



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting #2023 - 008

November 28, 2023

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

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

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

That the agenda for the November 28, 2023 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

CARRIED

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

(i) October 31, 2023

(Paddon/Waldron)

That the Minutes of the October 31, 2023 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Navy League of Canada, Dundas Branch. Sea, Air and Army cadets in Dundas overnight vigil 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 cost of keeping a nearby facility open overnight for warmth and access to services. The Chair requests further information before a decision can be made. Staff Liaison will report back with more information.

(ii) Poppy Crosswalk Motion from Councillor Beattie and resulting communication (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 request has been made for the committee to provide a letter of support. The committee agrees to send a letter of support; Staff Liaison to create a draft.

(iii) Mohawk Sports Park request for consultation (Item 5.3)

The Mohawk Sports Park is working on an initiative for the development of a multi-use community hub facility. They are requesting that the committee take part in upcoming community consultation on the project and would welcome the opportunity to attend a meeting to provide more information. The committee agrees to invite a representative to the February meeting.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

That the following updates be received:

(i) Remembrance Day Event Review (Item 10.1)

General feedback was all positive and thanks were given out to all, especially those organizing the wreaths and to the staff liaison. Regarding the garrison parade: the change to the parade route was discussed, the route will be better monitored next year. Regarding the ceremony: S. Waldron reports that the special guest veteran was well-received. M. Rehill suggests finding ways to make the Cable 14 live broadcast flexible, so that upon an early arrival of the parade a transition can be made to the start of the ceremony without delay. This will not be an issue until the November 11 Service is on a weekend and again coincides with the Garrison Parade, which will not take place until 2028.

(ii) Veterans 2024 Budget Request (Item 10.2)

Staff Liaison indicated the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2024 budget request to Emergency and Community Services was approved, November 16, 2023. The Committee's base budget of \$43,000.00 was increased to \$65,000.00.

(iii) Cenotaph bollards and chains damage (Item 10.3)

The damaged bollards were tightened for the Remembrance Day service. Further work will occur on the bollards, and the chains will be replaced.

(iv) Decoration Day 2024 (Item 10.4)

The committee agrees to move the time of the service back to 10:00 a.m. with the decoration of the graves taking place after the ceremony instead of before it. T. Ryan would like the committee to acquire advance confirmation of the cadet corps numbers for the day. To assist in achieving this, a 'save the date' email will be sent out in March that will also inform groups of the change in start time. Full plans for event will start at the February meeting.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Committee Update (Item 13.1)

M. Rehill informs the Committee that a new Chair must be elected at the next meeting which is the first meeting 2024, February 27. Staff Liaison indicated contact information for committee members was provided to city staff leading the City of Hamilton's review of Volunteer Advisory Committees for the purposes of doing engagement and collecting feedback.

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

That the Committee Update be received.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Fyfe/Sculthorpe)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully,

**Michael Rehill, Chair
Hamilton Veterans Committee**