



Hamilton

MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee

June 29, 2021

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

Present: Chair: Michael Rehill
Vice Chair: Edward Sculthorpe
Members: Steve Waldron, Don Jackson, Rod Paddon,
Dave Baldry, Terry Ryan, Robert Fyfe

Absent with Regrets: Brenda Johnson (Councillor), David Steckham

Also Present: Brydie Huffman (Staff Liaison), Carolyn King
(Supervisor, Hamilton Military Museum)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

- (i) **Moment of Silence (Item 1.1)**
- (ii) **Land Acknowledgement (Item 1.2)**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Staff Liaison advised the following changes to the agenda.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Retaining Recordings of Committee Meetings

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

(i) May 25, 2021 (Item 4.1)

Moved: David Baldry **Seconded:** Ed Sculthorpe
That the Minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Retaining Recordings of Committee Meetings (Added Item 5.1)

The Committee voted against retaining videos of the meetings at the May 25, 2021 meeting.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Decoration Day Honourarium/Post-Event Metrics (Item 9.1)

Carolyn King presented a wrap up of the digital Decoration Day project which involved enthusiastic participation by cadets and successful results based on social media metrics. A letter of praise for the project from Marnie Maslin, Curatorial Assistant, Dundurn National Historic Site was presented. The Military Museum would be interested in participating in this type of project again.

Discussion regarding honorariums for the participating cadet units. Brydie Huffman indicated there were seven to eight units involved in the project and would like to know the dollar amount the Committee would like to make the honorariums. Michael Rehill suggested \$200 each for unit.

Moved: Michael Rehill **Seconded:** Ed Sculthorpe
That each participating cadet unit shall receive a \$200 honorarium.

CARRIED

(ii) Dieppe and Argyll Monument Cleaning (Item 9.2)

The Conservator for the City of Hamilton has contacted Brydie Huffman regarding cleaning the Royal Highland Light Infantry (RHLI) Dieppe monument, at Brydie's request. There are also broken tiles in the Argyll pavilion in Bayfront Park which will be addressed. Brydie and Michael Rehill will inform the relevant regiments that this work is imminent.

(iii) Transfer of Staff Liaison Role (Item 9.3)

Brydie Huffman informed the Committee that Christopher Redford will be taking over the role of Staff Liaison for the Hamilton Veterans Committee. Brydie will assist with the transfer of duties and for the upcoming Dieppe ceremony.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Designs for Veterans Way Signage (Item 10.1)

Several design options were presented to the Committee for selection to replace the current ones (which are badly weathered). Brydie has confirmed with the Legion regarding the use of the poppy symbol. Don Jackson suggested a protective laminate coating can be applied to the signs to help slow deterioration from the sun. Michael Rehill suggested using the current design, however replacing the red lettering with black as it is easier to read.

Moved: Michael Rehill

Seconded: Terry Ryan

That the current Veteran's Way signage be replaced using the original design, except with black lettering instead of red, as per the attached Appendix A.

CARRIED

(ii) Dieppe Ceremony (Item 10.2)

Depending on provincial restrictions, a hybrid, limited, livestreamed ceremony may be required. Brydie Huffman and Michael Rehill will meet with Cable14 to discuss arrangements.

Mike would like to see the ceremony return to being held on August 19 and return to a daytime service. It is suggested to plan for a very limited ceremony within current provincial guidelines of 25 people outdoors. Brydie mentioned that the City will currently not allow any event bookings; however, she will submit the permit application as soon as possible. Provincial guidelines must be followed and this can be re-evaluated as the date gets closer. If the North Wall is still interested in doing a candlelight vigil, perhaps it can be scheduled the night before.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

Moved: Michael Rehill

Seconded: Terry Ryan

That there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at ____.

CARRIED