



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192, 1st floor

Present:	Chair: Bob Fyfe Members: David Steckham, Art Tompkins, Councillor Merulla, Fern Viola
Absent with Regrets:	Gerry Rattray, Harry McEwen, Bill Eisan Councillor Pasuta
Also Present:	Neil Bell Geordie Elms, SA to the Mayor, Military Heritage and Protocol Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison, Tourism and Culture Division Pam Mulholland, Cultural Projects Specialist, Tourism and Culture Joey Coleman, Hamilton's Own Local News Source

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Item 5.4 Remembrance Day moved to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
(Steckham / Tompkins)**

3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 14 October 2014

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 HVC Events Information / Procedure Manual

Update: David Steckham

No updates at this time.

4.2 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton

Staff report will go to Council in 2015.

4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park

In final stages. Most of panel displays have gone to printers, waiting for high resolution images from National Archives, will include the remembrance for Cpl. Cirillo which will be vetted by the family as the photographs were vetted by the Graham family.

4.4 Mini decoration days

William J. Cumming, Chair, Ontario Provincial Committee, Air Cadet League of Canada. Attendance deferred until February 10, 2015.

4.5 Honorary Chairperson – Bill McCulloch

Anna has called twice and left messages.

4.6 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs

Minister was in Hamilton in July. Bob spoke with him and shared the Mayor's letter. We have a response from the Minister to this informal meeting. Will brief and ask Mayor-elect Eisenberger's office to follow-up. Geordie will follow-up with the Minister's office.

4.7 Adding Afghanistan to existing monuments

Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator will attend in the new year. Staff did investigate grants for this type of work. Therese will provide more information.

4.8 Annual Presentation to Standing Committee

December 15, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

Bob hopes that as many members of the Committee as can attend with blazers and medals. Send reminder to Bob and Bill.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day – Woodland Cemetery

- Tabled until 2015

5.2 Dieppe Memorial

- Tabled until 2015

5.3 East Hamilton Decoration Day

- Tabled until 2015

5.4 Remembrance Day

Guest: Pam Mullholland, Cultural Projects Specialist

Garrison Parade – Sunday, November 9, 2014

Logistic update – armouries to LIUNA station, strong support from Hamilton Police Services, bagging meters and putting out traffic cones from Sunday

morning until noon, residents with permit parking have been relocated, all businesses along the route have been notified, may be some confusion as to the return route as it is now straight down Hughson, very positive site visits with LIUNA, staff have been remarkable, great supporter, Hamilton Police Services are picking up costs of increased security
Pam will ask if Bill and Art can park at either 70 Hughson or Christ Church Cathedral, Pam will contact Bill
Bridget MacIntosh will be at the armouries with the wreaths and armbands, there to support HVC in any way they need, Silver Cross Wearer wreath will be carried in the parade, David will escort Linda Learn, our Silver Cross Wearer

City Service – Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Reminder about the unveiling of plaque before the service, start with whoever is there at 10:15 a.m., the Mayor and Bob will speak, Bridget will escort those who attend out to the service

Bob and Dave will lay the Silver Cross wreath if there is not Silver Cross wearer in attendance, Bob will make the announcement that anyone who lays a wreath should remove it immediately after the service as this is a temporary cenotaph, Pam will ensure other wreaths are at the service for Dave

CHCH and Cable 14 will be broadcasting live.

Bill Eisan was interviewed by Jon Wells of the Spectator for a story about the end of our involvement in Afghanistan

5.5 BUDGET Review

- Event Expense Review – change in venues and increased security have increased the budgeted costs
- 2015 Budget Submission – will go forward in December.

5.6 WWI Anniversary Commemorations

Plaque unveiling – Tuesday, November 11th before the service

Staff Lead: Pam Mulholland

5.7 Upcoming Events

November 8th – Argyll and Sutherland regiment has been invited to the Ti-Cat game, French gov't is presenting Legion of Honour awards to 4 Hamilton veterans

November 6th – Canadian Club of Hamilton annual luncheon, all committee members invited at the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Cpl. Nathan Cirillo - Endorsement of a permanent recognition of Cpl. Cirillo's service to his country - Councillor Merulla

Current plan of action for what will probably be a significant number of suggestions is to develop a criteria to filter suggestions and invite family in to review to determine what kind of remembrance they would like. Formal process needs to be announced to put the brakes on all of the suggestions.

6.2 Memorial Wall of Names Project – Geordie Elms

Mayor and Council asking for endorsement of this committee that they send response back that we already have the Hall of Remembrance in the Peace Tower and all of the names are already there.

Geordie to formulate response to be included the minutes.

6.3 Offer of song to be performed November 11.

Received information. There is a protocol and tradition on how Remembrance Day is run. Late for this year but will keep it under consideration for future years or other events.

Suggest it be passed on to Mike Rehill, RHLI band.

Anna will respond to citizen and copy Councillor's office.

6.4 Membership

Joey Coleman has joined the RHLI Veterans Association, has spoken to a number of Afghan veterans about joining the committee. May have to change the time of meetings to early evening to accommodate these potential new members. When Clerks releases applications staff will ensure they are made available.

Geordie asked to go the record regarding the events of last week. The reaction of the community at large and City of Hamilton was remarkable. The Cirillo family appreciates everything that was done. Our elected officials acted with dignity, no one played politics. From an Argyll perspective Cpl. Cirillo received the same funeral that all Argylls receive.

As this is Geordie's last meeting as SA of Mayor on behalf of the HVC, Bob expressed their appreciation of his input and offered our standing invitation for him to attend in future. Staff will ensure Geordie receives an application for membership when they are available.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next Meeting: **December 9, 2014**
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Room 192, 1st floor, City Hall