



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

TO:	Chair and Members Healthy and Safe Communities Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 17, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	City of Hamilton Veterans Committee 2019 Budget Submission (PED18236) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED18236, in the amount of \$30,000, be approved and referred to the 2019 Budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Hamilton Veterans Committee (HVC) 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. The Committee also acts as a liaison between the City and its Veterans.

The Hamilton Veterans Committee is requesting the amount of \$30,000 (the same as 2018) to coordinate various Veterans' activities throughout the year. These events include but are not limited to Remembrance Day, Decoration Day ceremonies and Youth Education initiatives. Costs associated with policing these events are covered through the Tourism and Culture Division, Events Office operating budget. The remaining safety factors such as road closures, traffic warning signs and fencing for members of the public and honourariums for musicians at services are covered through the Hamilton Veterans Committee approved budget for multiple community military services across the City of Hamilton.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Other expenses for the events that the Hamilton Veterans Committee coordinates include wreaths, technical equipment rentals, media streaming services, appropriate sound systems, program printing, and programming elements such as warbird "fly past" services.

In June 2017, Council approved the revised mandate of the Hamilton Veterans Committee to include the objective to maximize the engagement of youth in the act of Remembrance through projects and events. This decision has been put into action with the involvement of a youth cadet parade and lunch service on Decoration Day as well as a youth-led public art project for Remembrance Day. It is expected that these additions may require additional funding requests in future years.

Working with the Hamilton Veterans Committee, staff closely monitor the Advisory Committee budget to determine if future increases will be necessary as each year the Hamilton Veterans Committee is asked to support an increasing number of Remembrance and Commemoration events throughout the City of Hamilton. (i.e. busing for youths attending services of Remembrance, public art commemoration projects, video screens and ASL signers to make services accessible).

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: For 2019, the Hamilton Veterans Committee has asked for their annual base budget of \$30,000.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City of Hamilton Veterans Committee was first appointed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton in February 1972. At that time, the responsibility of the Committee was to:

- i) Act as liaison for the Veterans of the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Parks Board (re: Cenotaph); and the Hamilton Cemetery Board (re: Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery);
- ii) Co-ordinate all parades in the City involving Veterans; and,
- iii) Deal with all other matters directly relating to or of concern to Veterans.

In July of 2015, City Council established the Hamilton Veterans Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council. The mandate of the Hamilton Veterans Committee continues to include overseeing the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton. When directed by Council, the Committee provides input on projects and issues that are of concern to Hamilton Veterans.

Since 2001, military remembrance and commemoration activities have included organizing the City of Hamilton Remembrance ceremonies in addition to assisting with the coordination of annual ceremonies in Ancaster, Dundas, Glanbrook, Stoney Creek and Waterdown. Other annual events include the Dieppe Memorial Ceremony and Decoration Day. The Committee and their staff liaison have most recently worked to include and promote the inclusion of youth in their events.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Hamilton Veterans Committee: The HVC Annual Advisory Committee Budget Submission is attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED18236.
- Financial Coordinator, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Division, Corporate Services Department: Provided reserve balance for Hamilton Veterans Committee.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

There is an expectation from the citizens of Hamilton for Remembrance services to be provided to properly honour the sacrifices made by our veterans and those currently serving. Without adequate funding provided by Council, these expectations cannot be met for these events that hold national significance.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Engagement & Participation

Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

Healthy and Safe Communities

Hamilton is a safe and supportive city where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix 'A' to Report PED18236 – Hamilton Veterans Committee 2019 Budget Submission

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