



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Room 192

Present: Chair: Bob Fyfe
Members: Gerry Rattray, David Steckham, Art Tompkins,
Councillor Merulla

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor Morelli

Also Present: Anna Bradford, Director, Tourism and Culture
Cathy Bojeski, Minute Taker, Tourism and Culture
Bridget MacIntosh, Festivals & Events Officer, Tourism and Culture

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Item 6.1 Santa Claus Parade and erecting the Christmas Tree at City Hall Prior to Remembrance Day – will be moved to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Councillor / staff schedules.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Rattray/Tompkins)

3.1 That the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting dated November 13, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee

Dave has been working on this for almost a year and nobody from the City has been able to assist him to date. Dave and Anna will meet to review the mandate of this committee to determine with what division it should reside.

Action: Rebecca is to set up a meeting and ask Carrie Brooks-Joiner to attend.

4.2 World War I Artillery Pieces

No location yet. Needs to be indoors to prevent deterioration

4.3 Calendar of Veteran's Events (Invitations/Advertising of Veterans Events)

At the end of November Dave started working on the 2013 calendar. The web page within the City's web site is very hard to find. Also, there is minimal information on it. It appears that it does not get updated very often. Anna stated that we don't have the resources for maintaining this page and maybe the best thing to do is look at the Veteran's Committee to create their own web site with links back to the City site similar to other Advisory Committees such as the Hamilton Historical Board.

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

4.4 Veterans Parking in Hamilton

No update.

4.5 Hamilton and Scourge Memorial

A protocol needs to be set for this. Mike McAllister will be invited to the next meeting.

4.6 Fields of Honour

No update to date. The Cemetery Board needs to be contacted.

4.7 2013 Budget

Marie MacEachern was not in attendance, but she did send an e-mail to Anna stating that sample arm bands and name tags have been made.

Payment to Branch 58 Band for Decoration Day - Marie will be asked for a written update for minutes and invited to next month's meeting.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration

• 2013 Smiths Knoll Remembrance Ceremony

Art has not been invited to any meetings that have been held by the City, nor has he received any e-mails, so he doesn't know any details.

Action: Anna to investigate with staff.

5.2 Upcoming Events

Her Majesty's Army and Navy Club (the oldest Veteran's Club in Canada) will be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year.

Action: Anna to provide information to Chair regarding grants that may be available to this organization in recognition of their anniversary.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Santa Claus Parade and erecting the Christmas Tree at City Hall Prior to Remembrance Day

Santa Claus Parade is the second Saturday in November. There is a circuit of parades. The bands know when the parades are. If the volunteer group that organizes the Hamilton Parade changes their date they may be entering someone else's circuit.

Committee prefers seasons be kept in their proper order but support community groups planning other events.

Councillor Merulla received many complaints from residents of Hamilton about the Santa Claus Parade being the day before the Remembrance Day parade. He has suggested that the Veteran's Committee approach Council to get them to create a by-law to move the Santa Claus Parade to after the Remembrance Day Parade. All the operational detail will be worked out by city staff once the by-law has been passed.

Action: Chair to send letter to Mayor with this request.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2013
 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 City Hall – Room 192