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.