



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

Present:	Chair: Bob Fyfe Members: Bill Eisan, Fern Viola, Art Tompkins, Bill Eisan, Councillor Pasuta, Councillor Merulla
Absent with Regrets:	Gerry Rattray
Also Present:	Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Division Kristen Kerr, Cultural Projects Specialist Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator Adrienne Kupchenko, Policy/Program Analyst Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager Policy and Programs Neil Bell, Retired HMCS Star Teresa McGillvray, Hamilton Signals Association Keven Ellis, North Wall Riders Joey Coleman, Journalist Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison, Tourism and Culture Division

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

- 1. CHANGES TO AGENDA**
Item 5.1 – move to beginning of Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.

New Business –
Item 6.1 Revising the City's Facility Naming Policy
Item 6.2 Passing of Harry McEwen
Item 6.3 Resignation of Gerry Rattray
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None declared.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
(Tompkins/Eisan)**

3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 12 May 2015.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 HVC Events Information / Procedure Manual

Staff will continue to update.

4.2 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton

Staff report will go to General Issues Committee on June 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Important that Veterans attend if possible to show support Councillor will ask that it be moved up on the Agenda.

4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park

Request from Le'Ann Seely, Manager, Landscape Architectural Services
See attachment – Does the HVC prefer “Veterans’ Place Hamilton” or “Veteran’s Place at Gore Park” engraved in the granite, on the side of the utility building as illustrated in the attached sketch.

Committee agreed that “Veterans’ Place Hamilton”, also requested that services be in proper order “Navy, Army, Air Force”

Chief De Caire (or his representative) has been invited to a future meeting to discuss security concerns for Veterans Place at Gore Park.

Bob spoke to Chief at June 3 event, has assigned an officer to look after the park for the Veterans, will be visible, questioned cameras in park, officer in charge will meet with Chair to ensure camera locations are appropriate.

4.4 Mini decoration days

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.5 Honorary Chairperson – Bill McCulloch

Update: Councillor Merulla’s office was able to connect with Bill. He will be attending the June 10, 2015 Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. to be recognized as Honorary Chair.

Hope as many of this committee can be there in their blues and greys

4.6 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs

Any follow-up? Would still like him to come to a general meeting, when we have full committee

4.7 Adding Afghanistan to existing monuments

Guest: Therese Charbonneau, Conservator

Therese has reviewed monuments with either a stone or bronze craftsperson depending on the monument to determine where adding Afghanistan would be most appropriate on each monument, cost estimate is just over \$10,000, applying to the Federal granting program, new program fast-tracks requests under \$10,000, application is due July 2, will be reviewed July 22 and we will know 2 days after that

Seeking agreement from the HVC with their suggestions
Eastlawn – polished panel
Woodland – both Upper and Lower Field monuments
Dundas – bronze plaque
Glanbrook – dates for Afghanistan under Peacekeeping
Stoney Creek – under Saltfleet
Mount Hope – similar to Stoney Creek
Ancaster – on inside of east cairn similar to Korea
Gore Park – south side of monument

North Wall Riders

Keven Ellis KStG, President-North Wall Riders Assoc. has asked to attend to speak to the committee about his hopes to erect an Afghanistan War memorial in the City.

Intend to fund, anticipating \$32,000, anticipate it being low maintenance, not bronze rather wire and concrete, would take on responsibility of care and maintenance, no intent to list names, just dates, just looking for approval from this committee, have determined 3 possible places,

Dieppe Memorial – will speak to RHLI and Jack MacFarland
Veterans Place -
RCL Branch 163

Comments: HVC would rather see it in its own location rather than beside an existing one

Motion

(Merulla / Fyfe)

That the request by the North Wall Riders for the placement of an Afghanistan Memorial on City property be referred back to staff to investigate the feasibility.

CARRIED

Updates on existing monuments:

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders memorial in Bayfront Park will now be monitored and maintained by Therese. Over the summer it will be restored and repainted.

The trees at the back of the Stoney Creek cenotaph have been severely cut back rather than removed. The Stoney Creek branch of the RCL was hoping they would be removed to ensure sight lines and safety of participants in services at the cenotaph. Therese will investigate the possibility of removing them however for the time being the RCL branch will live with it and bring it forward again if it still creates a problem.

4.8 Change of meeting day discussion

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.9 Status of City's Volunteer Advisory Committees

Staff report will go to General Issues Committee on Monday, July 6, 2015.
Attached - Summary of What Was Heard From the Advisory Committees

Applications will be available at some point after Council on Friday, July 10. Applications will be available on the City's website, from the Clerks Division and from any of the Municipal Service Centres. Keven Ellis would like to be considered as a member-at-large, Hoojung Jones Kennedy – should receive application as well.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day – Woodland Cemetery (Lower Field) – Sunday, June 14, 2015

Staff Lead: Kristen Kerr, Cultural Projects Specialist

20 chairs should be sufficient for attendees

Review of Agenda – confirmation of participants

If Mayor or Councillor does not attend, Chair will bring greetings

Kristen will bring a spare wreath

Keven Ellis will contact a Silver Cross Wearer and follow-up with Kristen

Burlington Knights of Columbus – would like to participate in the parade, will

not be on the bus, Kristen will confirm with Bob that they are attending

North Wall Riders will lead buses into the cemetery, two veterans will lay a wreath

SEAT applications are submitted for these events, confirm the tent size in case a permit is necessary

Remove the British Imperial Veterans Association from the contact list

Kristen has speaking notes for the Mayor, will provide to Bob if the Mayor does not attend.

Keven was able to confirm that Bev McGraw will attend as Silver Cross Wearer before the meeting adjourned.

5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Staff Lead: Kristen Kerr

Ensure the Dieppe Memorial Planning committee are aware the Police Chief has asked to be invited to this event

Still in the early stages of planning

5.3 East Hamilton Decoration Day – Sunday, August 23, 2015

Staff Lead: Kristen Kerr

- Staff to attend July 14, 2015

5.4 Remembrance Day

Garrison Parade – Sunday, November 8, 2015

City Service – Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Staff Lead: Kristen Kerr

- Staff to attend in summer 2015.

HMCS Star needs to be reached out to separately not as part of "Garrison" invite

5.5 BUDGET Review

- Event Expense Review –.

5.6 WWI Anniversary Commemorations

This will remain on the Agenda in anticipation of future anniversary commemorations.

5.7 Upcoming Events

- North Wall Candlelight vigil – August 18, will come through the RHLI distribution flyer, making it an annual vigil
- Maurice Lawson, Dieppe Survivor, June 27 Elliot Heights Baptist Church, 3:00 p.m., Jack MacFarland, Fred Englebrecht, Ken Curry – 3 surviving Dieppe veterans
- Korea War Veterans service, July 27 Brampton, annual event

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Revising the existing Facility Naming policy to reflect military personnel

Guests: Adrienne Kupchanko, Policy/Program Analyst and Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager Policy and Programs, Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning

The existing policy does not address veterans or other military personnel. The HVC endorses adding these recognitions to the policy. Staff will come back to the committee with fleshed out ideas.

6.2 Passing of Harry McEwen – Past President and current member of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

Past practice – the HVC has sent flowers.

Harry's family has requested donations to the Alzheimer's program at Juravinski Hospital.

It was agreed a \$100 donation will be made to the Alzheimer's program on behalf of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

6.3 Resignation of Gerry Rattray

Accepted with regret by committee.

6.4 Bricks at Peace Memorial Arch

Staff to provide information to North Wall Riders regarding placing memorial bricks at Peace Memorial Arch.

6.5 Web presence for HVC

Staff to investigate.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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