trade and Convention Centre</i>
0800 – 1700 hours	Exhibitors Supply Sales Area and Concessions <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
0900 – 1800 hours	Band Members Area <i>To be announced</i>
0930 hours	Parade – Assembly Area <i>To be announced</i>
1000 hours	Parade to Cenotaph
1020 hours	Commemorative Ceremony <i>Saint John Cenotaph</i>
1045 hours	Parade to TD Station
1100 hours	Doors to convention floor open <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1200 hours	Opening Ceremony – Entertainment Prelude <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1300 – 1430 hours	Opening Ceremony <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1430 – 1530 hours	Business Session
Evening	Social Activity <i>Saint John Area Branches</i>

Monday, 26 August 2024

0800 – 1700 hours	Exhibitors, Supply Sales Area and Concessions <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
0830 – 1600 hours	Business Session <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1500 hours	Business Session and Nominations for all Elected Positions <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
1600 hours	Caucuses (as directed by Commands) <i>Assigned Meeting Rooms, TD Station, Saint John Trade and Convention Centre, Hilton Hotel</i>
Evening	Social Activity <i>Saint John Area Branches</i>

Tuesday, 27 August 2024

0800 - 1700 hours	Exhibitors, Supply Sales Area and Concessions <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
0830 - 1600 hours	Business Session and Election of Dominion President, First Vice President and Vice Presidents <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
Evening	Social Activity <i>Saint John Area Branches</i>

Wednesday, 28 August 2024

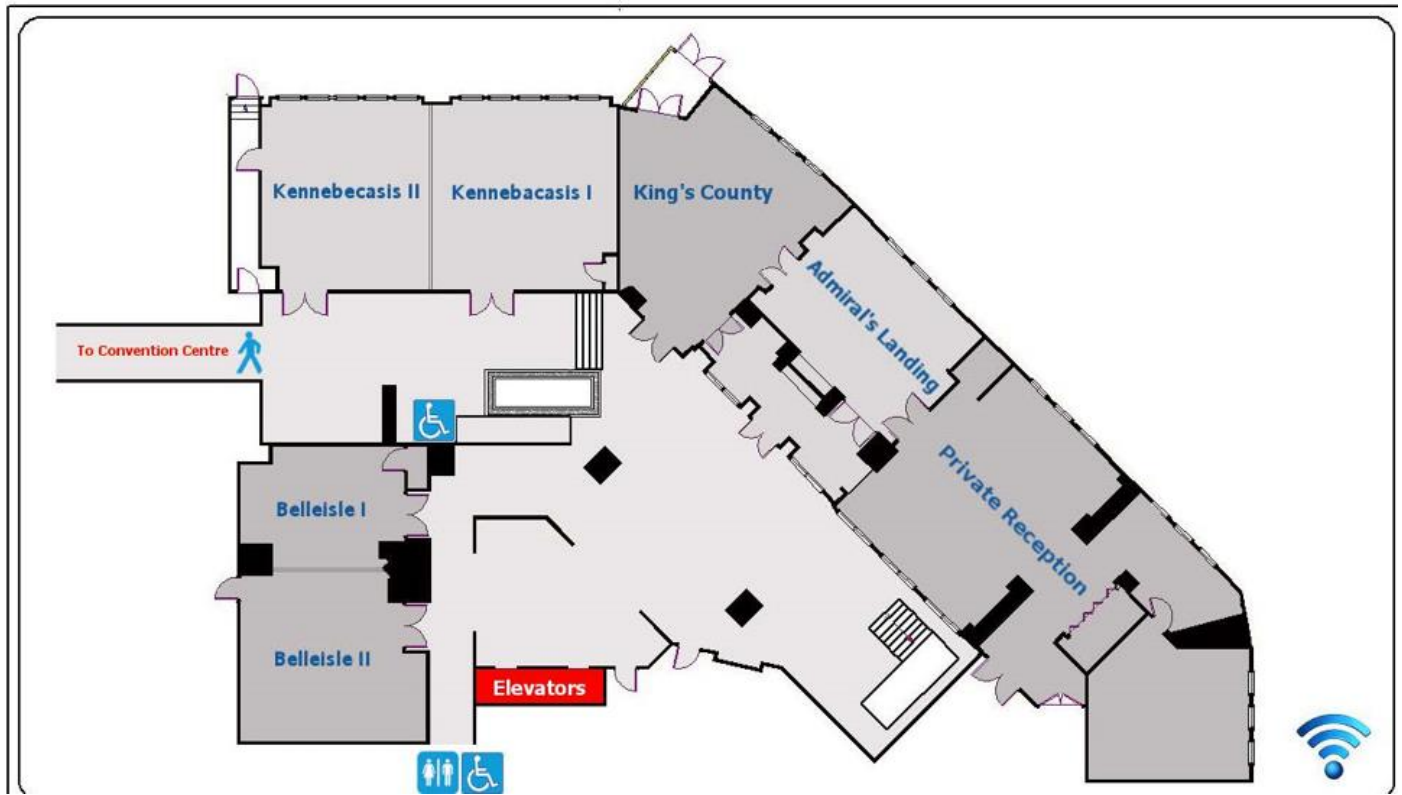
0800 - 1300 hours	Exhibitors, Supply Sales Area and Concessions <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
TBD hours	Installation of Officers <i>Saint John TD Station</i>
TBD hours	Closing Ceremony <i>Saint John TD Station</i>

Thursday, 29 August 2024

0900 - 1000 hours	Post-Convention SEO Meeting <i>Hilton Hotel - King's County</i>
1000-1200 hours	Post-Convention DEC Meeting <i>Hilton Hotel - Kennebecasis 1 & 2</i>

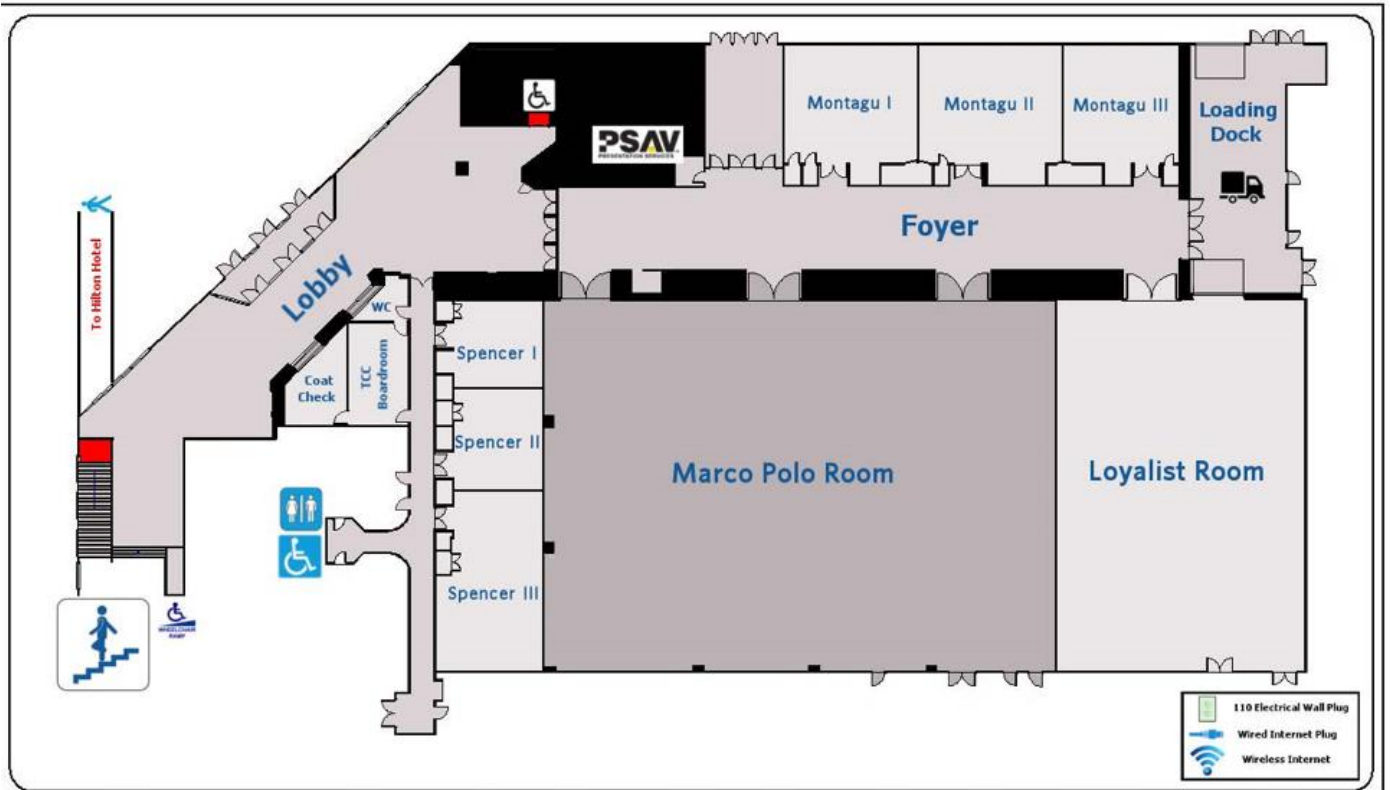
MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CAUCUS ROOMS AND OFFICES

THE HILTON HOTEL



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
24 August	Pre-Convention DEC Meeting	Kennebecasis I & II
26 August	NB Command Caucus	Belleisle II
26 August	NS/NU Command Caucus	Kennebecasis I & II
26 August	PEI Command Caucus	Belleisle I
26 August	NFLD/LAB Command Caucus	King's County
26 August	Intl Zones / East and West USA	Admiral's Landing
29 August	Post-Convention SEO Meeting	King's County
29 August	Post-Convention DEC Meeting	Kennebecasis I & II

SAINT JOHN TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE



DATE

26 August
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ACTIVITY

BC/Yukon Command Caucus
 ALTA-NWT Command Caucus
 SASK Command Caucus
 MB & NWO Command Caucus
 QUE Command Caucus

LOCATION

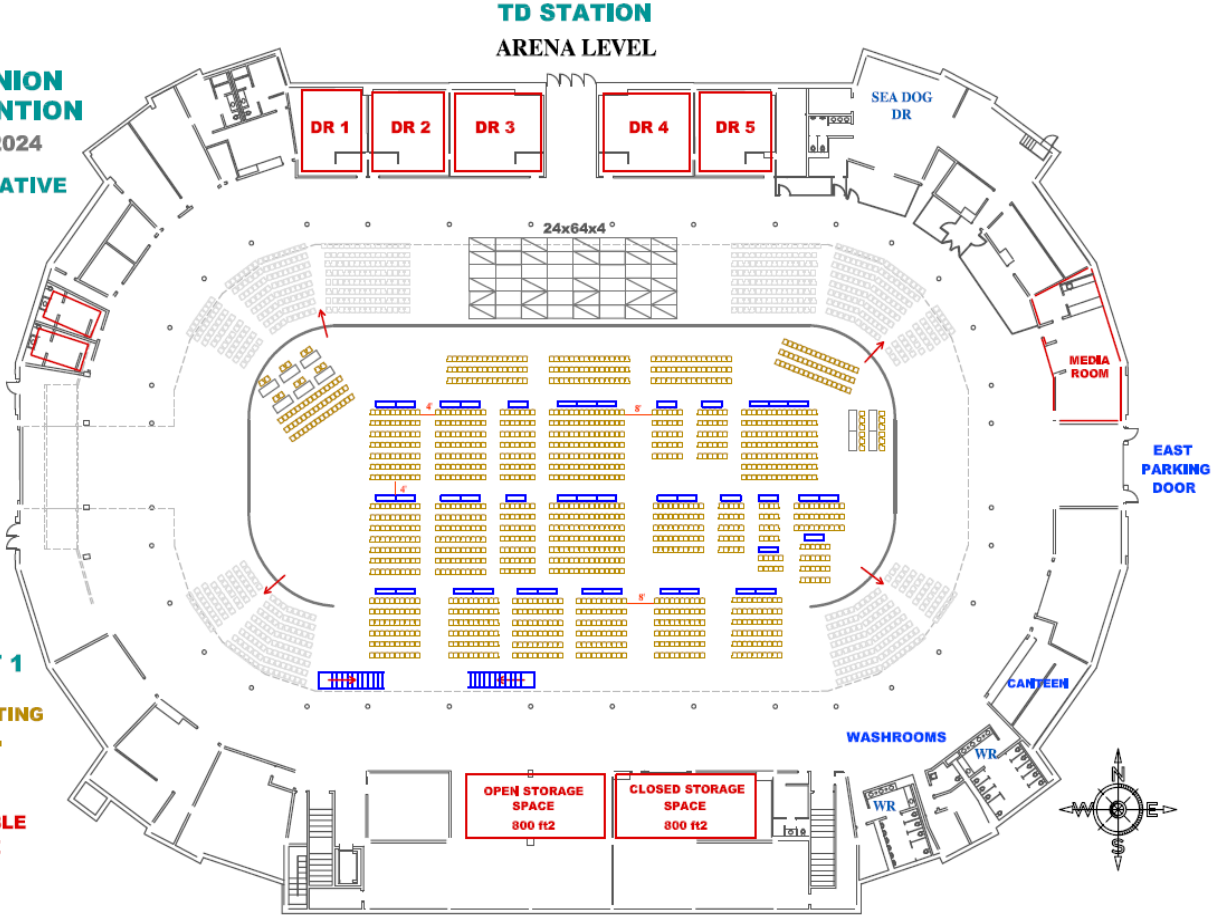
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 Loyalist
 Spencer III
 Montague I II & III
 Spencer I & II

TD STATION - ARENA LEVEL

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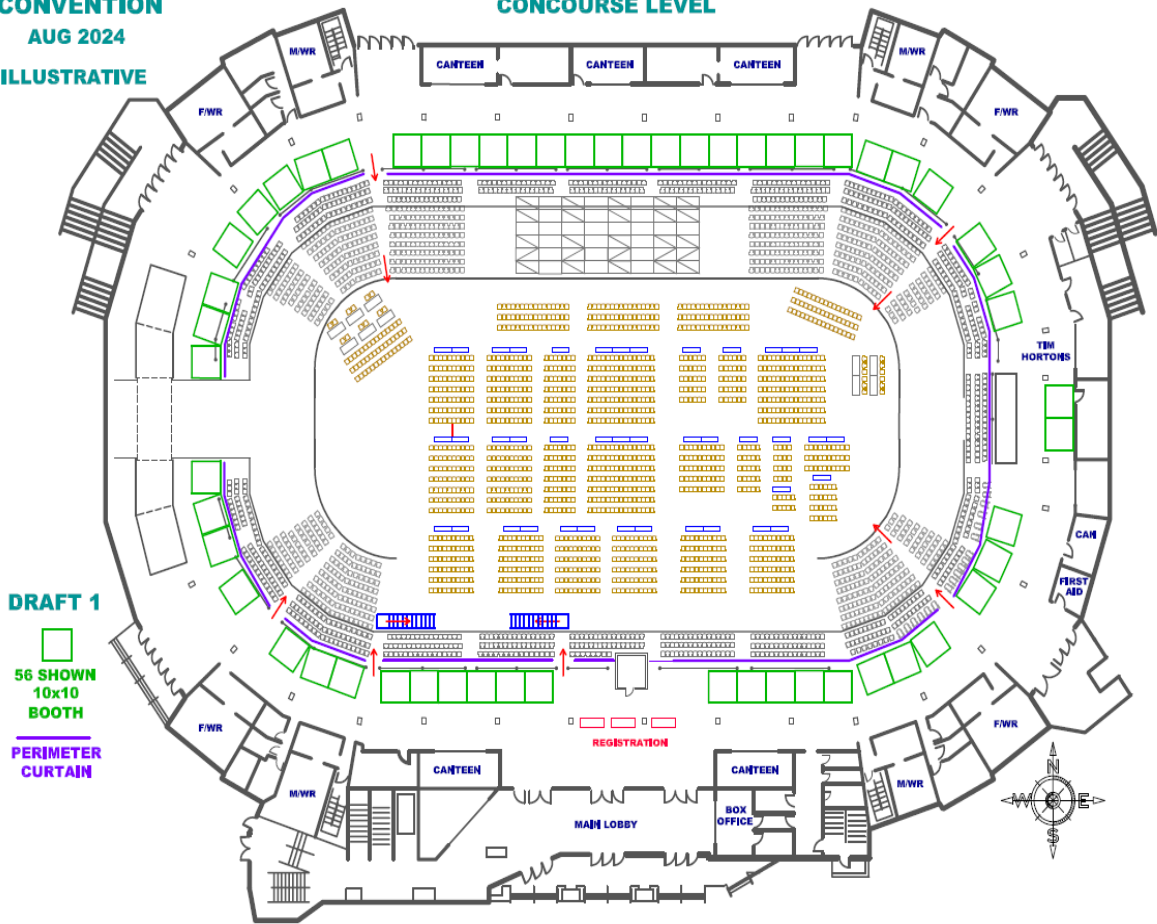

AVAILABLE SPACE



TD STATION - CONCOURSE LEVEL

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TD STATION CONCOURSE LEVEL



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
24-25 August	Welcome Desk	Entrance to Concourse
24-28 August	Dominion Command Supply Sales	Concourse Level
24-28 August	LAC Supply Sales	Concourse Level
24-28 August	Exhibitors	Concourse Level
24-28 August	Concessions	Concourse Level
24-28 August	First Aid	Arena Level
25 August	Opening Ceremony	Arena Level
25 August	Business Session Commences	Arena Level
26 August	ONT Provincial Command Caucus	Arena Level
25-28 August	Business Sessions	Arena Level
28 August	Installation Ceremony and Closing Ceremony	Arena Level

Exhibit Booths:

Delegates will have access to 50 booths available around the concourse level of TD Station. Booths will operate from August 24 – August 28 inclusive. There will be a variety of booths available to visit such as information, partners, and vendors. There is a limited number of booths available to purchase. Please contact (tbacker@legion.ca) if you are interested in having a booth at TD Station.

Donations:

Delegates and observers will have the opportunity to donate to the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League (RCEL) and The Legion National Foundation (LNF) while at the 2024 convention. Only cheque donations will only be accepted.

SAINT JOHN HOTELS

Dominion Command has negotiated special hotel rates at 6 properties in downtown Saint John for the period Friday, 23 August 2024 through Wednesday, 28 August 2024. Other Hotels are available in downtown Saint John for reservations. Rooms can also be reserved for nights immediately prior to and after the Convention.

Contact information for the 6 DC hotels is listed for your reference in making your reservation.

SAINT JOHN DOWNTOWN MAP



HOTELS AND REFERENCE POINTS

#1 HILTON SAINT JOHN

COMMAND HOTEL

1 Market Square

Telephone: 506-693-8484

Quote: Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention

Standard Room: \$199 per night

Distance to TD Station: 550m (8 min walk)

Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/stjihhh-hilton-saint-john/>

#2 DELTA HOTELS SAINT JOHN

39 King Street

Telephone: 506-648-1981

Quote: Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention

Standard Room: \$189 per night

Distance to TD Station: 700m (10 min walk)

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ysjdb-delta-hotels-saint-john/overview/>

#3 BEST WESTERN PLUS SAINT JOHN

55 Majors Brook Dr

Telephone: 506-657-9966

Quote: Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention

Standard rooms: \$167.99 per night

Distance to TD Station: 5.5km (9 min drive)

Website: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.64010.html?groupid=2D0NM8D8

#4 Holiday Inn Saint John

400 Main Street And, St. John

Telephone: 506-642-2622

Quote: Royal Canadian Legion Convention

Standard room: \$185 per night

Distance to TD Station: 2km (18 min walk)

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/st-john/yytms/hoteldetail>

#5 Chateau Saint John

369 Rockland Rd

Telephone: 506-644-4444

Quote: Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention

Room: \$165 per night

Distance to TD Station: 850m (11 min walk)

Website: <https://www.chateausaintjohn.ca/en/>

#6 Hampton Inn & Suites Saint John

51 Fashion Drive

Telephone: 506-657-4600

Quote: Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention

Standard Rooms: \$159 per night

Distance to TD Station: 5km (8-9 min drive)

Website: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ysjsjhx-hampton-suites-saint-john/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-HX-YSJSIHX&y_source=1_MjA4NDM5My03MTUtG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D

RV PARKS SAINT JOHN AND SURROUNDING AREA

RESERVATIONS:

You must make your reservation directly with the RV Park.

Rockwood Park & Campground

142 Lake Dr S, Saint John

Telephone: 506-652-4050

Website: <https://www.rockwoodparkcampground.com>

Hardings Point Campground

71 Harding Point Landing Rd,
Carters Point, NB (25 minutes
from Saint John)

Telephone: 204-422-5760

Website: <https://www.hardingspointcampground.com/>

New River Beach Provincial Park

78 New River Beach Rd, New River
Beach, NB (30 minutes from Saint
John)

Telephone: 506-755-4046

Website: <https://www.parcsnbparks.info/en/parks/13/new-river-beach-provincial-park>

Fundy Woods Campground & Cottages

2644 NB-111, St. Martins, NB
E5R 1Z9 (40 minutes from
Saint John)

Telephone: 506-833-2397

Website: <https://www.fundywoods.com/>

Email: fundywoodscampground@gmail.com

Royal Canadian Legion 2024 Dominion Convention, 490 Douglas Avenue,
Saint John, NB E2K 1E7 Email dominionconvention2024@gmail.com
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Dominion Convention Saint John, NB

Comrades,

On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, we welcome you to Saint John, NB for the 49th Dominion Convention (August 24th to 28th). It has been many years since a Dominion Convention was held in New Brunswick as the last one was held in 1928. Members from all over New Brunswick will be assisting to put on the best Convention we can.

Saint John was founded by Samuel Champlain and settled by United Empire Loyalists. There is still a very strong tradition within the names of cities and towns along the Bay of Fundy and Saint John River system. Please plan to visit local areas during your stay in New Brunswick (known as the Picture Province).

Local Branches will be hosting nightly food and entertainment. Schedules will be available in your delegate kits and announced daily. Please visit our website rcldomcon24.ca and Facebook for updates (Royal Canadian Dominion Convention 2024).

Please find attached the following;

- our Logo, its explanation, and;
- an Advertising Brochure if you wish to place an ad in the Souvenir Booklet.

Branches are encouraged to bring their Banner for the Parade and Opening Ceremony.

In comradeship,



Terry Campbell/Thea McEvoy/Al Enman
Chairpersons
Local Arrangement Committee
1 506 643-1008

Attachment(s) 2

2024 Dominion Convention

Building our Future on a Foundation of Strength



Advertise your Branch, District or Command in the 2024 Dominion Convention Booklet

Full Page.....	\$500
Half Page.....	\$250
Quarter Page.....	\$125
Business Card.....	\$75
Front inside cover.....	\$750
Back inside cover.....	\$750
Back outside cover.....	\$750

All ads are black and white only. Cover pages in colour.

Deadline April 15, 2024

Email ad & E-transfer to **localarrange24@gmail.com**

or Send via regular mail along with cheque* to:

New Brunswick Command

490 Douglas Avenue,

Saint John, NB E2K 1E7

*Please make cheques payable to: **Royal Canadian Legion 2024 Dominion Convention**

Return information below with advertisement by April 15, 2024:

Branch District or Command # _____

Address _____

Ad Size _____ Copy Attached Yes No

Payment included: Cheque E-transfer

Contact Name: _____ Phone# _____

Email _____



The graphic of a ship's prow reflects Saint John as a port city, which hosts tankers, container ships, cruise ships, freight ships, and is home to New Brunswick's only Naval presence, HMCS Brunswicker. Many waves of immigrants arrived to our shores by vessel, and many sailed from this harbour to defend our democracy through two World Wars.

The water represents that we have the highest tides in the world.
The two crescents symbolize that from sunrise to sunset we will never forget the sacrifices made by those who served. We will remember.





Dominion Command

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Canada K2L 0A1

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