



Hamilton

MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting 22-004

May 31, 2022

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

Present: Chair: Michael Rehill
Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe
Members: Don Jackson, Terry Ryan, David Steckham,
Steve Waldron

Absent with Regrets: Dave Baldry, Robert Fyfe, Rod Paddon, Councillor L. Ferguson

Also Present: Councillor Brenda Johnson, 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 THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Staff Liaison advised of the following changes to the agenda:

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.7 Hybrid or Virtual Meetings

10.8 Clerk's Report to Council

(Sculthorpe/Steckham)

That the agenda for the May 31, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

(i) April 26, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(Steckham/Ryan)

That the Minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

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

Michael Rehill and Rod Paddon will attend on behalf of the Committee. Christopher Redford will provide three standing banners about the scroll found in the cenotaph and the list of war dead. Christopher suggested creating some banners specific to the Committee to be displayed at this type of event.

(ii) Decoration Day 2022 (Item 10.2)

Michael Rehill reviewed the program for the service with the Committee and logistics discussed. The Dundas Citizens Band will play. Naval chaplain Reverend Bill Thomas will perform chaplain duties. Michael Rehill will perform Master of Ceremony duties. Wreath laying will be limited to Federal/Provincial/Municipal and Committee – wreath layers will be decided closer to the ceremony. Air Cadet public speaking winner will read the Veteran's Prayer. Cadets will decorate graves, then march in. Christopher Redford requested that a Committee member go to City Hall and ride the bus with attendees.

Day-of Committee member duties:

- Terry Ryan – Cadets
- Michael Rehill and Ed Sculthorpe – meet and attend to honoured guests
- Dave Steckham – Veterans
- Steve Waldron – Parade Marshall

(iii) Research A Grave 2022 (Item 10.3)

Carolyn King reported that response was limited this year and she will send out a reminder email. There is still sufficient content for social media posts with this year's entry and surplus entries from last year.

(iv) Wreath Project (Item 10.4)

As schools need to be contacted in June before the end of the school year, the Committee discussed the available options.

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

The committee shall proceed with the option to bus four school classes to the Gore Park cenotaph for Remembrance Day field trips at a cost of \$3,506.00.

CARRIED

(v) Argyll and Sutherland Highlander Memorial Pavilion (Item 10.5)

Michael Rehill had had no updates. Christopher Redford will communicate with the Parks Department on their signage.

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

This project is proceeding. The forklift must take a designated route due to the weight of the load and the presence of a pipeline beneath the walkway.

(vii) Hybrid or Virtual Meetings (Added Item 10.7)

City of Hamilton Advisory Committees have the option to run meetings in hybrid format or remain virtual on Webex. The committee will remain virtual at least until September.

(viii) Report to Council (Added Item 10.8)

Regarding a report from Deputy Clerk Janet Pilon, all volunteer committees were asked to report on whether the size of the committee and number of meetings is suitable to carry out their business. This Committee finds their size and number of meetings to be sufficient and would like to see no changes in either.

Every advisory committee's term is finished with the end of the current term of Council and new committees are formed via the relevant Standing Committee's Interview Sub-Committee upon the election of a new Council. There will be a municipal election in October 2022, so this committee will only serve until the end of the year. Members may be reappointed.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Walter Wilson Stewart/Vimy and RHLI Museum Stan Overy (Item 13.1)

Stan Overy, Curator of the RHLI Museum, has the Vimy field cross of Walter Wilson Stewart, prominent local architect. Christopher Redford suggests making a request to display the cross along with information about Stewart on the mezzanine level at City Hall in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day. The Hamilton Military Museum will assist with this project, as needed.

6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Sculthorpe/Waldron)

That there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:41 p.m..

CARRIED