



Hamilton

MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting 22-005

June 28, 2022

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

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- Present:** Chair: Michael Rehill
Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe
Members: Dave Baldry, Rod Paddon, Don Jackson, Terry Ryan
- Absent with Regrets:** David Steckham, Steve Waldron, Robert Fyfe,
Councillor L. Ferguson
- Also Present:** Councillor Brenda Johnson, Christopher Redford (Staff
Liaison), Carolyn King (Curatorial Assistant, Hamilton
Military Museum)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

- (i) **Moment of Silence**
- (ii) **Land Acknowledgement**

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Paddon/Sculthorpe)

That the agenda for the June 28, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

- (i) **May 31, 2022**

(Baldry/Paddon)

That the Minutes of the May 31, 2022 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Parks North – Re: Argyll Memorial Pavilion Pier 4 (Item 5.1)

Christopher Redford reported that the new process for ensuring rentals at Bayfront Park are respectful of the purpose of the pavilion has been successfully put to the test by a recent rental. The correct information was provided to the renters and the memorial was not used except to access power.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Flamborough Legion 551 – RED Friday – June 10, 4pm to 8pm (Item 10.1)

Michael Rehill and Rod Paddon attended this event on behalf of the Committee. Turnout was low; however, it was a positive outreach experience.

(ii) Decoration Day 2022 - Post-Event Discussion (Item 10.2)

Overall, it was a very successful event: the weather was good, all expected participants attended, and the service ran smoothly. Christopher Redford and Michael Rehill were commended for their work. Michael Rehill and Christopher Redford met with the cadet liaisons and made note of some small items for improvement for next year. Dave reported some communication issues with legions, but this will be reviewed for Remembrance Day. Ed suggested having some cadets lay wreaths, which has been done in the past. Chris suggested improving accessibility in the cemetery and parking by offering a shuttle from Dundurn parking lot to the service; HSR should comp this for the Committee. The parking lot is usually overcrowded; however, this may work if the strain on parking is alleviated by providing additional parking inside the park.

Christopher Redford suggested moving the date of Decoration Day in 2023 to May 21st to coincide with the anniversary of the unveiling of the Gore Park cenotaph and to ensure adequate City staff are available to assist as June will have several large-scale events. The Committee indicated that it prefers to keep it on the second Saturday in June as this has been the tradition since its inception and members will provide more assistance as necessary. The anniversary of the cenotaph may be considered as a separate event, although this would require committee volunteers to step up to coordinate due to staff being required for large scale events.

(iii) Wreath Project (Item 10.4)

Christopher Redford reported that letters inviting classes to participate have been sent to all the designated schools to familiarize the principals with the project and prepare for further contact in September.

(iv) Argyll and Sutherland Highlander Memorial Pavilion Signage (Item 10.4)

Michael Rehill and Christopher Redford met with representatives of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders regarding the design of signage. The representatives are looking into a source, Terry Ryan will follow up on this and report back to the Committee.

(v) Dieppe Plaque Re-Installation (Item 10.5)

The reinstallation of the Dieppe plaque, which has been secured into a boulder to prevent vandalism, is now complete. Michael Rehill shared images of the plaque in place and commended Christopher Redford on his efforts regarding this project. Christopher reported work on the flagpoles and uneven and cracked cement is ongoing, and that the site will be cleaned up and weeds removed in time for the August Dieppe Memorial Service event.

(vi) Dieppe Memorial Event Planning (Item 10.6)

Michael Rehill and Christopher Redford will meet with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (R.H.L.I) veterans club regarding the event. There will be no need to arrange for filming of this year's service as that was a necessity brought about by COVID19 restrictions last year. Christopher has been in touch with the rental company regarding tents, chairs and P.A. system. Michael has sent the program to all Committee members. The R.H.L.I. band will play and Michael is waiting to hear back from the padre. At the service, the Committee primarily helps with the order of wreaths and the public is also invited to lay wreaths after the official wreaths. Chris mentioned it is the 80th anniversary of the raid on Dieppe. The Committee will not rededicate the Dieppe plaque, but will mention it in the service as it was a later addition to the memorial.

6. MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Revised Terms of Reference, Amended by Council June 8, 2022

The primary change clarifies wording regarding how quorum is defined. This Committee has nine members and quorum is five. Christopher Redford will provide information clarifying the terms of reference.

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

That the revised Hamilton Veterans Committee Terms of Reference Committee, be received.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) The Creation of Educational Banners for the Purpose of Community Outreach (Item 13.1)

Christopher Redford suggested the Committee invest in stand-up banners specific to the Committee's mandate and events, to be displayed at outreach events such as RED Friday. The Committee agreed to create two promotional banners: one about the Committee and one outlining its accomplishments. The Committee will discuss content at a future meeting.

(Paddon/Sculthorpe)

That the Committee shall have banners created for community outreach purposes.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Paddon/Jackson)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:35 p.m..

CARRIED