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# **Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Annual Advisory Committee Presentation**



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## 2016 – 2018 Committee Membership

For the 2015-2018 term of Council, citizens applied and were appointed through the City of Hamilton Citizen Volunteer Committee selection process.

This is the first time citizens could apply as a member-at-large.

- David Steckham, Chair
- Ed Sculthorpe, Vice-Chair
- Marko Babic, Geordie Elms, Dan Muir, Rod Paddon, Art Tompkins, Kevin Ellis
- Councillor Brenda Johnson, Councillor Robert Pasuta
- Resource members: Robert Fyfe, Fern Viola



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## **Mandate (approved June 14, 2017)**

- Reporting to Council, the Hamilton Veterans Committee oversees the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton. When directed by Council, the Committee will provide input on projects and issues that are of concern to Hamilton Veterans. e.g. Veteran parking, Monuments and Cenotaphs and Veterans' Field of Honour.
- Assist in the coordination of significant Veteran's commemorative events for the City of Hamilton.
- Maximize the Engagement of Youth



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## Remembrance Day & Memorial Services

- Provide direction and coordination for the Hamilton Remembrance Day Parade and Service, and Decoration Day Memorial Services
- Communicate with all Hamilton Veterans groups: the Order of Service, Parade Orders, volunteer dignitaries, i.e. Saluting Officer, Clergy, etc.
- Work with community citizens and local organizations as they assist in the coordination of Remembrance Day.
- Provide assistance (logistical, etc.) to specific events, (e.g. Dieppe Memorial Service)







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## Previous and Ongoing Projects

- Provide approval for any use of Hamilton Cenotaph and Veteran's Place at Gore Park
- Advocated for free parking for all Hamilton Veterans
- Completed the Commemorative naming of James Street North and South as "Veterans Way of Remembrance"
- Continuing support of "Art Crawl Remembers"



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## Future Goals

To continue to work with all Veterans organizations from across the City, in an effort to stand together as one collective voice representing all the Veterans of the City of Hamilton.

To further engage and educate the youth of our city on the sacrifices made by Veterans to secure their future.

## To Succeed Together

Strong representation from Hamilton Veterans Committee members.



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## Would Like to Thank



The Hamilton City Council.

- For it's approval this year, of the changes this committee requested to the issue of parking for Veterans.
- For it's HSR waiver for buses chartered for HVC hosted events
- For it's continuous support of Veterans related issues





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## Would Like to Thank

Mr. Robert Fyfe, a former member of the Royal Canadian Navy and a retired firefighter of thirty-one years with the Hamilton Fire Department. Mr. Fyfe stayed very involved with the community in retirement. He has been a member of numerous groups, including the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Veterans Association Band, the Toronto Signals Trumpet Band. He has personally performed the *Last Post* at numerous ceremonies in Hamilton, and on two occasions, on the beaches of Dieppe, France in 1992 and 1997. Mr. Fyfe has also been active in Veterans' organizations in Hamilton. He is a long-standing member and past president of the United Council of Veterans in Hamilton. He recently stepped down as the chairperson of the City of Hamilton's Veterans Committee.



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## Remembers



EISAN, William (Bill) Peacefully passed away on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Hamilton General Hospital in his 99th year. Predeceased by his wife Helen and son Robert. Loving father of Penny and Fred Lord, William Jr. and Helen, Linda and Larry Angeline. Proud grandfather and great-grandfather of many children. He will be fondly remembered by his many other family members and friends. Bill was a Veteran of WW II and the Korean War. He was a longtime member of Br. 58 Legion where he served as Capt. of the Drill Team. He was very active in Legion responsibilities and Veterans Affairs. He was a longtime member of the City of Hamilton's Veterans Committee.



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## Thank You

