



Hamilton
MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting #2024 - 001

April 30, 2024

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

Present: Chair: Michael Rehill
Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe
Members: Terry Ryan, Robert Fyfe, Dave Baldry

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

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Moment of Silence

Committee members observed a moment of silence.

(ii) Land Acknowledgement

Michael Rehill read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Sculthorpe/Baldry)

That the agenda for the April 30, 2024 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

CARRIED

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

(i) November 28, 2023

(Baldry/Ryan)

That the Minutes of the November 28, 2023 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Navy League of Canada Funding Request (Item 5.1)

The Navy League has made a request to the committee to funding in the amount of \$650.00 - \$700.00. This is to cover the staffing cost of keeping a nearby facility open for warmth and access to services overnight November 10th/11th while the cadet group stands guard at an overnight Remembrance vigil at the Dundas Cenotaph. The Chair to write a letter expressing the committee's support for the city to waive/cover this cost.

(ii) Poppy Crosswalk Program (Item 5.2)

There is an initiative to have the Transportation Division paint poppies on the crosswalk on King Street closest to the Stoney Creek Saltfleet Cenotaph to honour those who have served and continue to serve. A letter of support was sent, and now a request has been made for the committee's input in the design choice. Committee agrees that the design should be deferred to the Royal Canadian Legion to sanction, and that all other locations within the municipality can use the same design for future crosswalks.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

That the following updates be received:

(i) Hamilton's Merchant Marine Memorial Presentation and Discussion – Robert DeWolfe (Item 10.1)

R. DeWolfe presented to the Committee regarding the location of the Hamilton Merchant Marine Memorial. The current memorial is in Sam Lawrence Park, far from water. The presentation was in support of a proposed a plan to have the Merchant Marine Memorial located at a waterfront location, possibly at Pier 8 near the HMCS Haida. This would allow for accessibility, visibility, and an appropriate landscape for a

Memorial Service to take place each year on September 3. R. DeWolfe is requesting committee support and financial backing. The Committee expressed support. A discussion of next steps took place. C. Redford will research cost, feasibility and process regarding permissions for possible locations (municipal and/or federal, for Pier 8 or HMCS Haida).

(ii) Research a Grave 2024 (Item 10.2)

All of the information was sent out, however no replies have been received yet. Committee members to remind cadets of the program.

(iii) Decoration Day 2024 (Item 10.3)

Program has been approved, the reverend has been secured and the bands have been informed of the schedule. There are 4 wreaths to be laid during the service. Prior to the service the water coolers, flowers, flags and painted rocks will be delivered to 4 locations within the cemetery. Once the service has concluded, while the cadets are at attention, they will be given the grave decorating instructions. The cadets will be split into 4 groups and will accompany C. Redford, T, Ryan, Bill, Robert to the 4 locations. Once the decorating has concluded, the cadets will return for pizza at Dundurn Park Pavilion.

(iv) Volunteer Advisory Committee Review (Item 10.4)

The committee was asked if they had responded to the survey request for input that was sent out. Committee agreed that the committee should ideally include representatives from various veteran's organizations as well as the regiments.

(v) Marking the 80th Anniversary of D-Day (Item 10.5)

The committee will mark this anniversary at several events throughout the year, with the Remembrance Day Service being the largest contribution. The D-Day commemoration will be pre-recorded and played before the live broadcast of the service at the Hamilton Cenotaph on November 11th.

6. Motions (Item 11)

(i) Motion to Elect Hamilton Veterans Committee Chair for 2024 (Item 11.1)

Christopher Redford calls for nominations. M. Rehill is nominated as a candidate. No other nominations.

(Sculthorpe/Baldry)

That Mike Rehill be acclaimed Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for 2024.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully,

**Michael Rehill, Chair
Hamilton Veterans Committee**