



Hamilton

MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee

October 26th, 2021

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

Present: Chair: Michael Rehill
Vice Chair: Edward Sculthorpe
Members: Robert Fyfe, Terry Ryan, Rod Paddon, Dave Baldry,
David Steckham

**Absent with
Regrets:** Don Jackson, Steve Waldron

Also Present: Councillor Johnson, Councillor Ferguson, Christopher Redford
(Staff Liaison), Carolyn King (Supervisor, Hamilton Military
Museum)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 Moment of Silence
- 1.2 Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Sculthorpe/Fyfe)

That the Agenda of the October 28th, 2021 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (i) September 28, 2021

(Ryan/Fyfe)

That the Minutes of the September 28th, 2021 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) SEAT Update/Covid Planning (Item 9.1)

Christopher Redford provided an update from the EOC that proof of vaccinations will not be required for the service on November 11th as it is an outdoor event. A ceremony with 100 invited guests has been approved. Distancing details regarding wreath laying, etc. are pending.

(ii) Regional Services (Item 9.2)

Christopher Redford provided an update on the status of the regional Remembrance Day services as follows(i):

Flamborough and Dundas: these ceremonies are completely private and no SEAT applications are required.

Stoney Creek – SEAT application submitted, ceremony will be cordoned off, limited to invited guests only.

Glanbrook: Councillor Johnson provided an update - scaled back events will occur in Mount Hope the Sunday prior to and after November 11th, as is tradition. The Mount Hope cenotaph was removed for restoration and has now been reinstalled. As the 779 Black Knight cadets meet at this location, they may have a private rededication on the 14th and potentially a ceremony for cadets on the 7th. Christopher and Councillor Johnson will meet to discuss details.

Ancaster: Councillor Ferguson provided an update - this event is run by a community committee and will be an invitation-only event for wreath bearers. A City staff person, a piper, a bugler, two police and a sound system will be required. There are no objections to this, and Christopher will join their next meeting to finalize plans. The committee expresses it may be difficult to arrange for a piper and bugler so Christopher will check his contacts prior to the Ancaster meeting. Christopher confirms there will be two City staff available to assist with this, not affecting the Gore Park service.

Christopher Redford confirms there will be a Lancaster fly-past on November 11th and he will request that it include each regional service.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Remembrance Day Civic Service (Item 10.1)

Mike Rehill reviewed the order of service for this ceremony which will take place on November 11th. Points of discussion: there will be a maximum of 100 invited guests in a fenced off area. An invitation will be extended to include a Colour Party – they can be positioned on the South side of the square. Terry Ryan will make inquiries for two cadets to read *In Flanders Fields*. The Order of Wreaths will be finalized and laminated. The Blessing from the Imam will be held before the Padre's Blessing, after the wreath laying. A list of dignitaries will be finalized and circulated to all members of this Committee.

(ii) Garrison Parade and Service, November 14th (Item 10.2)

The Brigade Commander has determined that there shall be no Remembrance Day events exceeding 100 people which takes precedence, regardless of Provincial or Civic protocols. In light of this, the Veterans Committee has agreed to cancel this event as it typically involves 500 to 700 people.

(iii) Order of Wreaths (Item 10.3)

The order is to be determined. Mike Rehill will ensure it is updated, annotated and published prior to the service. It will then be laminated. Ed Sculthorpe and Terry Ryan will Marshall the wreaths.

Ed Sculthorpe inquires about laying an indigenous wreath, Chris will reach out to the City Advisory Committee members. Once a group is determined, the order of placement can be finalized.

(iv) Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Memorial Pavilion Public Use (Item 10.4)

Terry Ryan provided background: the pavilion was used as a stage during Art Crawl and such use is considered disrespectful for a memorial. A complaint was made to the mayor and the promoter provided an apology. This issue is under discussion at the regiment. The ASH paid for the memorial, the City maintains it. In order to find a balance between public use and respect for the memorial, it may result in guidelines for using the pavilion when the park is rented for events.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Covid Vaccinations for Committee Members (Item 13.1)

This is in reference to the requirement of all Citizen Advisory Committee members to be fully vaccinated. Any questions regarding this must be forwarded as per the directions in the documentation provided to each member.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(i) That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:41 pm.
(Item 15.1)
(Fyfe/Sculthorpe)

CARRIED

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