



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

Present:	Chair: Bob Fyfe Members: Fern Viola, Art Tompkins, Councillor Pasuta
Absent with Regrets:	Bill Eisan, Councillor Merulla
Also Present:	Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Division Kristen Kerr, Cultural Projects Specialist Inspector Mike Worster, Hamilton Police Service Neil Bell, Retired HMCS Star Teresa McGillvray, Hamilton Signals Association Keven Ellis, North Wall Riders Joey Coleman, Independent Journalist Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison, Tourism and Culture Division

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Items 5.1 to 5.3 will be moved to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared

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

3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 9 June 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 went forward on July 6, 2015.

Thank you to Councillors Pasuta, Merulla and B. Johnson for championing free parking for Veterans in Hamilton.

Hopefully at year's end the pilot will be made permanent.

Still some questions about administration of the program. Councillor Pasuta's understanding is that it is for any Ontario veteran's plate and will start in Sep/Oct 2015.

4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park - Security

Guest: Inspector Mike Worster, Hamilton Police Service

Maple leaf from new enclaves have been removed/damaged.

Cenotaph itself had a bronze flag holder damaged

Stairs are damaged by skateboarders, City's Senior Conservator is working on these two issues.

Gore Park is a point of concern for ACTION officers and mounted patrol, 24 hours a day, special attention to the area, staffing levels down due to Pan Am but have been asked to monitor regularly.

Upgrades to CCTV cameras – activity not currently being captured, but will have the ability to move the cameras, King & James, John & King, monitored at Central Police Station by auxiliary police and volunteers, Inspector Worster will report back to this committee with an update.

Confirm with Senior Conservator if vandalism/theft has been reported.

Joey Coleman, as a member of Beasley Neighbourhood, will get word out to Hamilton Skate Assembly re: importance of the area, will provide contact info to Inspector Worster. Staff to speak to Le'Ann about signage, make message more positive – “as a skateboarder I respect Veterans Place by not skateboarding here”

4.4 Mini decoration days

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.5 Honorary Chairperson – Bill McCulloch

Update: Bill and his daughter Sarah attended Council on June 10, 2015. Bill was extremely pleased with the honour given him. Arrangements will be made to bring him to meetings once in awhile as this is important to him.

4.6 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs

Invitation will be re-sent when 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.7 Adding Afghanistan to existing monuments

Grant application was submitted by deadline. Therese will update committee.

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 went forward to General Issues Committee on July 6, 2015. Clerk's Division asks that all committees confirm the Terms of Reference and produce a simple guideline for new members prior to recruitment in the Fall. This will be on the August agenda.

An information session will likely be held in mid-Fall. Applications will be available on the City's website, at City Hall and the Municipal Service Centres. Interviews will be held with the Selection Committee made up of Councillors. First meetings of new committees will probably take place in January 2016.

4.10 Afghanistan Memorial

Staff, with Keven Ellis of the North Wall Riders, are investigating the feasibility of an Afghanistan Memorial on City property.

No update from staff at this time.

Keven spoke to Linda and Doug Furchner of RHLI, has not been able to speak to Jack MacFarland yet. Memorial will need an approx. 10ft radius. Possible locations are the new park in Beasley across from Central Fire Station, Touch Down statue at the Football Hall of Fame is being moved to Stadium.

Senior Conservator will need to discuss technical specifications as far as materials and foundation.

Bob to put Keven in touch with Rick Seager for a source of the memorial components.

4.11 Web presence for HVC

Staff investigating.

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

Comments: greater attendance than in previous years, cemetery staff were efficient and great to work with, for 2016 more chairs and another tent in case of inclement weather, cemetery staff will cover cost, band requires more space as they have a greater membership

Shawn Eades mother, Bev McGraw, will be honoured to be Silver Cross mother whenever necessary. If staff have difficulty reaching her Keven Ellis will contact her.

Councillor Pasuta and his son Ryan were proud to be in attendance

Thank you from committee to Kristen

5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Staff Lead: Kristen Kerr

Organized primarily by RHLI Association – City is a partner, we pay and coordinate rentals – chairs, tent, podium, sound, set-up and clean-up, HPS will be in attendance for traffic,

bugler honorarium is currently \$50, agreed to raise to standard \$100 as for other events, Laura Jean Falla,
First Aid has been requested, SEAT application has been submitted
Kristen has confirmed with Linda Furchner that Chief DeCaire is invited
RHLI will be coordinating the rest of program
Kristen meets with them again July 26

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

Staff Lead: Kristen Kerr

SEAT application submitted, sound confirmed, 2 HSR buses, pick up at Veterans Service League, slight increase in cost for HSR

Still to be done – confirming program, remove Harry McEwen, Rev.

Chisholm confirmed, Bill will recite Act of Remembrance, Bob will fill in if Bill not available, Fern will lead hymns, Doug Tulloch-piper, Laura Jean Falla-bugler, \$100 honorarium for both, MC-ask Bill, host club is VSL so perhaps Jim Petula president of VSL will act as MC

Combination of email and Canada Post invitations

Motion

(Fyfe/Tompkins)

That the minimum honorarium for buglers and pipers be \$100 each time they are used.

CARRIED

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.

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

July 27 – Korea Veterans, Meadowvale Cemetery in Brampton

July 28 - Burlington – Hoojung Jones, presenting medals from Korean government

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting:

August 11, 2015,

10:00 a.m. to Noon, Room 192, 1st floor, City Hall