



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, August 28th, 2018

Room 192 – City Hall

Present: Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe

Members:

Absent with Regrets: Geordie Elms, Councillor B. Johnson, Rod Paddon, (not a member anymore), Councillor Pasuta, Art Tompkins, Dan Muir, Bob Fyfe, Keven Ellis, Chair: Dave Steckham

Also Present: Mike Leatham, Brydie Huffman, Staff Liaison to HVC, Tourism and Culture Division Lee-Anne Dantzer, Admin Assistant, Tourism and Culture Division, (listed above)

Did not have quorum

1. **CHANGES TO AGENDA –**
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (/)**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
5. **STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)**

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

Post event review – See attachment of email to Parks Department

- Email to Park Supervisor Karen Bunn- “Issues with Dieppe Park Service”. Cc’d Councillor Collins and Councillor Johnson. Also forwarded to Ian Ker-Wilson to follow-up.

- Suggestion for a Parks Checklist to go directly to the Parks Manager, rather than the Supervisor, for distribution. Request for Supervisor to sign off on checklist.
- Email sent to Linda Furdoch of the RHLI Veterans Association so she is aware of City Staff responsibilities in preparation for next year.

5.2 Remembrance Day

- Email from CWO Lawson of the Argylls – asked if there was anything special for armistice anniversary?
- Residents of an historic building in The Gore (opposite the Remembrance Day Ceremony) contacted HVC to see if there was anything special they could do. Possible art installation? Would like to engage youth for this project. Will speak to the Public Art Department to see if they wish to be involved.
- Budgeted for 2 large video screens to cover the Ceremony. Will look into if media could have a live feed on the screen?
- Navy band of the HMCS STAR usually is band for parade, should it be the regimental band this year?
- Important to have Girl Guides also involved in the Remembrance Day events as they have been asking for a few years
- Notice of Invitation- editing. Commander's Office may or may not be involved. Will ask Geordie to follow up as Brydie has not heard a response Will need Cadet's contact to send an invitation out before the summer break.

Garrison Parade –

City Service –

5.3 City of Hamilton Updates

6. NEW BUSINESS – HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

6.1 NO STONE LEFT ALONE- moved to September

7. ROUNDTABLE - HVC meeting dates for 2018

8. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at ___ p.m.

Next Meeting: **September 25th, 2018**

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

Room 192, 1st floor, City Hall

From: [Bunn, Kara](#)
To: [Huffman, Brydie](#)
Cc: [Johnson, Brenda](#); [Collins, Chad](#)
Subject: FW: Issues with Dieppe Park service
Date: August-21-18 3:45:24 PM

Hello,

I must begin with an apology, the students drove through the soil and seed repair when collecting garbage and missed the sand and cigarette butts in the corner, we have spoken to them and let them know that substandard work is not acceptable.

Our lead hand was working down there that week, mulched all of the trees, trimmed all of the main hedges etc. The overgrown shrubs were left intact because cutting them back to the woody growth would have made them an eyesore. We will cut them back in the fall to expose the posts that are currently hidden.

Again we are sorry that this happened and the supervisory staff have been asked to do more due diligent checks on the work of our staff.

Regards,

Kara Bunn

Manager of Parks and Cemeteries

Public Works, Environmental Services, City of Hamilton

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----- Original message -----

From: "Huffman, Brydie" <Brydie.Huffman@hamilton.ca>

Date: 2018-08-20 6:57 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Hasselman, Steve" <Steve.Hasselman@hamilton.ca>

Cc: "Johnson, Brenda" <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>, "Collins, Chad" <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Issues with Dieppe Park service

Hi Steve,

I need to bring to your attention some disappointing issues we had with Dieppe Park this past weekend for the Veterans Service held on the 19th.

In the weeks leading up, I had coordinated with Parks staff regarding the usual clean-up of the area. As this is the one day a year the Dieppe monument has federal eyes and media focused on the space, we expected the list of requests made to parks staff previously to be honoured. Upon arrival, we sadly encountered the following:

- Back hedges lining the path where parade marches, had overgrown so much that you could not even see the posts underneath
- Car/tire tracks in mud flanking the walkways (which are now in all the photos for the event)
- Weeds and general lack of care to the ramps and walkways leading up to the monument

- The cenotaph had sand, glass and cigarette butts left behind, which hung underneath the quilts displayed by families of veterans

I felt I had been flexible in accommodating the filling of water barrels early (which cost the veterans 2 days of barrel rentals) and having to meet Parks staff myself to retrieve keys for the power box to ensure staff did not have to work the overtime on a Sunday. In exchange, I expected the requests of making the park look it's best to be met. As the only City staff on site that day, it was embarrassing to have to justify the shortfalls of another department. I have attached photos to this email to show examples of the issues. Members of council asked that I write this email and make sure they are copied on this as they were also disappointed in the lack of effort for a Veteran's service.

In lieu of the Hamilton Veterans Committee sending a formal letter, I told them I would send an email first as Parks is usually very attentive to these matters. I explained there must have been miscommunications somewhere along the line. They would like to have confirmation this will not be repeated for the services in future years. Let me know if you need to discuss the matter further,

Brydie

Brydie Huffman

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NOTICE OF INVITATION

ATTN: Cadet Corps and Leaders in Greater Hamilton

The Hamilton Veterans Committee proudly invites you to attend the **2019 Decoration Day services** in the City of Hamilton in honour of 100 years of this solemn event in Hamilton.

In 2018, local cadet corps were invited to assist the Hamilton Veterans Committee in a return to the traditional beginnings of the service. This included the decorating of all military graves in cemeteries, marching on parade and taking a lead in coordinating the event.

Decoration Day is a Canadian tradition that began in Hamilton to mark the sacrifice of Canadian Militia members killed at the Battle of Ridgeway during the Fenian Raids of 1866. Families would gather and place living floral tributes on veterans' graves and on war memorials, as a symbol of respect and hope.

In 1931, the Government of Canada proclaimed November 11 as the national 'Remembrance Day'. The tradition of Decoration Day - Canada's first day of remembrance - has been maintained in our city thanks to the efforts of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and local veterans' organizations.

We would like to invite your corps to **save the date of June 2 2019**. Further communication on the event will be distributed at a later date.

Please RSVP to:

Lee Dantzer

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Tourism and Culture Division
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