



# Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Visitor Centre-28 James North**

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<b>Present:</b>	Chair: Bob Fyfe Members: David Steckham, Art Tompkins, Fern Viola
<b>Absent with Regrets:</b>	Bill Eisan, Councillors B. Johnson and Pasuta
<b>Also Present:</b>	Dan Muir Geordie Elms Michael Leatham, Hamilton Signals Association Keven Ellis, North Wall Riders Association Paula-Ann Simon Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Kristen Kerr, Cultural Projects Specialist, Tourism and Culture Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division

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**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

**1. CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Item 5.1 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 12 April 2016.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **4.1 HVC Events Information / Procedure Manual**

Ask for pictures for Dave

##### **4.2 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton**

Waiting for review of Pilot Program in September 2016

##### **4.3 Veterans Place at Gore Park – Security**

Invite Inspector Worster to the June meeting

Investigate presenting issues to the Police Services Board

##### **4.4 Mini decoration days**

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

Discussion: prepare presentation for those involved in both Decoration Days to share idea for one day, with one anchor location, with volunteers in other (not just the anchor) cemeteries

Need to find a way to let more than just our committees know about these days

Poster to schools with significant Remembrance events

Need to have a proposal / plan in place and then fight the small battles

##### **4.5 Invitation to Minister of Veterans Affairs**

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

##### **4.6 Afghanistan Memorial**

Update: Keven Ellis

Have been awarded rights to purchase a LAV3, challenge to fundraise without an approved location, production complete between September and December, installation and unveiling in the Spring, deposit of \$7,500 due in 30 days, Peace Memorial Park would be ideal,

Single best thing to advocate for Afghan veterans,

Suggested federal property might be easier, quicker to gain approvals

##### **4.7 Change of meeting day discussion**

Tabled until 2015-2018 committee is selected.

##### **4.8 Status of City's Volunteer Advisory Committees**

Selection committee results will go to Council for approval on May 11.

Clerks will notify all applicants after May 11. 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**

Update: Restored artillery pieces have been moved to secure storage at the Tourism and Culture storage facility.

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

Suggested a temporary home at the Armouries, not many would see them but more than in storage

### **5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)**

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

Guest: Kristen Kerr

Program will have names of new committee, RO to provide to Kristen on Thursday

Keven confirmed St. John's Ambulance will be in attendance

#### **5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Wednesday, August 19, 2016**

- Staff to attend early Summer 2016

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

- Staff to attend early Summer 2016
- Host Club: RHLI

#### **5.4 Remembrance Day**

**Garrison Parade** – Sunday, November 13, 2016

**City Service** – Friday, November 11, 2016

- Staff to attend early Summer 2016
- All three commanding officers (Argylls, RHLI, Star) to be invited to the August or September meeting.

#### **5.5 BUDGET Review**

- Event Expense Review – Update on HSR costs-Councillor Pasuta investigating  
Committee asked that it be noted they appreciate the work that staff do to plan respectful, enjoyable events within budgets
- 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.

- Artillery Cadets CO Kevin Brady trying to put something together for Vimy

## 5.7 Upcoming Events

June 14 - Support Our Troops Month invitation from Hamilton Police Service shared with committee

May 10 Frank Simpson, visitation today, funeral May 11

May 14 unveiling Legacy bricks for Nathan Cirillo and Justin Stark, 11:00 a.m. Peace Memorial Arch,

- Would like to put bricks for all that stormed Dieppe at Peace Memorial Arch

Jun 4 Annual cadet review, Paula Ann to send information

Shawn Eades Park – investigate re-naming, dedication Aug 20

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Signals truck nearly ready to attend events, Invited to go to Vimy to share their hands-on re-education program

Veterans Affairs Committee – Bob Bratina is now on committee

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: **June 21, 2016**  
10:00 a.m. to Noon  
City Hall, Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> floor