



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

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| Present: | Chair: Bob Fyfe Members: David Steckham, Art Tompkins, Fern Viola Councillor Pasuta |
| Absent with Regrets: | Bill Eisan, Councillor B. Johnson |
| Also Present: | Peter Topalovic, Project Manager, Transportation Paula-Ann Simon, Branch 163, Royal Canadian Legion Michael Leatham, Hamilton Signals Association Neil Bell, Retired HMCS Star Lt (N) Alex Liebersbach, Administrative Officer, HMCS Star Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division |

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Item 6.1 will move 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 20 January 2016.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 HVC Events Information / Procedure Manual

RO to check with Events Staff for aerial images to be included.

4.2 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton

Waiting for review of Pilot Program in September 2016

4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park – Security

Suggestion to approach the Police Advisory committee about a possible presentation to bring the issue to their attention.

4.4 Mini decoration days

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.5 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs

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

4.6 Afghanistan Memorial

No update

4.7 Change of meeting day discussion

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

4.8 Status of City's Volunteer Advisory Committees

Interviews were held April 8 and there are more on April 13. To date the candidates are exceptional. Final selections will be made by the end of the month with approval at the May 11 Council meeting. Staff anticipate the first meeting of the 2016 – 2018 Hamilton Veterans Committee will be Tuesday, June 21.

4.9 Web presence for HVC

Status: HVC to determine what information they want on the website and provide to Web Redevelopment Team for review.

Tabled until new committee is selected.

4.10 Artillery Pieces

- Tour of Tourism and Culture storage facility will be scheduled after June 2016 when new committee is in place.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day – Woodland Cemetery (Upper Field) – Sunday, June 12, 2016

Status update attached, staff will attend the May meeting.

5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Wednesday, August 19, 2016

- Staff to attend late Spring 2016

5.3 East Hamilton Decoration Day – Sunday, August 28, 2016

- Staff to attend late Spring 2016
RO to confirm with Kristen who is hosting this year

5.4 Remembrance Day

Garrison Parade – Sunday, November 13, 2016

City Service – Friday, November 11, 2016

- Staff to attend late Spring 2016
- All three commanding officers (Argylls, RHLI, Star) to be invited to the June meeting, staff suggested this should be moved to the August or September meeting as June will be an orientation meeting for the new committee.
RSMs do the Parade Orders
Star would like to understudy for a year
Discussion as to whether other commanding officers should be included.

5.5 BUDGET Review

- Event Expense Review – Councillor Pasuta is going to look into HSR costs. If HSR costs can be eliminated or reduced, those funds can be used for expenses that the City cannot control.
- 2016 Budget Submission – approved by Council March 9, 2016

5.6 WWI Anniversary Commemorations – 2014-2018

This will remain on the Agenda in anticipation of future anniversary commemorations in which the HVC may be asked to be involved.

5.7 Upcoming Events

Battle of Atlantic Day – 1st Sunday in May, parade followed by a ceremony in front of Haida, reception following at Star

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Temporary Hamilton Bike Share (SoBi) parking station at Veterans Place at Gore Park

Guest: Peter Topalovic, Project Manager, Transportation

Looking at a number of locations to move the SoBi bike share while the next phase of Gore Park is completed.

Transportation staff preference is to keep it near James Street, 3rd option is to temporarily put the Bike Share by the utility shed in Veterans Place, if construction was not complete it would be moved for the November Services.

Peter doesn't anticipate the 3rd option will be necessary

HVC members agreed with the 3rd option providing there was nothing permanent and SoBi parking could be easily removed if necessary.

6.2 Freedom of the City – 31 Service Battalion

RO to send David the research completed by staff.

6.3 Correspondence – Track and Field Dedication, Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School

HVC members were pleased to see this recognition of Mark Graham.

6.4 Ancaster Cenotaph – Christmas Lighting

HVC members agreed with Christmas lighting on the metal arch connecting the two cenotaphs in Ancaster, however there should be no lighting prior to Remembrance Day.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: **May 10, 2016**
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Visitor Centre, Lister Building, 1st floor