



Hamilton

MINUTES **Hamilton Veterans Committee**

Meeting #2023-001
February 28, 2023
4:00 p.m.
WebEx – Virtual Platform

Present: Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe (Chaired meeting)
Chair: Michael Rehill
Members: Dave Baldry, Don Jackson, Terry Ryan, Robert Fyfe, Rod Paddon, Steve Waldron

Also Present: Christopher Redford (Staff Liaison), Carolyn King (Site Supervisor, Hamilton Military Museum), Moira McGuigan (Hamilton Military Museum)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Moment of Silence

Committee members observed a moment of silence.

(ii) Land Acknowledgement

Ed Sculthorpe read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Fyfe/Baldry)

That the agenda for the February 28, 2023 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved with the addition of:

- 5.1 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch to address the Committee regarding Gore Park
- 5.3 Request by the Grand Orange Lodge to use Gore Park for a service of Remembrance.

CARRIED

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

4.1 November 29, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Ryan/Paddon)

That the Minutes of the November 29, 2023 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Councillor Cameron Kroetsch addresses the Committee regarding Gore Park (Item 5.1)

Councillor Kroetsch addressed Committee respecting Gore Park and the Cenotaph. Committee members advised that the current location of the Cenotaph in Gore Park is important because of its visibility to the public and its reflection of the City's military history.

(ii) Hamilton Conservation Authority Day Passes for Veterans (5.2)

Shane Drew Battersby addressed committee to speak to the feasibility of a free Day-Use Admission to the Hamilton Conservation Authority Sites for veterans and serving personnel. The Committee supports this initiative and Mike Rehill will write a letter to the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

(iii) Request for use of Gore Park (5.3)

Chris Redford reports the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West has made a courtesy request to the Committee to hold a Remembrance service at the Cenotaph on April 21st, 2023. They would need to submit a SEAT application, acquire insurance and pay the rental fee.

(Rehill/Baldry)

That the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West is welcome to hold a Remembrance service at the Gore Park Cenotaph on April 21st, 2023.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Decoration Day and Research a Grave Program (10.1)

Staff advise that a video will be prepared and sent to cadet groups for the Research a Grave Project. The food portion will be transferred to the Pavilion at Dundurn Castle – Carolyn King will reserve this. Parking will be relocated to Dundurn Castle parking lot and an HSR shuttle bus will run people to the ceremony in Hamilton Cemetery.

(ii) Draft text for SEAT for renters of Gore Park (10.2)

The draft text for renters of Gore Park was provided to Committee members for review. The Committee agrees it addresses all of their concerns.

(Rehill/Ryan)

That the draft text for renters of Gore Park be approved by the Hamilton Veterans Committee.

CARRIED

(iii) Application and Interview Process for Next Term of Hamilton Veterans Committee (10.3)

Christopher Redford has nothing to report as recruiting for other committees occurs before volunteer committees. It is business as usual for now.

(iv) Marking 2023 as the Cenotaph Centennial (10.4)

May 22, 2023 is the 100th anniversary of the Cenotaph and this will be marked in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day. Christopher Redford has prepared text and images for either an exhibit or video.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Motion to Approve Use of Committee Reserve Fund (12.1)

That \$18,532 is to be drawn from the Reserve Fund to offset 2022 overages of roughly 30%. This fund has built up during the pandemic.

(Rehill/Paddon)

That \$18,532 be drawn from the Reserve Fund to offset 2022 overages.

CARRIED

(ii) Motion to Elect Committee Chair for 2023

Christopher Redford calls for nominations. Current Chair Mike Rehill is nominated. There are no other nominations.

(Jackson/Ryan)

That Mike Rehill be appointed to Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for 2023.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

- (i)** Annual HMCS Star Dinner Gala is being held on March 11th, should the committee want to attend.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Fyfe/ Jackson)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

CARRIED