HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

Presentation to EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
September 8, 2010
2010 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

- 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
- 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
- 2011 Budget Request: $10,000.
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

- Continue to support individual Veterans club events
- Representation on the Gore Park Master Plan committee for input and concerns related to Gore Park, the Cenotaph and Veterans Place at Gore Park
- Created the guidelines by which Veterans may be buried in the Field of Honour at Mount Hamilton, Woodland and Eastlawn Cemeteries
In addition to annual Memorial Services, the Veterans Committee has:

- Participated in monthly Canadian Citizenship ceremonies
- Lobbied to have Free Parking for all Hamilton Veterans
- Advised community groups on plans to honour local veterans – Private Mark Graham Memorial Olympic Park renaming
- Initiated the Commemorative naming of James Street North and South as Veterans Way of Remembrance
- Lobbied to allow Veterans immediate families to wear deceased Veterans medals at Remembrance Day Services

2010 Initiatives
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 all the Veterans of the City of Hamilton

To Succeed

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