HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

Presentation to
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
November 4, 2009
Committee Membership

- The current President of the United Council of Veterans;
- A Veteran elected at large by the United Council of Veterans;
- Two current Presidents of a recognized Hamilton Veterans Club as recommended by the Presidents and Secretaries Association;
- The past Chairman of the Hamilton Veterans Committee;
- One war Veteran and one member (either a Veteran or a person from the Regular Forces) recommended by the Veterans holding the previously mentioned appointments;
- Three City of Hamilton Councillors.
Mandate

- Act as liaison for the veterans of the City of Hamilton on all veterans-related matters
- Co-ordinate Remembrance and Memorial Services 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
- 2009 Budget Request: $9890.
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, financial, etc.) to individual club events, i.e. Dieppe War Memorial Service, Royal Canadian Legion Drum Head Service, British Imperial Veterans Decoration Day Service
- Liaise with United Council of Veterans and Presidents & Secretaries Association on any City-related Veterans issues
- Provide clearance for any use of Hamilton Cenotaph
Previous and Ongoing Projects

- Created the guidelines by which Veterans may be buried in the Field of Honour at Mount Hamilton, Woodland and Eastlawn Cemeteries
- Provide clearance for any use of Hamilton Cenotaph
- Consulted to develop criteria to honour local Veterans
- Representation on the Gore Park Master Plan committee for input and concerns related to Gore Park and the Cenotaph
In addition to annual Memorial Services, the Veterans Committee has:

- Expanded membership to include an additional member
- Provided assistance in the coordination of Dieppe Memorial Service
- Continued support to individual Veterans club events
- Revitalized the Presidents and Secretaries Association – a Veterans organization that meets to discuss issues, events and/or seek support within the Veterans Community
Future Goals

- To continue to work with all Veterans Clubs from across the City, in an effort to stand together as one collective voice representing the entire City of Hamilton

To Succeed

- Need strong representation from Hamilton Veterans Committee members
Thank You.