



# Hamilton Veterans Committee

Annual Advisory Committee Presentation – 2024



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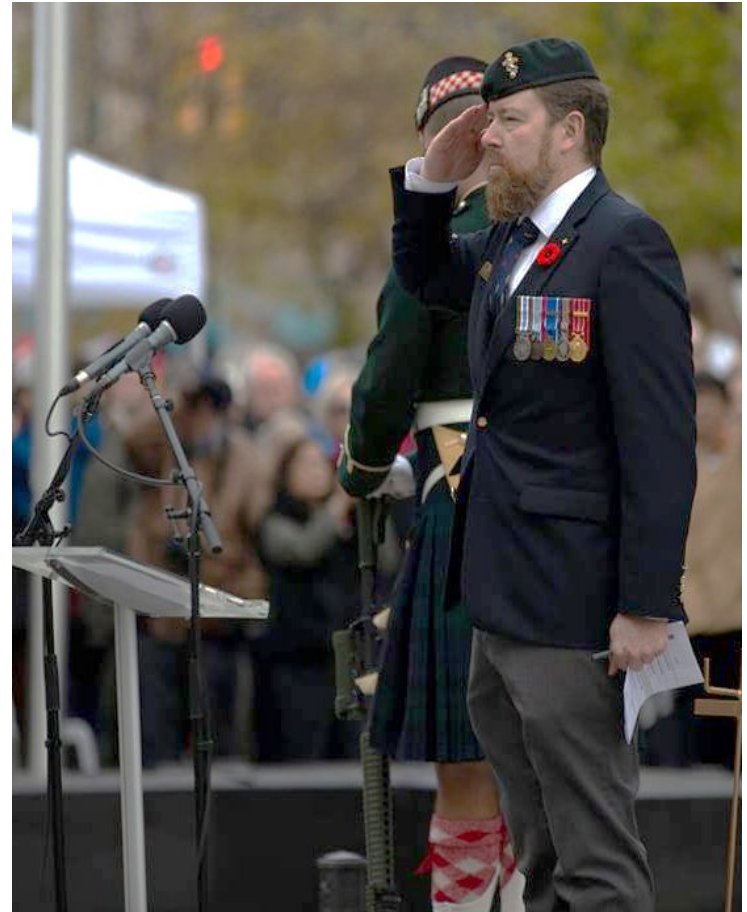


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## Mandate

- Reporting to Council, the Hamilton Veterans Committee oversees the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton.
- Provide input on projects and issues that are of concern to Hamilton Veterans.
- Maximize the Engagement of Youth in Remembrance activities.





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## Remembrance Day & Memorial Services

- Provide direction, coordination and funding for Hamilton Remembrance Day and Decoration Day Parades and Memorial Services.
- Services have become inclusive of Hamilton's changing demographics.
- Advise the City on protocol in dealing with military traditions (i.e. why we have two official downtown services).
- The HVC is the only veterans committee in Canada that advises a municipal Council.





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# Digital Community Programming



**Hamilton Heroes**  
William Edgar Bell


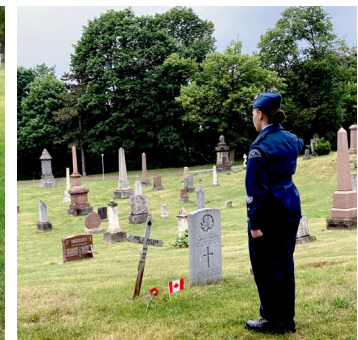
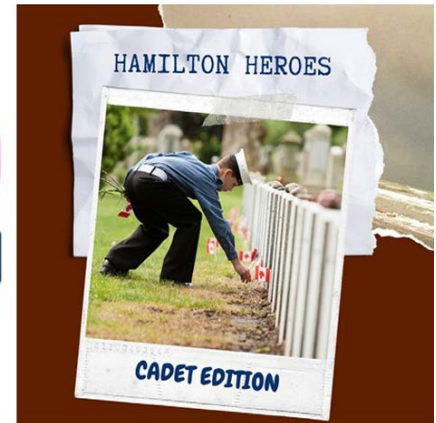
1915  
Living in Hamilton on Cedar Avenue.

1916  
At 15 years old, he enlists with the 129th Battalion. Serves in England and France with the 3rd and 124th Battalions.

1917  
Leads a machine gun unit at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. In July, receives a Military Medal for bravery.

1918  
Is transferred to the Young Soldiers Battalion. Returns to Canada and serves in the Canadian Garrison Regiment.

1919  
Is discharged, returns to Hamilton.



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## Previous and Ongoing Projects

- Addition of video screens at services to make ceremonies accessible.
- Broadcast live video coverage through community television.
- Commemorated James Street North & South as “Veterans Way of Remembrance”.
- Hamilton Wreath Project
- Cadet units now lead Decoration Day services to ensure passing on of traditions to youth.





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## Future Goals

To continue to work with Veterans organizations across the City to establish one collective voice for all Veterans at the City of Hamilton.

- Outreach through existing Veterans network
- Adding resource members to committee

To expand engagement and education of youth in our city on the sacrifices made by Veterans in order to preserve their legacy.

- Re-focusing administrative commitments
- Introducing youth engagement initiatives at the community level

To ensure Veterans young and old from every branch of service are recognized in Hamilton.



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## Would Like to Thank

Hamilton City Council.

- For the approval of the changes this committee requested to expand youth engagement as part of our mandate.
- For it's HSR waiver for buses chartered for HVC hosted events.
- For it's continuous support of Veterans related issues.



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Thank You