

**Annual Advisory Committee Presentation - December 6, 2019** 







#### **Mandate**

- 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.
- Provide input on projects and issues that are of concern to Hamilton Veterans.
- Maximize the Engagement of Youth in Remembrance activities.







#### Remembrance Day & Memorial Services

- Provide direction, coordination and funding for Hamilton Remembrance Day and Decoration Day Parades and Memorial Services.
- Services have become inclusive of Hamilton's changing demographics.
- Advise the City on protocol in dealing with military traditions (i.e. why we have two official downtown services).
- The HVC is the only citizen committee in Canada that advises a municipal Council.



### **Previous and Ongoing Projects**

- Addition of video screens at services to make ceremonies accessible.
- Broadcast live video coverage through community television.
- Commemorated James Street North & South as "Veterans Way of Remembrance".
- Continued expansion of the "Art Crawl Remembers" project.
- Cadet units now lead Decoration Day services to ensure passing on of traditions to youth.







#### **Future Goals**

To continue to work with Veterans organizations across the City so as to establish one collective voice for all Veterans at the City of Hamilton.

- Outreach through existing Veterans network
- Adding resource members to committee

To expand engagement and education of youth in our city on the sacrifices made by Veterans in order to preserve their legacy.

- Re-focusing administrative commitments
- ➤ Introducing youth engagement initiatives at the community level

To ensure Veterans young and old from every branch of service are recognized in Hamilton.





### **Would Like to Thank**

The Hamilton City Council.

- For the approval of the changes this committee requested to expand youth engagement as part of our mandate.
- 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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Thank You