



Hamilton

MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee

February 25th 2020

4:00 p.m.

City Hall | 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Ed Sculthorpe, Don Jackson, Bob Fyfe, Dave Steckham, Tibor Bosc, Steve Waldron, Dave Baldry

Absentia: Councilor Jackson, Councilor Johnson, Mike Rehill

Also Present: Terry Ryan, Brydie Huffman (Staff liaison), Tania Scibetta (administrative assistant, John Summers Manager, of Heritage, Carolyn King (Military Museum Supervisor)

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Liaison requested discussion of Decoration Day event be moved to the top of the agenda in order to accommodate City of Hamilton staff guests

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

n/a

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Sculthorpe/Fyfe)

That the Minutes of the November meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

4. STANDING ITEMS (including all HVC hosted events)

4.1 Decoration Day

- Date is Sunday June 14 with service in the Hamilton cemetery
- Terry Ryan emailed liaison a list of suggestions in coordinating service with cadets (attached as Appendix A)
- Terry suggested a letter to brigade command to request a Padre is needed
- Need a member of the HVC to be the parade commander for the Veterans that wish to participate in the service/parade
- Brydie will contact the Dundas Concert band to let them know that we will be using a cadet band this year
- Thank you to Mike Rehill for assisting with the music needed for the service
- Don Jackson will coordinate a small breakfast for cadets, and will also assist with the bus routing at the event
- Terry requested a better map of the cemetery, unfortunately the Hamilton Cemetery office is redoing the map in the summer months after the service
- The Hamilton Military Museum will be organizing a Decoration Day event at their site across the street to complement our service
- Military Museum supervisor Carolyn King and staff will coordinate a lunch space for the cadets after the service, along with free museum admission and hands on programming with numerous military groups (vintage signal corps, Calvary reenactors etc)

(at this time, guests were dismissed)

4.2 Dieppe Service

- Nothing to report as of yet, date will be Tuesday August 19, 2020

4.3 Remembrance Day Services

- Remembrance Day services will take place on Sunday November 8th (Garrison Parade) and Wednesday November 11 (public)

5. PRESENTATIONS – Staff Liaison report

- The Annual Veterans Presentation was done by Chairman Sculthorpe at the December 3rd 2019 meeting of council
- Staff also submitted a report to council asking for an increase in the base budget of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, along with use of the reserves funds to cover outstanding invoices from 2018
- Staff reported the budget increase was approved to \$43,000

6. Discussion items

6.1 : Community Organized Services on Remembrance Day

- Staff reported Councilor Vanderbeek requested a meeting to discuss the Dundas Remembrance Day service. She spoke with liaison and director of Tourism about issues with the road closures, along with questions about responsibilities on the day of the event
- Staff was asked to prepare a breakdown of roles for the event and circulate to members attending the meeting including Parks, Facilities, SEAT, and Roads departments in the City of Hamilton
- HVC chair will try to attend meeting as well to remind members of council that the official City of Hamilton service is held at the cenotaph in Gore Park – the others are community organized services by external groups
- Staff explained that the HVC budget covers road closures, sound systems and police duties only for community services.
- Committee members were displeased at the lack of attendance and support from Councilor Ferguson at 2019 HVC meetings and events, and asked if a letter to the integrity commissioner should be issued on behalf of the Committee

7. Round Table items

- Member Dave Baldry stated he will not be able to attend the next 2 meetings in 2020
- Staff liaison reported details on the 75th Liberation of the Netherlands service in May. She thanked the HVC chair for his letter of support in representing the Veterans Committee at the service to be held in Amsterdam
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8. ADJOURNMENT

(Sculthrope / Steckham)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 31, 2020

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

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall