



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting #2024 - 005

October 29, 2024

4:00 p.m.

WebEx – Virtual Platform

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

Also Present: Christopher Redford (Staff Liaison), 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

(Baldry/Paddon)

That the agenda for the October 29, 2024 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

CARRIED

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

(i) September 24, 2024

(Paddon/Sculthorpe)

That the minutes of the September 24, 2024 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Baldry/Paddon)

That the following Communications be received:

(i) Argyll Pavilion Protection (Item 5.1)

Chair sent a letter advocating the support of the committee for the Argylls to protect the pavilion. Staff Liaison discusses that there is a lack of funding available for this project within the Division, recommends that the Argylls speak to Parks. Staff Liaison to send the appropriate email address to T. Ryan.

(ii) Remembrance Crosswalk Stoney Creek (Item 5.2)

The crosswalk project was completed within the last week, the City has been pleased with the response from the public. Remembrance Day Service will begin at 10:00am on November 11 at the Stoney Creek Cenotaph to dedicate the crosswalk. Staff Liaison asks for one committee member to attend this service to support the project. D. Jackson volunteered.

(iii) Veterans' Place Vandalism Repairs (Item 5.3)

This was likely a multitude of vandalism events, not just one occurrence. There is currently no plan in place to stop future abuse to Veteran's Place. There will be something temporary in place for the Remembrance Day Services, and then a permanent fix will occur after November 11.

(iv) 2025 Budget and Annual Presentation to Emergency and Community Services Committee (Item 5.4)

The City Clerks have requested that the presentation of the annual report be moved from November 21 to January. The date is still to be determined. This could take place in person.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(Baldry/Paddon)

That the following updates be received:

(i) Remembrance Services 2024 (Item 10.1)

The Chair went through the service program: Garrison Parade Order was sent out in an email to review, Parade Marshal will be S. Waldron, update the Program to say "Memorial Cross Family" instead of "Silver Cross Mother", need 2 cadets to recite In Flanders Fields at the service on the 10th, T. Ryan to get names for the program on November 3, Hamilton Children's Choir will be there on the 10th, the Indigenous Drumming Circle will be there on the 11th, Dundas Concert Band will be there on the 11th, both services have Padres, need to find a Memorial Cross Person for both Services, D. Jackson to contact Bev McGraw, both services have buglers, R. Paddon will be the back up for the Acts of Remembrance if need be, In Flanders Fields will be recited in French on the 11th by representatives from the French School Board, E. Sculthorpe will be in charge of the order of the wreaths, Hamilton Military Museum Representatives will be in charge of the dignitaries on the 10th and the 11th.

(ii) Merchant Marine Marker (Item 10.2)

Deferred to November 2024 Meeting.

(iii) Wreath Project 2024 (Item 10.3)

There are three schools that have taken part in the Wreath Project. Each school will be creating 2 wreaths, therefore there will be 6 in total. Each school will send a representative to the Cenotaph on November 11, and they will participate in laying the wreaths.

(iv) Research A Grave (Item 10.4)

Staff Liaison will send out the email request around Remembrance Day 2024 to gain interest for the project. This will allow the project to have two dates per year, one now and one around Decoration Day.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Sculthorpe/Paddon)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully,

**Michael Rehill, Chair
Hamilton Veterans Committee**