



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

Present: Chair: Bob Fyfe
Members: David Steckham, Art Tompkins, Bill Eisan

Absent with Regrets: Gerry Rattray, Harry McEwen, Councillor Merulla, Councillor Pasuta

Also Present: Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture
Fern Viola, Resource member
Geordie Elms, SA to Mayor, Military Heritage & Protocol
Le'Ann Seely, Supervisor, Landscape Architectural Services
Ken Coit, Art in Public Places Coordinator
Rebecca Oliphant, Minute Taker, Staff Liaison, Tourism and Culture

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**
Move Item 4.3 - Veterans Place at Gore Park to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None declared.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Steckham /)**
 - 3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 17 June 2014.
CARRIED
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 4.1 **HVC Events Information / Procedure Manual**
Update: David Steckham
No update

4.2 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton

Report will come forward in the New Year.

4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park

Guests: Ken Coit, Art in Public Places Coordinator

Le'Ann Seely, Supervisor, Landscape Architectural Services

Ken and Le'Ann shared the latest designs with the committee as agreed by the stakeholders and focus groups.

The Hamilton Veterans Committee confirmed their agreement with both the stakeholder and focus groups that the names of all those who died in conflict or served from Hamilton in the military not be listed on the enclaves but rather words, phrases and pictures that evoke memories and encourage stories be included.

The possibility of including WWII medals was raised. The Committee asked that anyone that is identifiable in any of the pictures be invited to the opening ceremony. Le'Ann confirmed that when planning began for the opening the Committee would be included. The Committee suggested that a significant date in the first half of April 2015 be chosen to mark the First World War.

4.4 Mini decoration days

Update: Art Tompkins

William J. Cumming, Chair, Ontario Provincial Committee, Air Cadet League of Canada will attend the October 14 meeting to discuss ways the cadets could be involved.

Approach new Mayor to declare one day as Decoration Day, begin planning after a day is declared.

4.5 Honorary Chairperson – Bill McCulloch

Draft report for Emergency & Community Services Committee to be reviewed at the August HVC meeting in time for the September 8 ECS meeting.

4.6 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs

No response to date.

4.7 Adding Afghanistan to existing monuments

Update: Anna Bradford

Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator, will provide a report on existing cenotaphs and monuments.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day – Woodland Cemetery

Tabled until 2015

5.2 Dieppe Memorial

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Jen Anisef will attend the August 12 meeting to review this event.

5.3 East Hamilton Decoration Day

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Jen Anisef will attend the August 12 meeting to review this event.

Bob has seen a very draft program for his review, Jen will bring it to this committee, Fern has confirmed hymns will be just two verses, have asked for commitment from Dundas Concert Band for another 5 years.

5.4 Remembrance Day

Garrison Parade – Sunday, November 9, 2014

City Service – Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Update: Bob Fyfe

Bob's concern is space – do we stop traffic on James North during the service on November 9, Geordie and Bob will do a walk-around to determine set-up, Geordie will check with Argyles (RSM Jim Murray) to submit paperwork for road closure, need to determine a location for the reviewing stand, any Veterans who wish to parade will be leading, Bob will bring picture of the small cenotaph that Branch 58 has.

5.5 BUDGET Review

- **Event Expense Review**

Update: Payment to piper / bugler Decoration Day
\$100 for single person, split if two buglers.

5.6 WWI Anniversary Commemorations

Plaque unveiling – Tuesday, November 11th after the service.

Pam Mulholland is the staff lead.

5.7 Upcoming Events

Korea Veterans Meadowvale Cemetery on July 27

Friday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. annual Peacekeeping Day flag-raising – will try to do it near flag to determine if that focal point would be appropriate for Remembrance Day.

July 31 – World War 1, Varsity Stadium in Toronto

6. NEW BUSINESS

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7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. to Noon
City Hall – Room 192

David not available.