



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
From:	Robert Fyfe, Chair Hamilton Veterans Committee (to be signed by the Chair)
Date:	September 8, 2014
Re:	Honorary Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee (HVC14-004) (City Wide)

Recommendation:

That William M. McCulloch be named Honorary Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee in recognition of his role in establishing the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

Background

At the April 8th general meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, Councillor Merulla asked the committee to consider making Bill McCulloch an honorary member of the HVC in recognition of all the work he did in establishing the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

Analysis/Rationale:

William (Bill) Millman McCulloch was first elected to municipal government in 1964 and represented Downtown Ward 2 for more than 30 years (1964-1966 and 1968—1997) as city alderman and regional councillor. In this role, he was instrumental in the creation of a Veterans' Committee for the City. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Police and Hamilton Historical Board. He is Co-Founder of the Sir John A. Macdonald Society of Hamilton. In addition; he chaired the Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society; the Historic Sites Advisory Board of the Conservation Authority; and the Hamilton-Scourge Foundation.

Bill served with the Royal Canadian Navy during the Korean War and was later attached to the United States Navy on the Canadian light cruiser Quebec. His naval career continued at Naval Headquarters in Ottawa and later at the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC. He retired as Lieutenant Commander.

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Completing his formal education at McMaster University Bill earned a Bachelor of Arts, Honours in 1950. Always active in arts organizations, he also owned and managed a variety of restaurants and theatres in Hamilton.

Passionate about Hamilton and its history, Bill was a founding member of both the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Board (LACAC now the Municipal Heritage Committee) and the Hamilton Historical Board. As an Alderman he played a vital role in the development of Hamilton's Civic Museums including the restoration of Dundurn Castle and the preservation of the Hamilton Military Museum. He lobbied to save Hamilton landmarks Sandyford Place (where he once lived), Rock Castle and Central Public School from demolition.

Bill was presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal at Council in November 2012 following his successful nomination by the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

Bill McCulloch today lives in Dundas with his wife of many years Ena.