

# HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE



**Annual Volunteer Committee Presentation to  
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES  
December 9, 2013**

## 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.

- Robert Fyfe, Chair
- Gerry Rattray, Vice-Chair
- William Eisan, Harry McEwen, David Steckham, Art Tompkins
- Councillor Sam Merulla, Councillor Bernie Morelli
- Resource member: Fern Viola



# 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)
- 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



- Representation on the Gore Park Master Plan committee related to Gore Park, the Cenotaph and Veterans Place at Gore Park
- Lobbied for the return of the Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building
- Lobbied to have free parking for all Hamilton Veterans
- Completed the Commemorative naming of James Street North and South as “Veterans Way of Remembrance”

# 2013 Initiatives

In addition to annual Memorial Services the Veterans Committee has:



- Revised the guidelines under which Veterans may be buried in the Field of Honour
- Participated in 1812 Commemoration Events
  - Hamilton & Scourge On the Water Memorial
  - Smith's Knoll Remembrance Service
- Veterans Place at Gore Park - Participated on the Gore Park Pedestrianization Project
- Continued the review of the mandate of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

## Future Goals



- To continue to work with all Veterans organizations 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.