



# Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall – Room 192**

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**Present:** Vice-Chair: Harry McEwen  
Members: David Steckham, Bob Fyfe, Bill Eisan, Art Tompkins,  
Councillor Merulla, Councillor Morelli

**Absent with  
Regrets:** John Clarke, Gerry Rattray

**Also Present:** Rebecca Oliphant, Technical Staff Liaison, Minute Taker, Culture  
Division

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### **CHAIR'S REMARKS – Remembrance of Fallen Comrades**

#### **1. CHANGES TO AGENDA**

#### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **3.1 (Eisan/Fyfe)**

Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 10 January 2012.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **4.1 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee**

No update.

##### **4.2 World War I Artillery pieces – discussion on location of restored pieces**

**Update:** Letter of approval to place pieces at Dieppe Memorial received.

Staff will request an update on status of refurbishment/restoration of the artillery pieces for the March meeting.

HVC and Dieppe Memorial committee will need to work with the City's conservator re: display of artillery pieces once they are completed.

**4.3 Queen's Jubilee Medal**

Staff mailed information to HVC. Motion was passed at Emergency & Community Services, Feb 13, 2012 asking staff to report back on possible legacy projects in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee.

**4.4 Freedom of the City – Recommendation report**

**Update:** Staff will provide a draft report for committee review at a future meeting.

**Merulla/Morelli**

That the City act expeditiously to include those who were forgotten when the Freedom of the City was given out in 2011.

**CARRIED**

Bob to investigate with his connections at the armoury to find out who may have been excluded.

**4.5 Calendar of Veteran's Events (Invitations/Advertising of Veterans Events)**

**Update:** Need to strike a Calendar Sub-committee as directed at November 8, 2011 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

After staff confirm the date and location of the West Hamilton Decoration Day, Dave will send the final draft to the Royal Canadian Legion to seek approval to use the poppy image.

**4.6 Veterans Parking in Hamilton**

Councillor Morelli to investigate the general statement "every other city honours the provincial poppy plate".

More in depth discussion at a future meeting.

**4.7 Dress Code at Citizenship Events**

John Clarke sent a letter as a private citizen.

**4.8 Recognition Events for Fallen Hamilton Military Personnel**

Need to draft a request under the Chair's signature requesting that the Hamilton Veterans Committee staff liaison be notified when these types of recognition events are received by the Mayor's or Councillor's offices to allow the Hamilton Veterans Committee to show their respect.

**4.9 2013 Smiths Knoll Remembrance Ceremony**

**Update:** Art Tompkins

Staff to ask 2012 Bicentennial Committee to provide update to HVC re: plans for 2013 ceremony.

**4.10 Cancellation of Remembrance Day Service in Federal Building Lobby**

**Update:** revised letter distributed

(Fyfe/Eisan)

That the letter be submitted to Emergency & Community Services for approval to send.

**CARRIED**

**5. STANDING ITEMS**

**5.1 Smith's Knoll - Stoney Creek re-internment**

Letter of support attached - Staff are submitting a grant application for 2012 Bicentennial Federal funding.

Staff to provide an update as well as background paper regarding 2012 Bicentennial programming, in particular for Smith's Knoll.

**5.2 Upcoming Events**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6.1

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: 13 March 2012  
10:00 a.m. to Noon  
City Hall – Room 192

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

- 2012** - RHLI, Dieppe (August 19, 2012), Queen's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee
- 2013** - 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek,
- 2014** - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of WWI  
- 70<sup>th</sup> of D Day
- 2015** -

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