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.
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 production of Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day & Memorial Services
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
- Contacted for consultation in developing 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 Council support and representation
Thank You.