

# MINUTES **Hamilton Veterans Committee**

July 27, 2021 4:00 p.m. WebEx – Virtual Platform

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Present: Chair: Michael Rehill

Vice Chair: Edward Sculthorpe

Members: Steve Waldron, Rod Paddon, Dave Baldry,

Robert Fyfe, David Steckham

**Absent with Regrets:** Don Jackson, Terry Ryan

Also Present: Councillor Brenda Johnson, Brydie Huffman (Staff

Liaison, outgoing), Christopher Redford (Staff Liaison, incoming), 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 that there were no changes to the agenda.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)
  - (i) June 29, 2021 (Item 4.1)

**Moved:** Robert Fyfe **Seconded:** Ed Sculthorpe

That the Minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

#### 5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

### (i) Introduction of the new Staff Liaison (Item 9.1)

The Committee's new Staff Liaison, Christopher Redford, provided an overview of his work with the City of Hamilton and the Committee welcomed him to his new role.

#### 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

## (i) Dieppe Ceremony (Item 10.1)

Staff Liaison Brydie Huffman provided an update on the ceremony which will be held during the day on August 19, 2021. City protocols will now allow for an outdoor ceremony of up to 100 people. She shared a detailed list of tasks she will perform to prepare for the ceremony. Planning is well underway as Brydie has already submitted an application to the Special Events Advisory Team (SEAT), prepared a COVID Response Plan, arranged for additional staff to be on hand and will attend a meeting with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI) to finalize more details. Brydie has requested a flyover of the C47 (present at Dieppe). Cable14 will livestream the ceremony.

The Committee will submit names for invitations to the ceremony and ensure Committee members are represented. Regarding music, Michael Rehill confirms a bugler has been secured however the band is unavailable so arrangements will need to be made to provide accompaniment for the hymns. Michael will source an RHLI Dieppe video to be included in the presentation. Brydie will keep all Committee members apprised of updates.

#### (ii) Remembrance Day Service (Item 10.2)

Remembrance Day falls on a weekday in 2021, which will necessitate two services with a parade and service occurring the Sunday prior (November 7) and a second service on November 11, both held in Gore Park. Michael Rehill points out there is always a lead unit and this year this is the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry's (RHLI) responsibility. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

**Moved:** Robert Fyfe **Seconded:** Dave Baldry

That there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:18 p.m..

CARRIED