



Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Room 192 – City Hall**

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

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### **CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- 1. CHANGES TO AGENDA**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(Ed/Geordie)**

- 3.1** Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated October 24, 2017.

**CARRIED**

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 4.1** Web presence for HVC

Update: Ed Sculthorpe/Marko Babic – nothing to report. Wondering if there is anything we can post during this dry spell.

#### **4.2 Artillery Pieces**

Update: Therese is waiting for approval of the plan by the engineer.

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

Update: Dave will be presenting, members welcome to attend.

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

**5.1 Decoration Day**– Sunday, June 10, 2018 ~ Eastlawn Cemetery – meeting times January and February booked. Jan 23<sup>th</sup> and Feb 27<sup>th</sup> City Hall, 4:00pm – We have booked both dates for committee workshops.

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

Update: no update on when the missing plaque will be re-installed.

#### **5.3 Remembrance Day**

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

**City Service** – Saturday, November 11, 2017, debrief – Went over details and wonder if in future we start the parade earlier or move the reading until after the moment of silence at 11:00am sharp. Two lines of wreath layers may be good. Brydie read emails with critiques. Suggesting 2 Large screen monitors, and video for next year. Chief at 6 Nations was impressed with inclusion and dancers. Committee was very happy with Brydie's efforts put forth.

#### **5.4 BUDGET Review**

- Review Brydie went over details, \$14,636.00

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

**6.1** - Mr. David Calconi, regarding Remembrance Day reflection- Mr. Calconi was shocked by the note of reflection and was concerned that it did not represent the day respectfully. Felt it was politicized. Thought the reflection should not have brought other issues to the Remembrance Day ceremony. Councillor Brenda Johnson spoke to what the speech was to be about is approved by the committee. Brydie said the speaker was asked as a milenial and as a youth and the speach was reviewed ahead of time, and approved by the committee and staff. Ed expressed a need to preserve our legacy as we decrease in numbers. Youth is the future and the committee needs to determine how we can give them a reference point. Difficult balance and trial and error and we need to maintain our focus.

Mr. Calconi remarks to the committee are attached.

#### **6.2 HVC meeting dates for 2018**

the fourth Tuesday April, May, July, Sept, Oct and November. To be booked by Julie

## 7. ROUNDTABLE - -

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Brydie invited to a lunch with First Special Service Force. Looking to do exhibit or display somewhere. Councillor Brenda Johnson suggested the foyer in City Hall. Two weeks prior to Remembrance Day.

Dave would like to work with: Support for the lost monument. A historian has a ceremony walking tour. Do we want to become involved? Different time of the year perhaps.

Geordie suggested devoting one of our workshop meetings in Jan or Feb to youth involvement. Involve younger veterans in developing a youth strategy.

It was suggested that the City should do something for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for WW1. Dave will draft an Information Report for Council.

Fern Viola Committee would like to give him a title of Honorary Member. If committee wants to send him a gift we have to make a motion. Geordie will let us know when he speaks with the family.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

(Ed / Dave)

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

Next Meeting:

### **Decoration Day Workshop Meeting**

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

**and Tuesday February 27, 2018**

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, City Hall**

### **General Meeting**

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, City Hall**