



# Hamilton

## MINUTES

### Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Room 192 – City Hall

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**Present:** Chair: Dave Steckham

**Members:** Dan Muir, Bob Fyfe, Keven Ellis, Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe, Anna Bradford

**Absent with Regrets:** Geordie Elms, Councillor B. Johnson, Rod Paddon, Marko Babic, Councillor Pasuta, Art Tompkins,

**Also Present:** Mike Leatham – Guest, Franca Hicks – Guest, Carolyn King – Guest, Brydie Huffman, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division Lee-Anne Dantzer, Admin Assistant, Tourism and Culture Division

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**1. CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
(Ellis/Sculthorpe)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes dated May 22, 2018 be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

**5.1 Decoration Day Review –**

- Please refer to handout attached to the minutes titled “Cadet Parade, Decoration Day June 10, 2018” and “Information Re: Lieutenant General F Wynnyk and 2019 Decoration Day”.
- Note that June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Battle Weekend. There will be fewer resources available on this day.
- Budget-wise a larger event is possible.

- Would like a Garrison-style parade and to involve the schools but committee thinks a parade down York street would be too long a route for cadets
- Suggestion to create sub-committees to help with planning.
- Could ask London-based Military Police to assist.
- Dundurn Castle is not available on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as there is another event on the grounds that day as noted by Dundurn staff present at meeting
- Note: to identify, before the budget goes out, if there is a need for additional money for special projects.
- Preference for June 2<sup>nd</sup> event on the Hamilton Cemetery grounds. Brydie will be in contact with the Commander's office and explain the scheduling issue

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

- Update: RHLI Veterans Association. We provide logistics and admin support.
- Memorial has been repaired.

Brydie will ensure the flags are replaced prior to the service

#### **5.3 Remembrance Day**

- **Garrison Parade** – going forward as planned. There are no notices as of yet re: VIP's.
- Everything is happening on same day this year.

**City Service –**

#### **5.4 City of Hamilton Updates**

- **Serbian Memorial** - Anna Bradford
- Anna and The Mayor met with the Consulate General of Serbia. Please see attached handout.
- Would like to have a plaque on City Hall property to commemorate WW1. As well a letter of support and ceremony when it is put up.
- Request from committee to ask for consultation. Committee members feel that issues between Croatian and Serbian communities are still too fresh – many veterans on the HVC served in the Balkans and are uncomfortable giving their blessing on this.
- Suggestion to put the plaque up at a church instead of City Hall property

#### **5.5 Guest speaker: N/A**

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

- Any requests from SEAT to use Veterans Place are reviewed so the park is protected. Request by written letter.
- The Fringe Festival is in the park right now at the east leg of Gore Park.
- New event- Canadian Country Music Association will potentially host an event in Gore on Wednesday September 5th

**7. ROUNDTABLE - HVC meeting dates for 2018**

- Suggestion for added meeting dates for next year.
- Confirmed: Meeting date on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to start discussions on Remembrance Day programming

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Muir /Fyfe)**

That there being no further business, the Hamilton Veterans Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting: **September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

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

## **Cadet Parade, Decoration Day June 10, 2018**

**Overview:** Mr. W. Cumming (Air Cadet League) and myself, Mr. T. Ryan CD (Army Cadet League) were asked to plan an event which would begin the process of returning Decoration Day to the youth and families of the City by involving the Cadet Services in the decoration the Military grave sites in the Hamilton Cemetery, then following it with a short service of Remembrance, at the Cenotaph within the Cemetery.

**Process:** We then contacted our respective area cadet corps to invite them to attend the Cemetery on the 10 of June, since we had no Navy League rep working with us we attempted to pass the information to their corps.

The day was divided into 4 phases:

- a. Cadet and families, arrival at 0900 hrs.
- b. Cadets were formed into groups and instructed in the correct method of decorating the graves and sent out to the various areas. 0915 to 1030 hrs,
- c. Cadets form for parade and march off at 1045 hrs.
- d. Parade returns to muster area for City provided lunch and dismissal.

**Results:** From the Cadet side, the parade was a total success with 70+ cadets and staff on parade including the Bugler and Piper at the service. All services were represented, with the bulk of the Cadets coming from the Air Cadets, this was due to the short planning time allotted by the committee and the previous commitments of the other Corps.

### **Suggestions:**

For all Cadet Corps, initial invitations to the 2019 Decoration Day Service, should be out to the Commanding Officers nlt 15 August 2018, as they must submit their training plans for the year by 1 September.

1. Hamilton Decoration Day, should be moved to 2 June 2019, as this is the date published by DND, and the majority of their year end revues follow during the next couple of weeks.
2. To cover all of the grave sites within the Hamilton Cemetery, I would suggest that the cadets be split into two groups, one on either side (N + S) and then move through decorating the graves as they are identified, meeting at the centre to form up for the parade.
3. There are other grave sites at other Hamilton controlled cemeteries, perhaps HWDSB and the HWCSB could become involved on the Friday afternoon by decorating graves in cemeteries adjacent to their schools.
4. Dress for the Cadets should be initially with jackets and if weather as warm as this year they be allowed to change to Short Sleeve Order, our only casualties on parade where caused by overheating wearing their jackets.
5. Not enough water points available, an additional 2 to 3 water points be allocated for all participants, including Veteran colour parties.
6. Develop a new plan for the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, re: location of military participants, veterans, and wreath placement.
7. A request for 13<sup>th</sup> Bn RHLI be generated for 2 sentries, to front the Cenotaph during the service plus an officer, who would be responsible for all parade commands at the Cenotaph, rather than the Master of Ceremonies trying to do both jobs. Letter required to RHLI, NLT than 31 January 2019, to allow for budget allocation.

## **INFORMATION RE: LEIUTENANT GENERAL F. WYNNYK AND 2019 DECORATION DAY.**

In June, I attended a Mess Dinner at the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, where Lt General F Wynnyk the Commander of the Army was the guest speaker. After dinner, Col Elms explained to him about our Cadets on Decoration Day and he asked me to fill him in on the cadet involvement.

After our conversation, he stated since it was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, he would like to be involved as the Reviewing Officer for the Cadet Parade. This would be a coup for all of the Cadets in Hamilton, and The City of Hamilton itself. Especially, since his appointment 15 July 2018 to Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, as such he will be responsible for the Cadet Services so that puts greater pressure on the our local Corps to participate.

I personally feel that we as a committee, should react to the General's wish to participate by extending a invitation to him as soon as possible to allow for insertion into his calendar. Note: The official DND date for Decoration Day is posted as June 2, 2019, so the Hamilton Date would have to coincide with that calendar.

By early planning, invitations to all Hamilton Cadet Corps, the integration of the grave decoration, service, and a parade down York St past a reviewing stand to Dundurn Castle grounds after the service. There, if he wishes, a relaxed meeting with the Cadets during their lunch.

You may also present to him, to fill out his weekend in Hamilton, an invitation to speak at a Mess Dinner sponsored by the City and the officers of the Cadet Instructors Cadre in the Hamilton area, or one of the Hamilton based Reserve units on the Saturday evening 1 June 2019.

Although he expressed his wishes to attend, there is no guarantee that this will work but we should attempt to make it happen.

I am sure you will have the support of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Cadet Leagues in this project.

MWO(R) T. Ryan CD

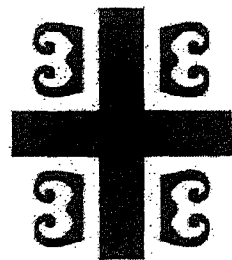
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## Decoration Day Budget – June 2018

Service Provided	Notes	Cost
2 HSR buses	Provided in-kind	\$0
Sound system , Jack Rousseau		\$450
Officiating Clergy, Rev. Francis Chisholm		\$100
Vocalist		\$0
Band, Dundas Concert Band		\$300
Bugler and piper	Provided by cadets, suggest honorarium	\$0
Tent and table rental, (including set up, take down, delivery)	Professional Show rentals	\$501.00
Pizza lunch for cadets	Delivered to event	\$450.00
Coffee for cadet parents	Picked up by staff en route	\$30.00
First Aid, St John Ambulance volunteers, police duty	Free of charge for Veterans events	\$0
Cemetery use	Provided in-kind	\$0
Rocks, flags + decor	Coordinated by staff	\$0
Flowers for Graves	Ordered from Costco	\$340
Printing	Provided in-kind	\$0
<b>Total Expenses (estimate)</b>		<b>\$1,831</b>
<b>Event Budget</b>		<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>- \$169</b>

**SERBIA AND CANADA COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE END OF THE WORLD WAR I**

**FIGHTING AS ALLIES ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY**



**REMEMBERING THE FALLEN FROM ALL NATIONS**

**BY HONORING THE FIRST AND THE LAST VICTIMS OF THE WORLD WAR I**

**First victim of the WWI**

Dušan Đonović (Душан Ђонович) *age 16*,  
student of the Royal Academy of Commerce in Belgrade,  
volunteer in the Unit of Voivoda Jovan Babunski. Died of wounds  
from artillery fire on the city of Belgrade,  
from the Austro-Hungarian Danube river monitor ship "Bodrog",  
the first day of War, July 28th 11:00 p.m.

**Last victim of the WWI**

George Lawrence Price, *age 26*, Served, with "A",  
Company of 28th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary  
Force in Belgium. Fatally shot by a German sniper at  
10:58 a.m. on November 11th 1918. He died just two  
minutes before the armistice ceasefire that ended the  
war, coming to effect at 11:00 a.m.

**ЖИВЕЈА СРБИЈА - LONG LIVE CANADA**