

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

То:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
From:	Robert Fyfe, Chair Hamilton Veterans Committee
Date:	October 13, 2015
Re:	Revised Membership Composition for the Hamilton Veterans Committee (HVC15-001) (City Wide)

Recommendation:

That the membership of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be revised to:

Up to 9 members of which a minimum of one to a maximum of three may be members at large.

Background

The Hamilton Veterans Committee has been a volunteer committee of City Council since 1972.

The Hamilton Veterans Committee mandate approved at Council May 14, 2014 ECS Report 14-003 is:

Reporting to Council, through the Emergency and Community Services Committee, 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.

Membership was approved as:

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.

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

Since the approval of this membership composition the Hamilton Veterans Committee has relied heavily on the input of potential members at large to assist in leading their remembrance activities. Therefore, the following motion was carried at the August 11, 2015 regular membership meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee:

That the membership of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be revised to include a minimum of one member at large with a maximum of three members at large that meet the approved member at large criteria.

This will ensure the Hamilton Veterans Committee's ability to meet its deliverables and consistently achieve meeting quorum.