

HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE



**Annual Volunteer Committee Presentation to
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
September 8, 2014**

2011 – 2014 Committee Membership

For the 2011-2014 term of Council, Veterans applied and were appointed through the City of Hamilton Citizen Volunteer Committee selection process.

Citizens had to be a Veteran to apply for membership.

- Robert Fyfe, Chair
- Gerry Rattray, Vice-Chair
- William Eisan, Harry McEwen, David Steckham, Art Tompkins
- Councillor Sam Merulla, Councillor Robert Pasuta
- Resource member: Fern Viola



In Memoriam – Councillor Bernie Morelli

The Hamilton Veterans Committee said good-bye to a long-term member of the Committee in 2014.



Mandate

approved May 14, 2014



- Reporting to Council, the Hamilton Veterans Committee oversees the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton. When directed by Council, the Committee will provide input on projects and issues that are of concern to Hamilton Veterans. e.g. Veteran parking, Monuments and Cenotaphs and Veterans' Field of Honour.
- Assist in the coordination of significant Veteran's commemorative events for the City of Hamilton.

Membership – 2015 and beyond

In an effort to better represent the Veterans of the City of Hamilton on May 14, 2014 Council approved a new membership criteria for the Hamilton Veterans Committee. This criteria is in effect for the 2015 – 2018 term of Council.

- Up to 9 members of which one may be a member at large.
- Members are required to be a City of Hamilton resident AND one of the following:
 - A veteran; OR
 - A current or former member of the Canadian Forces; OR
 - A current or former member of the Canadian Forces Reserves; OR
 - Meet the requirement of a member at large.

A member (at large) is required to demonstrate a special interest in veterans' projects and issues through their work in the community

Remembrance Day & Memorial Services



- Provide direction and coordination for the Hamilton Remembrance Day Parade and Service, and two Decoration Day Memorial Services
- Communicate with all Hamilton Veterans groups: the Order of Service, Parade Orders, volunteer dignitaries, i.e. Saluting Officer, Clergy, etc.
- Work with community citizens and local organizations as they assist in the coordination of Remembrance Day.
- Provide assistance (logistical, etc.) to specific events, (e.g. Dieppe Memorial Service)



Previous and Ongoing Projects



- Provide approval for any use of Hamilton Cenotaph
- Representation on the Gore Park Master Plan committee related to Gore Park, the Cenotaph and Veterans Place at Gore Park
- Advocated for free parking for all Hamilton Veterans
- Completed the Commemorative naming of James Street North and South as “Veterans Way of Remembrance”

Future Goals

- To continue to work with all Veterans organizations from across the City, in an effort to stand together as one collective voice representing all the Veterans of the City of Hamilton



To Succeed

- Need strong representation from Hamilton Veterans Committee members





Thank You.