

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee**

Tabled from January meeting (no quorum), to be rescheduled.
Ask Carrie to join us on the 14 June 2011

4.2 **Artillery pieces in Dundurn Park and at the Delta**

Discussion: Leave on agenda until decision is made about Discovery Centre, perhaps at that time they can be moved to Discovery Centre
Hoping to get enough donations to keep them outside
Inside would be better as there would be less wear and tear from the elements
Provide new members with the report re: artillery pieces

4.3 **Veterans Way of Remembrance**

Update: waiting for a response from Facility Naming Sub-committee before seeking permission to use the poppy from Dominion Command.
Would like signs in place for Remembrance Day

4.4 **Possible use of former Parks Canada Discovery Centre as a Military Museum**

Action: send letter under Chair's signature expressing HVC's interest in using the building as a Military Museum, other interested organizations – RHLI, Argyll & Sutherlanders
Suggest it could be operated at the same times as the HMCS Haida,

4.5 **Peace Memorial Recognition – Diane Griffin**

Update – we received a quote from the installer, approx. \$75, Rebecca will contact Diane Griffin
This item is considered complete and can be removed from the Agenda.

4.6 **Queen's Jubilee Medal**

Update – staff have been in contact with both Mayor's office and Clerk's Division, to date they have received no information about the Queen's Jubilee Medal, Mayor's office and Clerk's would probably hear first

5. **STANDING ITEMS**

5.1 **Smith's Knoll - Stoney Creek re-interment**

Update – Anna

May 9, lifted lid of crypt, bones from crypt have been transferred to lab at McMaster for study to determine geographically where they are from
Archaeology has found no evidence of more bones on site to date
Will report monthly to committee
Stoney Creek Arena construction site was monitored by an archaeologist, nothing was found
When study is complete bones will stay together but will tell a better story about the men to whom they belonged

5.2 Upcoming Events

June 6 event – Friends of HMCS Haida

Aug 19 – Dieppe Memorial Event – 11:00 a.m., RHLI Veterans Association host

Aug 28 – Branch 58 host East End Decoration Day, service in East Lawn Cemetery

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Election of Chair

Election of Vice-Chair

Tabled until entire committee can be present

6.2 Decoration Day Planning

Update: Marie MacEachern

Date: Sunday, June 12, 2011

- Location: Hamilton Cemetery on York Blvd.
- Program has been reviewed with Marie by John and Harry
- Meet in City Hall parking lot, two buses at 10:15 leaving at 10:30
- Marie will be in the parking lot at 9:30 handing out programs
- Sound system arranged,
- Marie has contacted the cemetery office to arrange for tents, chairs (20), podium
- Marie to bring Federal, Provincial, Municipal wreaths
- Francis Chisholm has agreed to be minister
- Order is correct in the program
- Weather will determine the number of verses for hymns
- Veterans Prayer – Bill Eisan
- Bugler – Bob Fyfe, Gerry Rattray
- Letters of invitation will go out tomorrow (May 11) now that program has been approved
- Marie will call the HMCS Star Band to confirm

6.3 Tall Ships

Are being investigated for 1812 commemorations

6.4 East End Decoration Day

Bill has met with Marie

6.5 Medal of Bravery – Sailor from Hamilton

In the past the Hamilton Veterans Committee has not officially recognized these military personnel,

(Fyfe/Eisan)

Motion that the Mayor's office be asked to send a letter of congratulations.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at a.m.

Next Meeting: 14 June 2011
10:00 a.m. to Noon
City Hall – Room 193

Significant Veterans Anniversaries (Please provide any additions you may be aware of to this list.)

- 2011** - formal end of Canadian combat
- 2012** - RHLI, Dieppe will probably August 19, 2012, Queen's 60th Jubilee
- 2013** - 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek,
- 2014** - 100th Anniversary of the beginning of WWI
- 70th of D Day
- 2015** -

Should be looking at dates, investigating, asking if HVC can be of assistance