



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
10:00 a.m.
City Hall – Room 192, 1st floor

Present: Chair: Bob Fyfe
Members: Art Tompkins, Fern Viola

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

Also Present: Geordie Elms
Neil Bell
Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator
Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison, Tourism and Culture Division

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**
Move Item 4.7 to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None declared
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Tompkins /)**
 - 3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 10 February 2015.
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 4.1 **HVC Events Information / Procedure Manual**
Update: Pam Mulholland emailed manual to Chair, staff will provide to committee at April meeting.
 - 4.2 **Parking for Veterans in Hamilton**
Staff report will go to Council in 2015.

4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park

Update: staff committee meeting today, March 10. Friday, May 8 around dusk, simple ceremony.

4.4 Mini decoration days

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.5 Honorary Chairperson – Bill McCulloch

Update: staff have not been able to reach Bill.

4.6 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs

Update: plan for him to attend May 8, Geordie has asked him to pencil it in his calendar, Mayor will send official invitation

4.7 Adding Afghanistan to existing monuments

Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator

Decisions:

- 1) Gore Park Cenotaph – add ‘Korea’ and ‘Afghanistan’ with dates 2001 – 2014 (carved)
- 2) Dundas Cenotaph – add ‘Korea’ and ‘Afghanistan’ with dates (cast new bronze plaques)
- 3) Stoney Creek Cenotaph – add ‘Afghanistan’ with dates to north end of granite slab (carved)
- 4) Ancaster Cenotaph - add ‘Korea’ and ‘Afghanistan’ with dates (cast new bronze plaques)
- 5) Glanbrook Cenotaph – add ‘Afghanistan’ with dates (carved)
- 6) Eastlawn Cenotaph – add ‘Afghanistan’ with dates (carved)

Based on the above, Therese will go ahead and get estimates to have the work done as well as contact the federal Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program to see if the work qualifies for any funding. Once the estimates, etc are in hand, Therese will send the workplan for final vetting/approval by the committee - especially because there was some confusion over whether names should be added in the case where they are listed for the other wars and she wants to ensure it is done the way the HVC wishes.

Other items discussed that require follow-up:

- Mt Hope cenotaph: as requested, I will photograph and measure the sides of the cenotaph and send the info to you
- The flags at Mt Hope – Rebecca to check with Public Works to see if they put flags up for Remembrance Day.
- Look into removing or severely cutting back the trees on the west side of the Stoney Creek cenotaph (at the request of the Stoney Creek Legion)
- Check Woodland Cemetery – possibly a cenotaph to add to inventory
- Both the Dieppe cenotaph at the beach area and the Memorial at Bayfront Park are now looked after by parks – the veterans requested that they be looked after by the Tourism and Culture Division – Therese will follow up with Anna Bradford, Director of Tourism and Culture on how to proceed

4.8 70th Anniversary of VE Day – Friday, May 8, 2015
Will recognize this anniversary at the Opening of Veterans Place at Gore Park event.

4.9 Change of meeting day discussion
Update: Councillor Pasuta's admin will follow-up with him.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day – Woodland Cemetery – Sunday, June 14, 2015
• Staff to attend in April 2015

5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Wednesday, August 19, 2015
• Staff to attend in late Spring 2015

5.3 East Hamilton Decoration Day – Sunday, August 23, 2015
• Staff to attend in late Spring 2015

5.4 Remembrance Day
Garrison Parade – Sunday, November 8, 2015
City Service – Wednesday, November 11, 2015
• Staff to attend in April 2015.

5.5 BUDGET Review
• Event Expense Review – no expenses at this time.
• 2015 Budget Submission – has been forwarded to GIC-Budgets.

5.6 WWI Anniversary Commemorations
This will remain on the Agenda in anticipation of future anniversary commemorations.

5.7 Upcoming Events

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Clerk's attending in April
Clerk's staff that have been assigned the Volunteer Committee review will be first on the agenda, April 14. Any comments, questions you have about the Hamilton Veterans Committee or volunteer committees in general are welcome. Rebecca has invited David Steckham to attend.

6.2 DVA announced benefits to modern veterans

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: **April 14, 2015**
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Room 192, 1st floor, City Hall