



Hamilton

Minutes

Hamilton Veterans Committee

December 8, 2020

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2.1 Change to agenda to add Wreath discussion as item 6.5

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 October 27 2020

**Moved by: Bob Fyfe**

**Seconded by: Mike Rehill**

**5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 2021 Budget presentation  
HVC proposed Veterans budget was submitted to ECS for review this week. They will receive this item but a presentation on finances was not needed as in past years where chair had presented.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 Post Remembrance Day debrief  
Staff shared with committee that this year there were no complaints about the digital service. Public were understanding about the cancellations of smaller community services due to Covid.  
Digital service is available for viewing the HVC City of Hamilton page and youtube. Chair thanked staff for their work on the hybrid event

6.2 Decoration Day 2021  
June 13 2021 has been confirmed as the event date. Hoping for a scaled down version of the typical service with limited cadet involvement.  
Terry Ryan suggested the cadets be given the materials to attend to cemeteries in their communities. It was also suggested a partner opportunity with the military museum for a research project.  
Chair noted he liked the option to have cadets in their community cemeteries, of course dependant on approvals for in-person events.  
Consensus from HVC members is that there should still be some acknowledgment to not lose momentum on what has been built.  
Question was raised about including veteran clubs, Chair acknowledged the risk of that demographic and a scaled service similar to Remembrance Day would be most likely.

- 6.3 HVC 2021 Meeting Calendar  
Discussions on setting the meetings in 2021 starting in March to be held on the last Tuesday of selected months  
March  
April  
May  
June  
September  
October  
November
- 6.4 Appointment of Chair in 2021  
Roles of Chair and Vice-Chair will reach their 2yr term in spring 2021. New chairs will be elected at the start of the new meeting calendar.
- 6.5 Youth wreaths for 2021 programming  
Chair proposed the idea of the traditional wreaths being supplemented by wreaths made by local students. Would also like to add an Indigenous wreath as part of our official placings (as most Indigenous wreath layers traditionally bring their own)  
Staff suggested the idea of reaching out to the Indigenous committee with the City of Hamilton. Point was raised that we need to understand that there could be issue with the not including the correct representatives so we're not offending. Councillor Johnson referenced the community wreaths made in Glanbrook

## **7. MOTIONS**

- 7.1 Replacing vacant member positions

“WHEREAS, the Terms of Reference of the Hamilton Veterans Committee states that in the event that a vacancy exists before a term has ended, the Committee may recommend a replacement to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.”

Councillor Johnson spoke to a member of the ECS that will move support for this motion at the January 2021 meeting.

## **8. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

Issue was raised that that the media did not give print coverage to the cenotaph service, it was noted that staff purposely did not advertise in the paper to avoid large public turnout during Covid.

## **9. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm