

# HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE



**Annual Volunteer Committee Presentation to  
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES  
November 12, 2012**

## 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.

- Bob Fyfe, Chair
- Gerry Rattray, Vice-Chair
- Bill Eisan, Harry McEwen, David Steckham, Art Tompkins
- Councillor Sam Merulla, Councillor Bernie Morelli



# 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, 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 City-related Veterans issues
- Provide approval for any use of Hamilton Cenotaph



# Previous and Ongoing Projects



- Initiated the review of the mandate of the Hamilton Veterans Committee
- 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 for the return of the Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building
- Lobbied to have free parking for all Hamilton Veterans

## 2012 Initiatives

In addition to annual Memorial Services the Veterans Committee has:

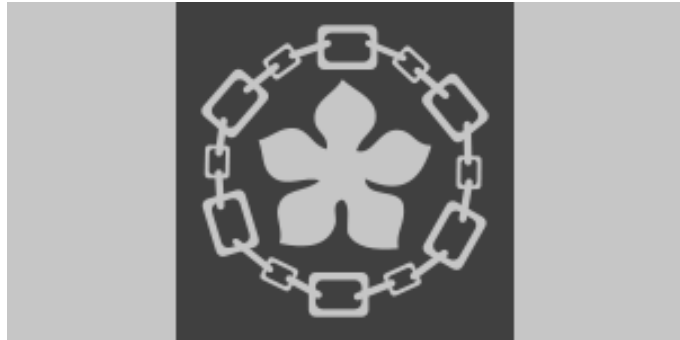


- Completed the Commemorative naming of James Street North and South as “Veterans Way of Remembrance”
- Initiated the production of a Calendar of Events
- Supported the creation of the Hamilton Veterans Committee webpage [www.hamilton.ca/veterans](http://www.hamilton.ca/veterans)
- Continued to advocate for the retention of two World War I artillery pieces received by the City of Hamilton as War Trophies in 1920
- Successfully nominated former Alderman William McCulloch to receive a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal



## **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.