



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Room 192, 1st floor City Hall

Present: Chair: Bob Fyfe
Members: Art Tompkins, Dave Steckham, Keven Ellis, Geordie Elms, Dan Muir, Marko Babic, Ed Sculthorpe, Councillor B. Johnson, Councillor Pasuta

Absent with Regrets: Rod Paddon

Also Present: Paula-Ann Simon, Branch 163, Royal Canadian Legion
Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator, Tourism and Culture
Sarah Ehmke, Cultural Projects Specialist, Tourism and Culture
Rebecca Oliphant, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Item 6.1, 6.2 and 4.5 will be moved to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.

Item 5.1 and 5.4 will immediately follow the above items to accommodate staff schedules.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

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

3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 9 August 2016.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton

Evaluation report will go forward to General Issues Committee on Wednesday, November 2. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

4.2 Veterans Place at Gore Park – Security

No update.

4.3 Invitation and Agenda for meeting with Minister of Veterans Affairs

Discussion: This item was missed when MP Bratina attended the August meeting. The Minister will attend if HVC has a reason. Requires further discussion.

4.4 Web presence for HVC

Status: Andrea McKinney, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs, will attend the November 29 meeting to discuss what is possible on the City's website and any resources her Division can provide.

4.5 Artillery Pieces

Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator

The artillery pieces were restored several years ago at a cost of approx. \$25,000 as they were severely damaged from the elements. There were also health & safety issues because of rusted metal.

In order for the pieces to be on display they would either need to be in an indoor facility or would at least need a covered pavilion on a cement pad.

Therese will investigate costs for the covered pavilion. Location would need to be investigated. Budget would need to be secured for installation and on-going maintenance.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day–Woodland Cemetery–Sunday, June 11, 2017 (Tentative)

- **Notice of Motion – Waiving of HSR fees for Hamilton Veterans Committee events** – This motion was put forward by Councillor Merulla at the request of Councillor B. Johnson. It passed at Council on September 14.

Guest: Sarah Ehmke, Cultural Projects Specialist

Discussion to consider one City of Hamilton Decoration Day was facilitated by Sarah. Will continue at October 25 meeting. Notes from this meeting will be provided for review. (Attached)

5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Friday, August 19, 2016

Event went well.

2017 Date: Saturday, August 19, 2017

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

Need to ensure we are AODA compliant. See discussion under 5.1.

5.4 Remembrance Day

Garrison Parade – Sunday, November 13, 2016

City Service – Friday, November 11, 2016

- HVC Events Procedure Manual

Guest: Sarah Ehmke, Cultural Projects Specialist

Discussion about making the event more non-denominational, more inclusive. Staff will arrange a separate meeting to meet with other Veterans' organizations for planning.

5.5 BUDGET Review

- Event Expense Review – reviewed under 5.1 and 5.4.
- 2017 Budget Submission – Committee agreed the draft budget provided should be submitted for 2017. Changes may be necessary for 2018 when final decisions are made about Decoration Day.

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.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Proposed work to improve flag mount system on Gore Park Cenotaph

Guest: Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator

Staff reviewed the damages to the flag mounts and explained the options for repair. Full repairs may not be complete for Remembrance Day but will be sturdy enough for the day.

Any future damage will be reported to Hamilton Police Services.

6.2 Mount Hope Cenotaph

Guest: Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator

Staff were recently made aware that the cenotaph behind the Mount Hope Community Hall/Library would need to be relocated due to expansion of the building. A more appropriate location has been determined near the proposed building for the cadets in the same general area. After Remembrance Day the cenotaph will be dismantled and stored until such time as the new area is ready.

6.3 November meeting date

Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, November 22. Staff would like to request a change to Tuesday, November 29.

Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 29.

7. ROUNDTABLE

Items that members feel may be of interest to the committee such as upcoming events, updates on Afghan memorial, etc.

Keven Ellis – at the recent Merchant Navy Memorial Service there was discussion about moving the bronze plaque to a more appropriate area of

Sam Lawrence Park to enable a more respectful memorial service to take place.

Staff will investigate with Heritage Resource Management and Parks.

Bob Fyfe – received the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation at a ceremony in Mississauga on September 24. Thank you to whoever may have nominated him.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, October 25, 2016**
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Room 192, 1st floor, City Hall