



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

Present: Chair: John Clarke
Members: David Steckham, Bob Fyfe, Harry McEwen, Bill Eisan,
Councillor Morelli

**Absent with
Regrets:** Gerry Rattray, Councillor Merulla, Art Tompkins

Also Present: Fern Viola, Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison
Anna Bradford, Acting Director Tourism & Culture Division
Rebecca Oliphant, Technical Staff Liaison, Minute Taker, Tourism
& Culture Division
Sarah Ehmke, Art & Event Initiatives Coordinator, Tourism &
Culture Division

CHAIR'S REMARKS – Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**
Item 4.8 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration – Sarah Ehmke, Art & Event
Initiatives Coordinator
Sarah will join us at 10:15 to update the committee on this item.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None declared.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
(Fyfe/Eisan)
3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 13 March 2012.
CARRIED
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 4.1 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee**
No update.
- 4.2 World War I Artillery pieces – discussion on location of restored pieces**
RHLI Veterans Association meeting later this month, Bob will attend and will ask if there is any update
Bob did not feel there was a need for staff to attend at this time
Therese Charbonneau, Senior Conservator needs to provide a report to this committee and interested parties to ensure the continued maintenance and preservation of the pieces
Bob would like to see the pieces on the street side of the park
Anna to follow up with Tennessee Propedo, Acting Manager of Parks
- 4.3 Freedom of the City – Recommendation report**
Geordie Elms, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Military Heritage and Protocol has been invited to the June 12 Hamilton Veterans Committee meeting to speak to this item.
- 4.4 Calendar of Veteran’s Events (Invitations/Advertising of Veterans Events)**
Update: Need to strike a Calendar Sub-committee as directed at November 8, 2011 meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.
Rebecca to provide David with contact information for Maxine Carter, Access & Equity Coordinator, to ensure we’re inclusive
No update from Legion for use of poppy
- 4.5 Veterans Parking in Hamilton**
HVC needs to develop a business case.
Councillor Morelli supports the committee developing the business case and will assist as necessary, suggest HVC speak to Marty Hazell, Parking and By-law Services to attend a future meeting
- 4.6 2013 Smiths Knoll Remembrance Ceremony**
Reminder that the American Legion wants to be involved
- 4.7 Cancellation of Remembrance Day Service in Federal Building Lobby**
Update: letter needs to go to Emergency & Community Services Committee for approval to send. John has signed the report and letter.
- 4.8 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration**
Sarah Ehmke, Art and Event Initiative Coordinator provided an overview of the City’s proposed program.
Two lists distributed, one lists the events that HVC would be most interested in and the second lists all events that are currently known to be happening in the City of Hamilton related to the 1812 Bicentennial.
The City is following the lead of Federal government, supporting community groups and organizations to plan their own events. Council has approved \$400,000 for city organized and community organized events.

Signature events are larger in scope and have a Tourism draw. These include:

- Tall Ships – Canada Day 2013
- 200th Anniversary of Battle of Stoney Creek
- 100th Anniversary of Battlefield Monument
- 2013 Hamilton International Tattoo
- 2013 Hamilton & Scourge on the water commemoration

There are many smaller events that may be partially funding through the recently announced Community Funding Program.

Tattoo – The 2012 Tattoo which is outside the 1812 Bicentennial dates has a general War of 1812 theme whereas in 2013 Hamilton focused 1812 Bicentennial theme.

Councillor Morelli asked that the 2012 Tattoo be put on the significant list. Sarah stated she had no authority to invite participation in the Tattoo as it is not a city organized event.

Fern will share information with Sarah about an event on Canada Day.

Bob to share these lists with the United Council of Veterans.

Councillor Morelli would like the list distributed more widely for feedback.

Anna asked that Sarah update and forward to everyone including her email contact information in order that any planned events that are open to the public can be added to the 1812 Bicentennial information on the Tourism Hamilton website and the Regional Bicentennial website.

Councillor Morelli would like a media release sent out to ensure as many arts, heritage, tourism organizations as possible are aware.

More information as to who is organizing and contact info would be appreciated on the second, longer chronological list.

Some highlights:

2013 radar pictures at AGH – invite this committee to opening

2013 Smith's Knoll – committee involved in a ceremonial way

2012 Re-enactment - HVC should be recognized at Opening ceremonies

Tall Ships – invite committee to welcome ceremonies

Hamilton & Scourge Plaque unveiling – HVC will be asked to participate in the ceremony, would like to know if they will / should lay wreaths

Hamilton & Scourge commemoration on water - Councillor Morelli

suggested that Niagara Police Service might offer assistance if more of HVC want to attend. Harry definitely wants to attend.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Smith's Knoll - Stoney Creek re-interment

5.2 Upcoming Events

Canadian Club annual Canada Day bbq - June 28 at RHYC – Geordie Elms, Mayor's Military Heritage and Protocol Advisor will be speaking on War of 1812. Newly appointed Citizenship Judge will re-affirm everyone's Canadian Citizenship.

Staff to request date of the 2012 Hamilton and Scourge Memorial from Mike McAllister.

April 15 Legion's District Convention parade

April 21 Freedom of the City – City Hall

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Recognize Bill McCulloch for his work with HVC (Steckham/Fyfe)

Motion that the Hamilton Veterans Committee nominate former Alderman Bill McCulloch to receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work with the Hamilton Veterans Committee particularly around the Hamilton & Scouge project.

CARRIED

With the assistance of those who know McCulloch's involvement better, Dave Steckham will draft the nomination.

6.2 North Wall riders candlelight service at Woodland

Committee was concerned that no one from the HVC appears to have been invited. Staff to investigate with Special Events Advisory Team (SEAT) whether an application was received.

6.3 Media Releases

Media releases should be sent regarding Veterans events happening in Hamilton. Dave should be contact as he is the contact for the HVC calendar.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: 8 May 2012
10:00 a.m. to Noon
City Hall – Room 192

Significant Veterans Anniversaries (Please provide any additions you may be aware of to this list.)

- 2012** - RHLI, Dieppe (August 19, 2012), Queen's 60th Jubilee
- 2013** - 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek,
- 2014** - 100th Anniversary of the beginning of WWI
- 70th of D Day
- 2015** -

Should be looking at dates, investigating, asking if HVC can be of assistance