



# CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>From:</b>	Robert Fyfe, Chair Hamilton Veterans Committee (to be signed by the Chair)
<b>Date:</b>	April 8, 2014
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Correspondence with Minister of Veterans Affairs (Report HVC14-003)</b>

## **Recommendation:**

- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee, as the only municipal organization of its kind in Canada invite the Minister of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Julian Fantino to:
- Participate in one of the committee's monthly meetings;
  - Participate in the re-opening of Veteran's Place at Gore Park in 2015;
  - Endorse a discussion led by the Hamilton Veterans Committee with the Royal Canadian Legion Branches and other Veterans organizations in the City of Hamilton to campaign to Federal and Provincial Governments to develop a funding formula for the future sustainability for those organizations; and,
  - Fund the development of a yearly event poster and brochure that highlights places (memorial halls, cenotaphs, Fields of Honour) where citizens can go to remember.
- (b) That staff be directed to assist the Veterans Committee in facilitating discussions with the various Veterans organizations regarding issues of sustainability including the preparation of the work plan to include a timeline to complete this research.

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**Background:**

At the April 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, a discussion was held regarding the participation of the Minister of Veterans Affairs to be more informed about issues affecting veterans in the City of Hamilton.

In addition, the Committee was informed that Councillors' offices had been receiving inquiries as to how the Hamilton Veterans Committee could help with their financial sustainability issues.

**Analysis/Rationale:**

The issues regarding the sustainability of Veterans organization may be a national issue and not just a City of Hamilton issue, therefore, the Veterans Committee would like assistance in researching this issue before approaching the Minister.