



Hamilton

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**Hamilton Veterans Committee**

Meeting #2023 - 005

June 27, 2023

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

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**Present:** Chair: Michael Rehill  
Vice Chair: Ed Sculthorpe  
Members: Terry Ryan, Robert Fyfe, Steve Waldron, Rod Paddon, Don Jackson

**Also Present:** Christopher Redford (Staff Liaison), Carolyn King (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**

Michael Rehill read the Land Acknowledgement.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(Sculthorpe/Fyfe)**

That the agenda for the June 27, 2023 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) May 30, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

**(Fyfe/Ryan)**

That the Minutes of the May 30, 2023 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

**(Ryan/Fyfe)**

That the following items be received:

**(i) Decoration Day Post-Event Wrap Up (10.1)**

Decoration Day Event ran smoothly, all committee members provided positive feedback regarding the ceremony, the band, maintaining no vehicular access in the cemetery, and the cadet contributions. The chair extended his gratitude to the three cadet coordinators and the staff liaison on behalf of the committee and the community. In preparation for Decoration Day 2024, the committee recommends that the shuttle service begins at 8:30am, that they establish a firm forming up position, to increase time to decorate the graves, that cadet attendance is mandatory to this event, the creation of a map so that all cadets participating know their positioning, having a committee member on the shuttle bus to ensure that the route is correct.

**(ii) Dieppe Memorial Service (10.2)**

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Veterans Association organizes this ceremony with the support of the Hamilton Veterans Committee. This service takes place on August 19 every year, the committee is encouraged to attend. The Chair and the Staff Liaison will meet with members of the Association to discuss the service. The Chair will send out service details to all committee members in due course.

**(iii) Wreath Project 2023 (10.3)**

Staff Liaison has contacted the four elementary schools that are on the rotating list for 2023; Cathy Weaver, Adelaide Hoodless, Queen Victoria and Hess Street Schools. Follow up will be sent out in September when school resumes. This project will provide the students with complimentary

educational programs at the Hamilton Military Museum and complimentary transportation. Staff Liaison will coordinate with the Curator of Indigenous Culture & Heritage regarding the participation of indigenous schools in the wreath project and for advice regarding the land acknowledgement and indigenous participation in the Remembrance Day ceremony for 2023.

**CARRIED**

**5. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Passing of Padre Bruce Lacillade (Item 13.1)**

Staff Liaison reports the passing of Padre Lacillade, who was the County (Ontario) Chaplain and Commander, American Legion Post 18 (Hamilton/Burlington). Padre William Thomas will take over the duties at the 2023 Hamilton & Scourge Memorial Service on August 8. All committee members are invited and welcome to attend.

**(Sculthorpe/Fyfe)**

That the information respecting the Passing of Padre Bruce Lacillade, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Sculthorpe/Fyfe)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Respectfully,**

**Michael Rehill, Chair**

**Hamilton Veterans Committee**