



Hamilton

MINUTES Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting 22-001
February 22, 2022
4:00 p.m.
WebEx – Virtual Platform

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

Absent with Regrets: Rod Paddon

Also Present: Councillor Ferguson, Christopher Redford (Staff Liaison),
Carolyn King (Curatorial Assistant, 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)

That the agenda for the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) November 30, 2021 (Item 4.1)

That the Minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from the Friends of St. Giles, respecting St. Giles United Church Property Memorial (Item 5.1)

Christopher Redford received a letter from the Friends of St. Giles group regarding saving a memorial on the church grounds. The church is now in private hands and the plaque which lists First World War veterans has been removed from the cairn due to vandalism. The committee concurs that their ability to affect change is limited as this is not a City memorial. However, they would like to assist by providing recommendations for conservation treatment and if the names on the plaque can be obtained then an appropriate home can be recommended through ascertaining regimental affiliation.

That the Correspondence from the Friends of St. Giles, respecting St. Giles United Church Property Memorial, be received.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

That the following Items be received:

(i) Decoration Day 2022 (Item 10.1)

June 12, 2022 is identified as the date for this year's Decoration Day service.

(ii) Research a Grave 2022 (Item 10.2)

Based on the success of 2021's Decoration Day cadet project, the Research a Grave project in which youth perform research on veterans buried in Hamilton cemeteries will continue this year. Michael Rehill will approach school contacts and Terry Ryan will approach cadet contacts in order to expand the project. Carolyn King will prepare a brief outline of the project and submit it at the next meeting.

(iii) Wreath Project 2022 (Item 10.3)

Ed Sculthorpe proposed a project in 2021 which was delayed due to Covid. A brief outline will be prepared for the next meeting in order to move this project ahead in 2022.

(iv) Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Memorial (Item 10.4)

To prevent the inappropriate use of the memorial pavilion in Bayfront Park when the Park is rented for events, Mike Rehill suggests we request specifics for use be written into the rental agreement. Dave Steckham also suggests adding a damage deposit. Terry Ryan suggests cordoning or taping it off during rentals. Ed Sculthorpe reiterates that it was designed to be used it has just been used in a way this committee is uncomfortable with. He suggests adding to the contract it cannot be used for bands, dancing or in a frivolous manner. In light of the fact that people renting the park may not be aware it is actually a memorial, Terry Ryan suggests installing a vertical sign. Christopher Redford will speak to the Parks Department regarding these concerns and report back at the March meeting.

(v) Illegal Parking Beside the Cenotaph at Veterans Place (Item 10.5)

Christopher Redford relayed that the Head of Parking Enforcement ensures the no parking area will be enforced in order to stop people from illegally parking in this area.

(vi) Dieppe Plaque Re-Installation (Item 10.6)

Christopher Redford reported that the Dieppe plaque that was stolen, then retrieved and will be re-installed. The committee discussed more secure means for installing it, such as a large stone or boulder. Dave Steckham suggested reaching out to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and Mike Rehill offered to look into this due to his connection to the regiment. A budget will need to be discussed based on what the City or foundation can provide in terms of funding.

Bob Fyfe inquired about relocating two cannons to the armouries. Mike Rehill reported he has not been able to address this due to the pandemic.

CARRIED

7. MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Transfer of funds to the Hamilton Veterans Committee Reserve Fund

That the transfer of the 2021 budget surplus, in the amount of \$31,248.41 be moved to the Hamilton Veterans Committee Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

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

CARRIED