



# Hamilton

## **Minutes**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Room 192 – City Hall**

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**Present:** Chair: Dave Steckham  
Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe  
Members: Dan Muir, Geordie Elms, Rod Paddon

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor B. Johnson, Councillor Pasuta, Art Tompkins, Marko Babic, Keven Ellis

**Also Present:** Bruce Woods – Guest  
Robert Fyfe – Guest  
Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Division  
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:**

- 1. CHANGES TO AGENDA**  
No changes.
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
None declared.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(Ed Sculthorpe/Dan Muir)**

- 3.1** Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated September 26, 2017.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### 4.1 Web presence for HVC

Update: Ed Sculthorpe – nothing to update at this time.

##### 4.2 Flagpoles at Veterans Place

Update – It was suggested by Rebecca that this item could be removed from the agenda. Agreed by Committee.

##### 4.3 Artillery Pieces

Update: Therese is waiting for a response from the Armouries.

##### 4.4 Annual Presentation to Emergency & Community Services Thursday, December 7, 2017 ~ 1:30 p.m. ~ Council Chambers

For review: Draft presentation prepared by Dave Steckham –  
Dave presented his presentation and received constructive feedback.  
Inquiry if we should change the word “service” to “ceremony” for next year? Decided not to take any action at this time.

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

5.1 **Decoration Day**– Sunday, June 10, 2018 ~ Eastlawn Cemetery – Brydie suggested, due to the changes the HVC wants to make for next year, that a special Decoration Day meeting be held, with all coming to the meeting with ideas. Ed suggested a January and February meeting to focus on and have working groups directed strongly towards the youth involvement. Robert asked about location and Eastlawn is indeed the location for 2018. Suggested we have Cadets and Leaders come to the meeting. Julie will book a room for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

5.2 **Dieppe Memorial** – Sunday, August 19, 2018

Update: water barrels need to be filled and will reschedule for it to be done properly. There was no mention of the missing plaque.

5.3 **Remembrance Day**

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

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

Brydie presented a chart of who is doing what role for program printing. Comadore Skjerpen will be visiting and eager to participate. Lieutenant General Paul Wynnyk, commander of the army will be there also. Discussed the Saluting Officer should be Lieutenant General Paul Wynnyk. Ed nominated/Bob seconded. Dave nominated George Roach of the RHLI for the position as the Veteran accompanying the Saluting Officer. Gun crew will not have any guns so we will use the sound of a base drum at the park. Will have to Leave by 10:10am. Put drummer with them. Wreath coordinator. Need two rows for officials reserved. Some need to be organized with their wreaths. Invited Officials and Special “those that need assistance” chairs. Stands will be in place.

Silver Cross Mother, Rod wanted “Silver Cross Family” not “bearer” in program. Band term “Duty Band” and “Duty Bugler”

Anna suggested before ceremony begins to announce to the people laying a wreath people to congregate at the area.

Email from police asking how many officers do we need? We have four. Ed moves that we need more than four. Decided to only keep our four.

Singer asked for no fee. We will give her an honorarium.

Geordie suggested a younger veteran police officer to do the veteran’s prayer. Brydie will be Asking police chief.

Café Red church wants to do a display poppies and offer free coffee for veterans.

Mr. Penner with his horse will parade with the Mounties.

#### **5.4 BUDGET Review**

- Event Expense Review – collectively reviewed the budget .

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

#### **6.1 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I**

Guest: Mr. Bruce Woods

Proposal for large scale event Sunday, November 11, 2018 is on a Sunday and suggests a ceremony at First Ontario Centre along with his church followers. Asked how can we raise money and plan a program. Anna thanked him for presenting and suggested to committee that we not lose the essence of the idea. Maybe open it to something else. Bob mentioned Serena and her production and the money involved. Mr Woods wants us to talk with Mayor and see if he has leverage and feels there’s merit.

### **7. ROUNDTABLE** (Items that members feel may be of interest to the committee such as upcoming events) – Glanbrook service Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lance Sgt. Earl McAllister was honoured at Council on October 11, 2017. Mayor’s office is investigating street re-naming and possible plaque.

The HVC is concerned that there is a disconnect between the Mayor’s office and Council and the purpose of this Committee. Anna suggested Dave draft a letter

as Chair, to remind the Mayor and Council that HVC is here to offer advice or assistance and to inform on items that pertain to the City's veterans.

Geordie suggested the HVC speak to staff about more appropriate naming criteria. Rebecca to ask the staff liaison to the Facility Naming Sub-committee attend a future meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Ed Sculthorpe /Dan Muir )**

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

Next Meeting:           **Tuesday, November 28, 2017**  
                                  4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
                                  **Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, City Hall**