HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE





Presentation to EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES October 19, 2011

2011 – 2014 Committee Membership

With this term of Council Veterans applied and were appointed through the City of Hamilton Citizen Volunteer Committee selection process.

Citizens must be a Veteran to apply for membership.

> John Clarke, Chair

- Harry McEwen, Vice-Chair
- Bill Eisan, Bob Fyfe, Gerry Rattray, David Steckham, Art Tompkins
- Councillor Sam Merulla, Councillor Bernie Morelli
- Fern Viola, Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs



Mandate





Advise Council on Veterans' matters that fall within Council's jurisdiction

Liaise with the Veterans of the City of Hamilton on Veterans' matters as they relate to municipal operations

Coordinate Remembrance and Memorial Services for the City of Hamilton

Assist in the coordination of significant Veteran's commemorative events for the City of Hamilton

Provide input on projects and issues that are of concern to Veterans, i.e. Veteran parking, Monuments and Cenotaphs and Veterans Field of Honour





Remembrance Day & Memorial Services

Provide direction and coordination for the Hamilton Remembrance Day Parade and Service, and two Decoration Day Memorial Services

Communicate with all Hamilton
Veterans groups: the Order of Service,
Parade Orders, volunteer dignitaries,
i.e. Saluting Officer, Clergy, etc.

➢ Work with community citizens and local organizations as they assist in the coordination of Remembrance Day.





Assistance to Other Veterans Events

 Provide assistance (logistical, financial, etc.) to specific events,
(e.g. Dieppe War Memorial Service, Royal Canadian Legion Drum Head
Service, British Imperial Veterans
Decoration Day Service)

Liaise with United Council of Veterans and Presidents & Secretaries Association on any Cityrelated Veterans issues

Provide approval for any use of Hamilton Cenotaph

Previous and Ongoing Projects



Advised community groups on plans to honour local veterans such as the renaming of Private Mark Graham Memorial Olympic Park

Representation on the Gore Park Master Plan committee related to Gore Park, the Cenotaph and Veterans Place at Gore Park

Created the guidelines under which Veterans may be buried in the Field of Honour

Lobbied to allow Veterans immediate families to wear deceased Veterans medals at Remembrance Day Services

Lobbied to have free parking for all Hamilton Veterans

2011 Initiatives

In addition to annual Memorial Services the Veterans Committee has:



Initiated the Commemorative naming of James Street North and South as "Veterans Way of Remembrance"

Initiated the review of the mandate of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

Advocated for the retention of two World War I artillery pieces received by the City of Hamilton as War Trophies in 1920

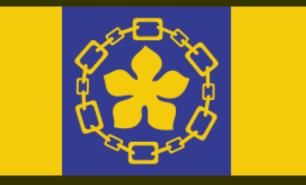
Investigated the possible use of the former Parks Canada Discovery Centre as an enlarged Hamilton Military Museum

Participated in monthly Canadian Citizenship ceremonies



Future Goals

To continue to work with all Veterans Clubs from across the City, in an effort to stand together as one collective voice representing all the Veterans of the City of Hamilton



To Succeed

Need strong representation from Hamilton Veterans Committee members



Thank You.