



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Meeting 25-002

March 25, 2025

4:00 p.m.

WebEx

Present: Michael Rehill (Chair)
Ed Sculthorpe (Vice-Chair)
Terry Ryan, Dave Baldry, Rod Paddon

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

With Regrets: Steve Waldron, Don Jackson

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Moment of Silence

Committee members observed a moment of silence.

(ii) Land Acknowledgement

M. Rehill read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Baldry/Sculthorpe)

That the agenda for the March 25, 2025 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 5)

(i) February 25, 2025

(Paddon/Ryan)

That the minutes of the February 25, 2025 meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Item 7)

(Baldry/Sculthorpe)

That the following updates be received:

(i) Research A Grave (Item 7.1)

Staff Liaison said that they have completed several presentations at cadet corps and that interest has been good. There are still a few presentations planned. C. King mentioned that The Hamilton Military Museum has not received a response yet, but she will inform the committee when they have.

(ii) Decoration Day (Item 7.2)

T. Ryan informed the cadet corps of the date and reminded them of their participation and support in the event. The Chair is to edit the 2024 Parade Order and send it to T. Ryan for updates and approval. The Chair has confirmed the cadet band from 2024 will be in attendance, and the invitation to the Padre will go out soon.

(iii) Merchant Mariner Marker (Item 7.3)

Committee is awaiting word from Pier 8 regarding potential placement. The Chair has written a letter on behalf of the Committee to move the plans forward.

(iv) Volunteer Advisory Committee (Item 7.4)

A report was brought to council and was approved, with slight alteration. There will be a meeting within the next two to three weeks to understand the plan moving forward as the Volunteer Advisory Committee becomes a Community Liaison Group. This committee will undergo some changes, but operationally it will remain the same since it has specific advisory components. B. Huffman asked about the qualification that committee members must be a veteran. The Chair responded that while committee members must be serving, or have served, as a CAF Member, the resource members can be non-veterans and can still have an active role in advising.

**(v) Volunteer Advisory Committee / Community Liaison Group –
Mandate, Roles and Composition (Item 7.5)**

Staff Liaison with assistance from The Chair and the Vice-Chair are working on an official document of the Veterans Committee Roles and Responsibilities. They will change slightly from the previous process. Once the committee approves the new document, it will go to council, and then they will approve it based on the new guidelines. The committee will vote on this document at the next meeting.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION/ OTHER BUSINESS (Item 10)

(i) American Flag at Dieppe Veterans Memorial Park Clarification (Item 10.1)

There was official communication from The City of Hamilton Parks Department that all American Flags should be removed. They specifically inquired about the Dieppe Memorial and were informed that it should also be removed. Once concern was voiced by the Committee and the Legion, City officials agreed that the flag could be returned to the Dieppe Memorial.

T. Ryan told the committee members about The Dundurn Park 125th Anniversary Event that is taking place on May 24, 2025 which cadet units around the city have been invited to attend.

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Sculthorpe/Ryan)

That, there being no further business, the Hamilton Veterans Committee be adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rehill, Chair
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Christopher Redford
Staff Liaison
Hamilton Veterans Committee