



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Tourism and Culture Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	December 1, 2022
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Hamilton Veterans Committee 2023 Budget Submission (PED22210) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2023 base budget of \$43,000 be approved, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED22210, and referred to the 2023 budget process for consideration.
- (b) That a one-time budget allocation for 2023 of \$12,000, funded by the Hamilton Veterans Committee Reserve, be approved and referred to the 2023 budget process for consideration.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For 2023, the Hamilton Veterans Committee (HVC) is requesting \$55,000 to coordinate Veterans’ commemorative services, events and programmes. These include but are not limited to: Remembrance Day memorials at six locations across the City, the annual Garrison Parade, Decoration Day ceremonies, annual Dieppe Memorial Service and new Youth Education initiatives. The base budget of \$43,000 is no longer sufficient to ensure that these events are inclusive, accessible and safe.

2019 was the last year in which all Veterans Services and events were mounted at full scale. 2020 and 2021 saw most events either cancelled or scaled back. Since 2019, expenses have increased for wreaths, printing, musicians, tents, chairs, technical equipment rentals, enhanced sound systems (up 20% over 2019 costs) and

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programming elements such as heritage warplane flypasts. Some of the largest increases in cost are for security and road safety. Costs for Cable 14 media streaming, ASL translation and sponsored school fieldtrips as part of the Hamilton Veterans Committee's Wreath Project are new expenditures.

To cover these increases, the HVC is requesting that \$12,000 from the HVC Reserve be added to their base budget for 2023. If costs continue to rise a request for an increase in the base budget may be submitted for 2024.

### **Alternatives for Consideration - Not Applicable**

### **FINANCIAL - STAFFING - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The Hamilton Veterans Committee is requesting their current annual budget of \$43,000 be increased in 2023 to \$55,000 by using \$12,000 from the HVC Reserve.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Hamilton Veterans Committee was first appointed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton in February 1972. At that time, the responsibility of the Committee was to:

- i) Act as liaison for the Veterans of the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Parks Board (re: Cenotaph); and the Hamilton Cemetery Board (re: Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery);
- ii) Co-ordinate all parades in the City involving Veterans; and
- iii) Deal with all other matters directly relating to or of concern to Veterans.

Since 2001, military remembrance and commemoration activities have included organizing the City of Hamilton Remembrance ceremonies in addition to assisting with the coordination of annual ceremonies in Ancaster, Dundas, Glanbrook, Stoney Creek and Waterdown. Other annual events include the Dieppe Memorial Ceremony and Decoration Day. The Committee and their staff liaison have most recently worked to include and promote the inclusion of youth in their events.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

- Hamilton Veterans Committee
- Financial Coordinator, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Division, Corporate Services Department
- Acting Manager, Finance and Administration, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Division, Corporate Services Department

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The rationale for the addition of \$12,000 drawn from the HVC Reserve is based on:

- Increased event and programming costs since 2019;
- Increased attendance numbers at Remembrance Day services resulting in additional costs; and
- Between 2022 to 2028, the Hamilton Veterans Committee will return to hosting two services of Remembrance at Gore Cenotaph, one on November 11 and one Garrison Parade on the Sunday nearest, in order to include active members of the Reserve forces who cannot attend if November 11 falls on a weekday.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Not Applicable

## **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 - 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

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### **Healthy and Safe Communities**

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**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix "A" to Report PED22210 - 2023 Veterans Committee Budget Submission