



Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, City Hall**

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<b>Present:</b>	Chair: Dave Steckham Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe Members: Dan Muir, Keven Ellis, Geordie Elms, Councillor B. Johnson
<b>Absent with Regrets:</b>	Councillor Pasuta, Art Tompkins, Marko Babic, Rod Paddon
<b>Also Present:</b>	Michael Leatham - Guest Brydie Huffman, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division Rebecca Oliphant, Tourism and Culture Division Julie Richards-Bramhill, Admin Assistant, Tourism and Culture Division

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

**1. CHANGES TO AGENDA –**

Her Majesty's Army and Navy, Lost Monument Ceremony – November 4, 2017 at Hamilton Cemetery, 11am for Canada 150. The last year for Her Majesty's Army & Navy as there are not enough members for the colour party. Shuttle bus will be at Bay and Cannon Tim Hortons. James Gray will send us information for our Facebook page. Dan to help them get a piper.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(Keven Ellis/Ed Sculthorpe)**

**3.1** Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated July 25, 2017.

**CARRIED**

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

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

Councillor Brenda Johnson suggested that this item be removed from the from future Agendas and brought forward if issues occur. Agreed.

##### **4.2 Web presence for HVC**

Update: Ed Sculthorpe – Word is getting out. Suggestion was made that a small promotional coupon campaign for broadcasting on website might be helpful.

##### **4.3 Flagpoles at Veterans Place**

Update – Flags are in place and look lovely. Placement may affect logistics for Remembrance Day.

##### **4.4 Artillery Pieces**

Update: Staff confirmed Therese is still waiting to hear back from the Armouries.

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

**5.1 Decoration Day**– Sunday, June 10, 2018 – Eastlawn Cemetery. Need to ramp up for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Decoration Day after 2017 Remembrance Day.

**5.2 Dieppe Memorial** – Saturday, August 19, 2017 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Update: A plaque is missing. We are looking to replace it with no word as to a date at this time. Brydie will contact Councillor Johnson about free flyovers. Water barrels were not in the way of the Candlelight vigil the night before (organized by the North Wall Riders Association – Steel City Chapter). Asking about permanent benches being placed around memorial. Councillor Collins has Area Rating monies and Dieppe Memorial Committee could possibly get sponsorships. Keven sits on the Dieppe Memorial Planning committee. They would like to see the attendance grow.

**5.3 Remembrance Day**

**Garrison Parade** – Saturday, November 11, 2017

**City Service** – Saturday, November 11, 2017 –

Planning meeting with any interested Veterans organizations is October 17, 2017 at 7pm, across from the Haida. Committee appreciation dinner at 5pm, location to be determined. It was agreed Ed Penner will attend with Volunteer Cavalry. French public school will recite In Flanders Fields in both languages. Shylo Elmayan, Senior Project Manager, Community Initiatives will be asked for assistance with Indigenous participation. Drum circle will be asked to perform as a prelude this year. Stewart Memorial Church will do a reading. ASL interpreter will have notes ahead of time.

Fern Viola will not be participating in singing this year. Dave Steckham suggested his daughter Tara Hafkenny could stand in to sing Oh Canada

and God Save the Queen if it wasn't a conflict of interest. She would probably decline an honorarium. Moved by Councillor Brenda Johnson that Tara Hafkenny be approached, seconded by Dan Muir. The Star Band may have their own preferred singer. Brydie will reach out to them. We need another military clergyman. Geordie Elms will ask the Brigade Padre.

#### **5.4 BUDGET Review**

- Event Expense Review
- Draft budgets for 2018 events –

##### **Motion**

##### **(Muir/Sculthorpe)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2018 budget request will be the same as in 2017.

**CARRIED**

### **6. NEW BUSINESS – HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE**

- 6.1** Annual Presentation to Emergency and Community Services – 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11- Dave will present. The committee can build a presentation of what we have done this year, Brydie will edit it. Rebecca to send last year's presentation to Dave who will update for 2017. Important to mention a thank you to Council for the free parking and HSR waiver for buses for Hamilton Veterans Committee hosted events.

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

Keven – Lance Sargent Earl McAllister. His sister Joyce is still alive at age 97. Her last wish is to honour her brother as Council move in 1944. North Wall Riders Association – Steel City Chapter have organized a plaque at the Peace Memorial Arch. It will be unveiled this Sunday, October 1 at 10:45 a.m. Afterwards there will be a reception and birthday cake as it is Joyce's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ed will share on HVC Facebook page. Councillor Johnson can put something forward as to naming a street and determining a location where he lived. He was an Argyll.

A round of applause for Keven who was awarded the Minister of Defence National Challenge Coin for his work on the Afghan Memorial.

Dave made request that all committee members who have a uniform, dress blues/greens and grays and regimental ties wear this to meetings as per the guidelines passed several terms past. It was decided that for summer business casual was accepted during hot weather. Members agreed to continue with existing tradition to the best of their ability.

Geordie reported Fred Passmore passed away last week and the service will be October 21, 2017, at the Warplane Museum.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Muir/ Ellis )**

The meeting adjourned at \_6\_ p.m.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, October 24, 2017**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, City Hall**