To: Chair and Members
   Emergency & Community Services Committee
   Outstanding Business Item No. EE and Issue: Military Memorials

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Re: Military Memorial at all City of Hamilton Cenotaphs and Military Monuments
   (other than Gore Park) (ECS08021) (City Wide)

Council Direction:
Staff was directed to study and report back on the feasibility of incorporating a memorial
at all City of Hamilton cenotaphs and military monuments.

Information:

Over the past 50 years, Canada has participated in most of the peacekeeping missions
mandated by the UN Security Council such as Rwanda, Bosnia and most recently
Afghanistan. Hamiltonians have participated in these missions with some giving the
supreme sacrifice.

The addition of memorials dedicated to honouring Hamilton's peacekeepers that have
died while on duty during peacekeeping missions is an appropriate way to honour our
military.

The project of creating these memorials will be considered as part of the upcoming City
of Hamilton Public Art Master Plan, which will be presented to Council in September
2008. Public art projects are funded through the Capital budget.

The City of Hamilton is committed to enliven and enhancing the environment of the city
for its citizens, businesses and visitors, and for creating an overall “sense of place”
through the integration of public art in public places. Public art is integrated in public
places through the City's planning processes, public work projects, and the
implementation of a collaborative public art process involving City staff, artists, and the
community.
The inclusion of public art in Hamilton leads to the following benefits:

- Creates a clear sense of community pride and identity;
- Reflects our cultural heritage and fosters an understanding of the city’s unique identity in history;
- Enhances the built environment by incorporating high-calibre public art into the infrastructure of the city;
- Contributes to the development of a more pleasant, safe and viable community and the improvement of the quality of life;
- Presents the cultural identity of Hamilton to visitors;
- Enhances tourism and economic development;
- Encourages and promotes awareness of the City’s rich ethnic, social and cultural diversity; and,
- Creates cultural links through the promotion of opportunities for community development, community engagement, and community partnerships.

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