



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting #2024 - 002

May 28, 2024

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

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

Also Present: Christopher Redford (Staff Liaison), Carolyn King (Hamilton Military Museum), Moira McGuigan (Hamilton Military Museum), Brydie Huffman (HMCS Star)

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

The Chair advised the Committee of the following change to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.4 HMCS Star Request for Visiting Sailors

(Sculthorpe/Baldry)

That the agenda for the May 28, 2024 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as amended

CARRIED

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

(i) April 30, 2024

(Baldry/Sculthorpe)

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 (no copy) (Item 5.1)

The Chair has written and submitted the letter on the Committee's behalf, however, there has been no response.

(ii) Woodland Cemetery (no copy) (Item 5.2)

The Woodland Cemetery was inquiring if the Committee would be interested in bringing the Annual Decoration Day Service back to their property instead of at the Hamilton Cemetery where it is currently held. The Chair would like a site visit before the decision can be made. Item deferred to February 2025.

(iii) Argyll Pavilion Signage (no copy) (Item 5.3)

The cement pads, and the signs are complete. Hamilton Parks needs to schedule the installation, and then the Argylls will hold an unveiling ceremony on a Sunday in late June.

(iv) HMCS Star Request for Visiting Sailors (Added Item 5.4)

B. Huffman informed the Committee that there will be sailors visiting this summer and are interested in opportunities for the sailors to be involved in any veterans or military needs in Hamilton during this time. The Committee responded that they can attend the Decoration Day Service and the Dieppe Service (where they are welcome to place a wreath). C. King responded that they can attend and assist with the Hamilton Military

Museum's Decoration Day Event, and that they can attend the Military
Tattoo on Canada Day.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(Sculthorpe/Baldry)

That the following updates be received:

(i) Research A Grave (Item 10.1)

There are no updates about this program. Item deferred to February 2025.

(ii) Decoration Day 2024 (Item 10.2)

The Chair ran through the schedule of the day: program was read aloud, shuttle bus begins leaving Dundurn parking lot at 9:00, E. Sculthorpe to ride with first shuttle bus drop off to ensure that the bus driver goes into the correct driveway at the cemetery, E. Sculthorpe to return to the Dundurn parking lot to then ride with acting Mayor to direct them to correct driveway, rain plan is Dundurn Pavilion, Dave to hand out programs, Cadet representatives arrive at Dundurn parking lot at 8:45 to be in position along York Boulevard and Cemetery to direct participants, all other Committee members to arrive no later than 9:30 at the cenotaph, E. Sculthorpe may have to stand in as MC, S. Waldron will be Parade Marshall, all decorating instructions will be given over the microphone, decorating should take an hour to an hour and a half, as each team finishes decorating they will go to the Dundurn Pavilion for pizza. An email will be sent to all committee members with tasks for the day.

(iii) Marking the 80th Anniversary of D-Day (Item 10.3)

D-Day will be commemorated from June 6 to June 9, with heavy programming on June 8 and June 9. A D-Day commemoration video will be recorded on June 6 at HMSC Haida and played before the live broadcast of the service at the Hamilton Cenotaph on November 11th. Ed Sculthorpe will be interviewed in the video on behalf of the Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Sculthorpe/Baldry)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

CARRIED

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Respectfully,

**Michael Rehill, Chair
Hamilton Veterans Committee**