



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Boardroom, City Hall

Present:	Vice-Chair: Dave Steckham Members: Geordie Elms, Dan Muir, Ed Sculthorpe, Art Tompkins, Keven Ellis
Absent with Regrets:	Councillor Pasuta
Also Present:	Fern Viola, Resource Member Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator Brydie Huffman, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Division Rebecca Oliphant, Admin Assistant, Tourism and Culture Division

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades.

Reminded members that there was another meeting at 6 p.m. so meeting needed to finish on time.

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Item 6.1 Flagpoles at Veterans Place moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Paddon / Sculthorpe)

3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 25 April 2017.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Parking for Veterans in Hamilton

Update: The following recommendation received approval at Planning Committee on May 2 and at Council on May 10, 2017.

“That effective 1 June 2017, the Veterans Parking Program be expanded to allow free parking for ALL vehicles with a valid Ontario Veteran Licence Plate, for a maximum of three (3) hours at all on-street parking meters and in municipal carparks.”

This item will now be removed from the Agenda.

4.2 Veterans Place at Gore Park – Security

No concerns at this time.

4.3 Invitation and Agenda for meeting with Minister of Veterans Affairs

Tentative date: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Update: Geordie Elms

The Minister will be in Hamilton as part of Afghan Memorial dedication at Canadian Warplane Museum. MP Bratina has taken the invitation from the HVC to the Minister. More information will be shared when available. , MP Bratina wants to take Minister to Veterans Place at Gore Park

4.4 Web presence for HVC

Update: Ed Sculthorpe/Marko Babic

Staff to confirm with Director of Communications whether a meeting is necessary. At this time invited people only can view the page. Once approval is received from the City the page will be opened further. At this time Ed is an Administrator. Will need more.

4.5 Artillery Pieces

Update: Geordie Elms

Therese and Armoury contacts need to meet to discuss the storage/display of the pieces. At this time they are quite involved with the June 3 Afghan Memorial dedication.

4.6 Revised Terms of Reference

Draft report for review. Final report is due to Clerks on June 2 and will be on the June 12 Emergency and Community Services Committee agenda. Committee approved the report. Staff will prepare for Chair's signature and forward to Clerks by the June 2 deadline.

4.7 Participant Guidelines for HVC Remembrance Ceremonies

Draft guidelines for discussion.

Committee made changes to the draft guidelines. Final is attached.

These guidelines will be shared with everyone asked to participate in Hamilton Veterans Committee hosted Remembrance ceremonies.

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Decoration Day–Eastlawn Cemetery–Sunday, June 11, 2017

Brydie Huffman

HSR has been notified, will meet at City Hall at 10:00 a.m., will depart at 10:15 a.m. to travel to Eastlawn. City Hall will be open.

Brydie has met with Cemeteries staff to ensure annual Spring clean-up will be completed at Eastlawn, tents and seating will be set-up.

Participants as listed in the draft program have agreed to take part. Program was approved with the addition of an “In Memoriam” mention of Bill Eisan.

Any suggestions to improve the ceremony are welcome.

The HVC and City staff do not assist with the organization of receptions that follow Decoration Day ceremonies.

In past years participants have gone to Her Majesty’s Army and Navy for an informal reception after Decoration Day in June.

A reception after East Hamilton Decoration Day was hosted by a rotation of four Clubs.

Dan Muir will speak to the United Council of Veterans as rotation for hosting should be handled by that organization.

5.2 Dieppe Memorial – Saturday, August 19, 2017 – 75th Anniversary

Update: possible participation of Calgary Unit - King’s Own Cavalry Regiment.

This unit has a Dieppe history.

Marko and Brydie will attend the Dieppe planning meeting on June 24.

5.3 Remembrance Day

Garrison Parade – Saturday, November 11, 2017

City Service – Saturday, November 11, 2017

Regiments and other interested parties have been informed there will be just one service this year. Detailed planning will begin after Decoration Day. Navy is the CO of the garrison this year.

5.4 BUDGET Review

- Event Expense Review – may be a small saving as HVC is hosting only one Decoration Day ceremony moving forward. Need to wait until all invoices are paid to determine what that saving may be.
- Draft budgets for 2017 events – any savings for Remembrance Day 2017 will be for the current year only.

5.5 WWI Anniversary Commemorations – 2014-2018

No updates

6. NEW BUSINESS – HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

6.1 Flagpoles at Veterans Place

Guest: Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator

Therese met with the Landscape Architects about the free-standing flagpoles to hold the Navy, Army and Air Force flags in Veterans Place at Gore Park. The poles would be placed in front of the dark granite bench in the grassy area in front of the Cenotaph. The flags would fly lower than the Canadian flag.

The HVC agreed to this positioning of the flagpoles.

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

Afghan Memorial Dedication – Canadian Warplane Museum – Saturday, June 3 – 10:00 a.m.

Draft itinerary was included in the May 23 information package.

All committee members invited.

Election of Chair – Anna Bradford

Dave Steckham nominated Geordie Elms. Geordie, with respect declined.

Ed Sculthorpe nominated Dave Steckham. Dave agreed to stand. There being no further nominations, all were in favour of Dave Steckham as the new Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

Election of Vice Chair – Anna Bradford

Rod Paddon nominated Ed Sculthorpe. Ed agreed to stand. There being no further nominations, all were in favour of Ed Sculthorpe as the new Vice-Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Sculthorpe / Elms)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Room 192, 1st floor, City Hall