



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

Present: Chair: Bob Fyfe
Members: Harry McEwen, Art Tompkins, Bill Eisan, David Steckham, Councillor Morelli (10:30)

Absent with Regrets: Gerry Rattray, Councillor Merulla (City Business),

Also Present: Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture Division
Geordie Elms, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Military Heritage and Protocol
Rebecca Oliphant, Minute Taker, Staff Liaison, Tourism and Culture

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Remembrance of Fallen Comrades

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Eisan/Steckham)

3.1 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated 12 March 2013.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee

Update: David Steckham

Hope to have public consultation in November as part of Veterans Week combining committee's plan with Councillors' plan.

Small working committee struck to develop a charter (how we go forward with project to get to goal) - Geordie, David, Bob, Anna

Ask Councillor Merulla to clarify his vision of the consultation.

4.2 Calendar of Veteran's Events / HVC Web page

Action: Committee will confirm with staff as to whether they are interested in looking at an external website for the Veteran's Committee.
Tabled until 4.1 is resolved.

4.3 Fields of Honour

Distributed information on National Military Cemetery and Last Post Fund National Field of Honour.
Rebecca to touch base with Crystabelle Fobler, Superintendent of Cemeteries regarding follow-up from July 2012 meeting.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration

Art Tompkins – distributed flyer It's Happening Here for 1812 Commemoration. The closing of the 1812 commemoration will be the Wampum ceremony in 2015. Coordinators are investigating a location at this time.

- **2013 Smiths Knoll Remembrance Ceremony**

Friday, May 31 – more information to follow. Save the Date letters went out some time ago.
Rebecca to invite Jen Anisef to provide an update at the May 14 meeting.

5.2 Upcoming Events

Decoration Day – Sunday, June 9 – 11:00 a.m. – Woodlands Cemetery – Lower Field

Anna to assign this event to another Division staff person until the Hamilton Military Museum Coordinator position is filled.

Dieppe Memorial – August 19 – David met informally with Lynda Furchner of the RHLI. All parties are in agreement that this service can be organized by the City of Hamilton with their blessing.

At their next meeting (April 25) they need to determine costs involved and what the Dieppe Memorial organization has traditionally paid for.

David also gave the organization a head's up that the HVC will be looking for input on role and function of the Veterans committee.

East Hamilton Decoration Day – Navy Vets are the hosts this year. Organizers need a couple of buglers that they can count on.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Marie MacEachern – a more senior employee in CUPE 5167 has exercised their bumping rights and replaced Marie.

The Hamilton Military Museum Coordinator will take over as liaison for Veterans events. The committee needs an Events Sub-committee of the HVC with its own Terms of Reference to assist with planning. All members of the Events Sub-committee do not have to be members of HVC.

6.2 Korea Veterans – may do something to mark the end of the Korean War (July 1953) at City Hall. Geordie will investigate with Hoojung Jones (honorary member of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada). Stoney Creek Legion is having a celebratory dinner on May 8 and inviting the Korea Veterans to participate.

6.3 New members - John Terrence, former Pipe Major of the Argylls has expressed an interest. Geordie has provided him with an application. His strength would be the organization of events.

Note: A change membership criteria to include non-Veterans requires a HVC committee report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee. HVC would need to consider what percentage of members must be Veterans, if non-Veterans could be Chair, Vice-Chair. It is important to keep a very strong Veteran base.

Note: The HVC may have ex-officio/advisors but would not have voting privileges.

Many veterans now are younger therefore the date / time of meeting may be an impediment. This may be determined during the consultation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2013
 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 City Hall – Room 192