

Carrie Brooks-Joiner, Senior Project Manager-Cultural Initiatives will attend the September 13 meeting to present her findings on the role of municipal Veterans Committees.

4.2 Artillery pieces in Dundurn Park and at the Delta

Gerry – had a meeting at Veterans Affairs Canada, is seeking approval of Committee to apply for funding through the Monument Fund, feel committee should send letter and let them say no, letter should come from the committee rather than the City

Fern will provide contact name

Include package from conservator – (provide to committee again), does not include a roof over top

Application: committee to prepare, once prepared staff will review and ensure we have the proper signatures as the pieces are assets of the City.

Dieppe Memorial committee has given approval for pieces to be at the Memorial, would need to work closely with the Dieppe committee to ensure the display is in keeping with the design of the Memorial.

4.3 Veterans Way of Remembrance

Update: Permission has been received from the Poppy & Remembrance Committee, Dominion Command to use the poppy on the commemorative street signs.

Steve Cooper, Traffic Engineering, Public Works is preparing a report for the Public Works Committee in September 2011 recommending the installation of the street signs.

Motion:

(Rattray/Eisan)

That design Option 1 for the Veterans Way of Remembrance signage be recommended to the Public Works Committee as the preferred option of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

CARRIED

4.4 Possible use of former Parks Canada Discovery Centre as a Military Museum

Update: Rebecca had an informal conversation with Werner Plessl, Executive Director, Hamilton Waterfront Trust

- The plan for the former Discovery Centre is mainly restaurant use with some Waterfront Trust displays
- There is no display / exhibit space indoors to accommodate the artillery pieces
- An outdoor display of this type does not fit with the Trust's long-term use of the site

The committee expressed concern about the possible use of the building as a flea market.

Councillor Morelli advised that any objection to possible uses should come from this committee to Council rather than directly from the committee to the Waterfront Trust.

Councillor Morelli feels the committee should focus on making a suggestion for something clean and neat that would be of interest to all and said he will share the concerns of HVC when he speaks to the Waterfront Trust. He counselled the committee to be patient.

4.5 Queen's Jubilee Medal

Update – to date no information has been received directly to the HVC/Culture Division or through the City Clerk's Department

4.6 East End Decoration Day – August 28, 2011

Marie will attend the August 9 meeting to go over last minute details for the event.

Bill has met with her and planning is underway.

4.7 Medal of Bravery – Leading Seaman Jaret McQueen from Hamilton

Update: Staff has contacted the Mayor's office regarding a letter of congratulation, waiting for response.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Smith's Knoll - Stoney Creek re-interment

Update – Anna

Bones are still at McMaster, no discovery of any further bones, There will be a public meeting to ask the public what they would like to do with the area – extend Smith's Knoll / Peace Garden / passive area / signage to explain area

5.2 Upcoming Events

Aug 19 – Dieppe Memorial Event – 11:00 a.m., RHLI Veterans Association to host this year
Meeting on July 21 re: planning/update

Aug 28 – Branch 58 host East End Decoration Day, service in East Lawn Cemetery

Remembrance Day Luncheon – Brigadier General Greg Hilton will be the keynote speaker at Canadian Club Remembrance Day luncheon.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Election of Chair

Gerry Rattray nominated John Clarke. John agreed to stand.

CARRIED

Election of Vice-Chair

John Clarke nominated Harry McEwen. Harry agreed to stand.

CARRIED

6.2 Annual Presentation to Emergency & Community Services Committee

Committee date: September 21, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.

2010 presentation attached for revision discussion. John will attend to present to Committee

Action: Add Veterans Way of Remembrance initiative.

6.3 Bands for commemorative events

There have been issues with the HMCS Star band for several recent Veterans events, would like to book the George Arnone or Dundas Concert Band upfront for all annual events each year, this would alleviate last minute conflicts, cancellations or no-shows

The HMCS Star Band would still be used for the Garrison parade on Remembrance Day each year.

**Motion
(Ratray/Fyfe)**

That staff be asked to enter into an agreement with George Arnone or the Dundas Concert Band for all of the annual events for the remainder of 2011 and 2012.

CARRIED

6.4 Hamilton & Scourge Memorial Service

Anna explained that the service has not been held for a number of years because the Hamilton & Scourge Society is no longer active. The City – Culture Division as stewards of the ships have picked it up. The mast and markers have been refurbished and a long-term management plan is being developed for the site.

Ian Kerr-Wilson and Mike McAllister will be asked to attend a future meeting to provide an update on the project.

John is coordinating a response to the request for a colour party for the memorial service. Do not actually have a colour party of veterans – can provide a piper, John has contacted Stoney Creek Legion, Gerry and Bob can bugle.

6.5 Freedom of the City

Staff were asked to investigate this event (who organized, what were the guidelines, etc). The committee were not aware it was happening until they read it in the Hamilton Spectator.

Weekend of June 25.

6.6 Dress code for HVC meetings

**Motion
(Ratray/Fyfe)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee wear their colours while in attendance at the regular monthly meetings as a gesture of respect.

Note: John will need assistance with running parades. Everyone agreed to assist.

Gerry will be out of the country for Remembrance Day, leaving just after Thanksgiving.

Bob will request a regimental bugler for Remembrance Day.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: 09 August 2011
10:00 a.m. to Noon

City Hall – Room 193

Guest: Marie MacEachern, Event Coordinator – East End Decoration Day

Significant Veterans Anniversaries (Please provide any additions you may be aware of to this list.)

- 2011** - formal end of Canadian combat
- 2012** - RHLI, Dieppe (August 19, 2012), Queen's 60th Jubilee
- 2013** - 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek,
- 2014** - 100th Anniversary of the beginning of WWI
- 70th of D Day
- 2015** -

Should be looking at dates, investigating, asking if HVC can be of assistance