MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
10:00 a.m.
Hamilton City Centre, Suite 305

CHAIR: Tom Dean  MINUTE TAKER: Rebecca Oliphant

PRESENT: Tom Dean, Harry McEwen, John Clarke, Councillor Morelli, Fern Viola, Councillor Merulla (arrived at 10:45 from City Business)

Also Present: Anna Bradford

REGRETS: Councillor Bratina (City Business), Gerry Rattray, Bob Fyfe, Art Tompkins

GUESTS: Marie MacEachern

CHAIR’S REMARKS – review of agenda items only until quorum at 10:45

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
That the June agenda of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

(McEwen/Clarke) CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11 May 2010
That the May minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

(Clarke/McEwen) CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Nevada Tickets
Update: Gerry to report on President and Secretaries Association discussion re: setting up a separate Veterans association, much the same as the Firefighters or Police
Deferred until Gerry is in attendance.

4.2 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee
Tabled until September 2010.
4.3 Mechanized Equipment at Veterans Events

**Update:** Gerry to report on results of trip to Brantford Museum
Deferred until Gerry is in attendance.

4.4 Artillery pieces in Dundurn Park and at the Delta

Staff report has not been completed re: offer from museum out west, report will weigh options, what is best for the pieces, will be reviewed by this committee, ultimately needs to go through Council.

4.5 Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park

Citizens’ Committee report to be drafted to Emergency and Community Services Committee requesting the City of Hamilton provide a memorial bench for the park.

**ACTION:** (Apr. 13) Colleen Wicken, Councillor Whitehead’s Admin, to provide confirmed dates to HVC, who will in turn forward to various veterans organizations

Staff to ensure the committee’s role is known, want sufficient notice to arrange attendance.

4.6 Decoration Day Planning – Marie MacEachern

Review of final program.
- All participants have been confirmed, by letter and phone,
- HSR low-level buses have been confirmed,
- Sarah Ehmke, Events Coordinator will meet the HVC and Veterans at City Hall on Sunday, June 13
- security will be at City Hall to let Veterans in to the washrooms,
- ask everyone to be there at 10:30,
- lower field, signage will be set up directing guests to lower field,
- tent for inclement weather,
- letter sent to each Veterans branch,

Marie will ask Cemetery staff to leave the flags until the Veterans have left

Many conflicting events on Sunday, band will play the hymns as Fern can not be in attendance

**Action:** Marie to make corrections to the program

Motion that the program be received (with corrections) as presented.

(McEwen/Clarke) CARRIED

4.7 Missing Wreaths

58th Legion, Korea Veterans and United Council wreaths may be at Barton Street,

Marie brought in several wreaths which John did not feel were the missing ones, last time wreaths were used was November 11, 2010, Marie to check with Public Works,

4.8 Parking in Stoney Creek

**Update:** Issue has been resolved.
4.9 **Veterans Memorial Highway**
Citizens’ Committee report to be drafted to request that James Street North and South from the Mountain to the Bay be given the commemorative name “Veterans Way of Remembrance”.
Report will go to Emergency & Community Services Committee and from there referred to the Facility Naming Sub-committee.

4.10 **Wearing of Decorations / Medals**
if it is something Hamilton would like to do then Council would have to OK, the Mayor would have to send letter to Federal Government
Re-visit the May 11 motion “that public consultations be held to determine the feelings of Hamilton Veterans regarding the issue of family members being allowed to wear deceased Veterans medals on ceremonial occasions” when we have full membership present, coming up in Winnipeg next week, John will report back at the July meeting

Motion that the 11 May 2010 motion respecting public consultations be reconsidered when the original mover and seconder (Tompkins/McEwen) are present.

*(Clarke/McEwen)*

**CARRIED**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **Annual Presentation to Emergency & Community Services Committee**
Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.
Staff will update 2009 presentation – final HVC approved presentation needs to be complete by August 16.
Presenter:
Deferred until Gerry is in attendance

5.2 **Ontario Veteran Community Archive**
Provided for your information

5.3 **Upcoming Events**
Tattoo – June 12 and 13
July 1 – Navy Vets, mini parade from Pat Quinn parking lot, down Parkdale to the Club

5.4 **Artist – Poppy**
Email distributed, discuss at July meeting

5.5 **United Council of Veterans meeting**
Harry spoke to a veteran who is not happy with the way Gore Park is being policed,
Councillors Merulla and Morelli asked that the veteran put his concerns in writing or call the Chief’s office or their Councillor
Also wanted to know why US Legions or VFW members do not get treated as well in Canada as Canadians do in the US? The committee was in
agreement that the answer should be that money just isn’t there and it is up to the individual organizations

5.6 East End Decoration Day – Marie MacEachern
Marie shared planning to date
Eastlawn Cemetery - Sunday, August 29, Veterans Service League is the hosting club, Reverend Chisholm confirmed, St. John’s Ambulance is confirmed, two HSR buses are confirmed, Jim Prytula has agreed to be the saluting officer

5.7 Stoney Creek re-interment
Anna provided committee with an update on the project, property has been disturbed many times over the years, working with McMaster to do some investigation possibly with ground radar to determine what might be there

Action: provide Smith’s Knoll FAQs to the committee with minutes
Action: add as an Standing item in order to ensure HVC is in the loop

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
Next Meeting: 13 July 2010
10:00 a.m. to Noon
City Centre, Suite 305 Boardroom
Significant Veterans Anniversaries (Please provide any additions you may be aware of to this list.)

2010 - 100th anniversary of the Navy, an event June 6 at the Haida, Department of Veterans Affairs Week theme is the Navy and will be at the HMCS Star
- 65th anniversary of VE Day,
- 65th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland
- 65th anniversary of VJ Day
- 60th anniversary of commencement of the Korean War

2011 - formal end of Canadian combat

2012 - RHLI, Dieppe, Queen's 60th Jubilee

2013 - 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek,

2014 - 100th anniversary of the beginning of WWI
- 70th of D Day

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