



Hamilton

MINUTES Hamilton Veterans Committee

November 30th, 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, Steve Waldron

**Absent with
Regrets:** Don Jackson

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**

Moved: Ed Sculthorpe **Seconded:** Terry Ryan
That the agenda for November 30, 2021, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

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

(i) **October 26, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

Moved: Dave Baldry **Seconded:** Ed Sculthorpe

That the Minutes of the October 26th, 2021 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

(i) 2021 All-Committee Meeting Minutes (Item 5.1)

Moved: Rod Paddon **Seconded:** Ed Sculthorpe

That the minutes of the 2021 All-Committee meeting be accepted by this committee.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Budget of the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 10.1)

The Staff Liaison, Christopher Redford presented a detailed and itemized budget report.

Moved: Bob Fyfe **Seconded:** Terry Ryan

That the budget of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

CARRIED

(Paddon/Sculthorpe)

That the following items be received:

(ii) Remembrance Day Update (Item 10.2)

Overall consensus is that the Gore Park service ran smoothly, however the wreath laying portion could be streamlined. Terry Ryan shared an assessment with the committee to assist with this process and discussion will be deferred until the fall to ensure a timelier conversation, closer to Remembrance Day. The committee will aspire to communicate more effectively with community members who wish to lay wreaths and will create a plan for the placement of wreaths. Some feedback from the public revealed disappointment at being denied entrance due to the limited attendance. However this was a Covid precaution and may not be necessary in the future. It was noted that the flag was twisted around the pole – this will be inspected pre-ceremony next year and Christopher Redford will follow up with locating the armbands. Bob Fyfe suggests altering the presentation of *In Flanders Fields*.

Ancaster Service – Councillor Ferguson reported that it was a resounding success with 200 to 300 people in attendance. 25 wreaths were laid by

invitation only which worked smoothly for the wreath laying portion of the ceremony.

Glanbrook Service – Councillor Johnson explained there was a call out to the community to run this service as the cadets were unable to do it this year. There was an incredible response and the service was a success with about 100 people in attendance and included the involvement of the local Scouts and Guides.

(iii) Wreath Project 2022 (Item 10.3)

Two schools in Ohsweken provided wreath for the ceremony crafted with traditional materials. This project was a success and should be continued in 2022.

Project suggestion – The Hamilton Military Museum offered Remembrance Day Grab and Go kits to teachers who were unable to bring their students to the Museum due to Covid. Materials were provided for the class to create paper poppies and make a class wreath using a cardboard form. Christopher Redford suggests a collaboration for next year where this committee provides more robust wreath forms and then perhaps inviting some students/schools to the service to lay the wreath.

Ed Sculthorpe reminds the committee that a similar project was already in the works for 2021 but delayed due to Covid. This involved providing schools in the downtown core with materials to make a wreath and the committee paying for the class to come to the cenotaph with select students laying the school wreath. This would rotate between the downtown schools each year, allowing each school to participate. Ed will circulate the outline for the project and it can be organized for 2022.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(Fyfe/Ryan)

That the following items be received:

(i) Upcoming Meetings (Item 13.1)

There will be no meeting of this committee until February 2022.

(ii) Hamilton Veterans Committee Email (Item 13.2)

Christopher Redford suggests the use of a designated City of Hamilton email address for this committee specifically for outward-facing information around Remembrance Day activities.

(iii) Glanford Cenotaph Update (Item 13.3)

Councillor **Johnson** revealed that the cenotaph, which had been in storage to allow for park improvements, has been replaced in a new location in the park. The new location allows for more respectful viewing and recommends everyone visit.

(iv) Inquiries – Cannons (Item 13.4)

Bob Fyfe inquires as to what happened to the cannons that were going to be refurbished. They may be in storage, perhaps the armouries would like to display them. Mike Rehill will inquire.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

Moved: Rod Paddon **Seconded:** Ed Sculthorpe

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

CARRIED