



# Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall – Room 192**

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**Present:** Chair: Harry McEwen  
Members: Gerry Rattray, David Steckham, Art Tompkins, Bill Eisan, Bob Fyfe, Councillors Morelli, Merulla

**Absent with  
Regrets:**

**Also Present:** Marie MacEachern, Event Coordinator, Tourism and Culture Division  
Rebecca Oliphant, Technical Staff Liaison, Minute Taker, Tourism and Culture Division

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

1. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**  
Item 4.7 **East Hamilton Decoration Day** move to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
None declared.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Rattray/Fyfe)**
  - 3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 10 July 2012.  
**CARRIED**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
  - 4.1 **Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee**  
Need to define a Veteran from the perspective of Hamilton Veterans Committee

Councillors stated the HVC needs to clearly define what the Committee's objective is on a municipal level when defining a Veteran in the context of the City of Hamilton.

Councillors asked that the Veterans Affairs Canada definition and criteria be investigated and that perhaps someone from Veterans Affairs Canada could be invited to speak to the Committee.

Committee felt strongly that definition needed to include the Veteran be a Canadian citizen.

**4.2 World War I Artillery pieces**

No update.

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

A Hamilton Veterans Committee webpage has been created on the City's website. Information Services has created a short address to make it easier to find - [www.hamilton.ca/veterans](http://www.hamilton.ca/veterans).

Dave to provide paragraph on purpose of calendar and will send PDF of the calendar for posting on the webpage.

**4.4 Veterans Parking in Hamilton**

**Update:** Ted Arnold, Manager, Parking Operations and Maintenance, will attend the September 11, 2012 meeting.

**4.5 Queen's Jubilee Medal Nomination – Bill McCulloch**

Dave to confirm that the deadline is not past and move the nomination forward.

**4.6 Dieppe Memorial Remembrance Event – Sunday, August 19, 2012**

Guest: Marie MacEachern

Marie suggested the RHLI as event organizers to apply to the City's Equipment Loan Program for sound system. They will receive \$500 with the remaining \$100 to be paid from the HVC budget.

Dieppe Planning Committee has applied to the City's Equipment Loan Program for a tent to protect elderly Veterans from the heat. They will receive \$500 with the remaining \$100 to be paid from the HVC budget.

Large water barrels will be used to hold down the tent on the cement. They will be delivered and filled on Friday evening and stored at the back wall. HVC has no concern with water barrels being on site Friday evening during the candlelight vigil.

RHLI Coordinator, Linda Furchner, has been given all of the contact numbers as Marie will not be on site during the August 19 event.

RHLI will supply drinking water.

**4.7 East Hamilton Decoration Day – Sunday, August 26**

Guest: Marie MacEachern

Buses are confirmed to depart from the RHLI building at 12:30 p.m. for Eastlawn Cemetery. The service will begin at 1 p.m.

Program approved to be printed on green paper. Marie to bring programs with her on August 26.

Mayor has confirmed his attendance.

- 4.8 Hamilton and Scourge Memorial** – Saturday, September 21, 2012  
Date has been changed to Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.  
Rebecca to confirm this date with Mike McAllister.

- 4.9 Fields of Honour**  
Waiting for report back from Crystabelle answering questions raised at the July meeting.  
Councillor Morelli will investigate timelines for opening a Field of Honour at Mount Hamilton Cemetery.

**5. STANDING ITEMS**

- 5.1 Smith's Knoll - Stoney Creek re-interment**  
No update

- 5.2 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration**  
• **2013 Smiths Knoll Remembrance Ceremony**  
Staff will provide an update at the September meeting.  
Art Tompkins stated that Branch re-dedicate and hold memorial – May 31, 2013 in the evening, one time only change  
2014 and beyond happen on Sunday and be organized  
Army and Navy, Legion and Americans unacceptable that it will be changed to the Friday evening,  
Ask Sarah about reinterment

- 5.3 Upcoming Events**  
Branch 58 is holding a legion week Sept 16-22 Drumhead Service  
March at 12:30 p.m., Service at 1:00 p.m.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Budget** – please consider justifications for increased budget  
would like to see a rep from local regiments, liaise with them for activities that they want to have in the City, could it be Geordie

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: 11 September 2012  
10:00 a.m. to Noon  
City Hall – Room 192

Notes: Bob Fyfe will be away for the month of October.

Future meeting discussion items

- Logistics and budget implications of increased numbers when media releases are sent for veterans' events