



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
From:	Robert Fyfe, Chair Hamilton Veterans Committee (to be signed by the Chair)
Date:	January 8, 2013
Re:	Christmas and Remembrance Day Ceremonies (HVC Report 13-001)

Recommendation:

That the appropriate City staff be directed to ensure that the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies always take place prior to the Santa Claus Parade and other civic Christmas decoration programs or activities.

Background:

At the January 8th meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee the members of the Committee recommended that City Council take the necessary steps to ensure that the annual Santa Claus Parade and other civic Christmas decoration programs or activities take place after the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Analysis/Rationale:

One issue that has recently come to light is our citizens' concerns that Christmas related activities and displays are being erected or held before Remembrance Day ceremonies. Many citizens feel that this may signal a level of disrespect towards the importance of Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day ceremonies are important. It is a solemn and reflective time to remember the men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. It is a time to reflect and pay tribute to their contributions and sacrifices.