MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
10:00 a.m.
City Hall – Room 193

CHAIR: Gerry Rattray                 MINUTE TAKER: Rebecca Oliphant

PRESENT: Gerry Rattray, Tom Dean, Bob Fyfe, Art Tompkins, Fern Viola, John Clarke, Harry McEwen, Lloyd Shepherd

Also Present: Marie MacEachern, Event Coordinator

REGRETS: Councillors Bratina, Merulla, Morelli (City Business)

GUESTS:

CHAIR’S REMARKS –

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
   (Clarke/Shepherd)
   That the August agenda of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

   That Item 4.9 East End Decoration Day be moved to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.

   CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
   None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 13 July 2010
   (Clarke/McEwen)
   That the July minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

   CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

   4.1 Nevada Tickets
   Gerry - Update on discussions with Presidents and Secretaries Association
   Legion can not get involved in any new committee

   4.2 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee
   Tabled until September 2010.
4.3  Mechanized Equipment at Veterans Events
Gerry - Update on Bren gun carrier – has not been able to connect yet, has heard it might be booked two years in advance
Man in Stoney Creek has an ambulance, Art will find his contact information,
Will need to determine a location to display after they are in parade,

Councillor Bratina – Update on Oshawa equipment

4.4  Artillery pieces in Dundurn Park and at the Delta
Senior Conservator to provide a conservation report including costs to conserve and maintain all three pieces.
Celia (Presidents and Secretaries Association) will talk to museum curator at the RHLI, problem with them being indoors at armoury as well because of insurance purposes, Gerry will send info about the Black Watch piece to a contact that may be interested

4.5  Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park
Bob Fyfe – Update
Benches – HVC will assist with cost if necessary,
Rebecca to ask for update that HVC can send out to the other organizations, suggest a map be included,

4.6  Veterans Way of Remembrance
HVC Report will go to September 8 Emergency & Community Services meeting.

4.7  Annual Presentation to Emergency & Community Services Committee
Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.
Presenter: Gerry Rattray
Final presentation has been forwarded to Clerks.

4.8  Artist – Poppy
need to contact the artist to ask what the cost would be to purchase rights

4.9  East End Decoration Day – 29 August 2010
Marie MacEachern – draft programs
1 p.m. Veteran Service League is hosting this year, George Arnone’s band is confirmed, Fern will be available to lead hymns, Bill Eisian will be the emcee for the event, should be on program as such, Gerry and Bob are available to bugle, St. John’s ambulance and HSR buses have been reserved, have ordered the lower buses, will be at the VSL at noon, departing at 12:45, one bus directly back to VSL and one to go with those marching, police have been booked, Parks have requested tent, podium, benches (or chairs), barricades, programs to be delivered to Bill (150)

4.10  Field of Honour
Staff have contacted Public Works, Cemeteries Section for an update.
Cemeteries Section reported there are over 1000 sites available in the Field of Honour

4.11 **Flag Pole for Events at Gage Park**
Update from Public Works, Parks Section – the flag pole used at It’s Your Festival is provided by the organizer, flag pole may be addressed in the Master Plan

5. **STANDING ITEMS**

5.1 **Wearing of Decorations / Medals**
Art – no update

5.2 **Smith’s Knoll - Stoney Creek re-interment**
Anna – no update, re-confirmed information shared at last meeting and that is included in the FAQs supplied with July information package

5.3 **Upcoming Events**
Veterans Week – engaged services of Robin Parry to coordinate, hoping to have HMCS Star for November 10, annual Canadian Club Remembrance Day luncheon is Nov 9, lobby service on November 8, may combine 60th Anniversary of Korea and 100th Anniversary of Navy, Serena Paton and her mother will be doing concert again this year, challenge is the cost of the venue, November 11 in the evening in Hamilton Place, garrison parade is November 14 because the 11th is after the Wednesday August 11 Citizenship Ceremony 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Remembrance Day**
Would like to set up meeting separate from this meeting, RHLI late afternoon and then evening for elections, 3:00 p.m. then dinner and 7:00 p.m. for all clubs, Sep 16 confirmed, Marie to send letter of invitation, Bob to confirm room at RHLI on Thursday, August 12, Marie will make dinner reservations at Logan’s on Ottawa Street

Dieppe Service - August 19, Jim Forsyth has contacted Marie, ordered podium, chairs and police officer to assist with road crossing, East Wall Riders (10 motorcycles) also attending,

Wreaths – John to meet Marie at Barton Street to look at what wreaths are there, Monday, August 16 at 9:00 a.m., Marie will meet them out front

Congratulations to John on his 60th wedding anniversary

Adjournment (Clarke/Fyfe)
The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
Next Meeting: 14 September 2010
10:00 a.m. to Noon
City Hall – Room 193
Significant Veterans Anniversaries (Please provide any additions you may be aware of to this list.)

Should be looking at dates, investigating, asking if HVC can be of assistance

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 will probably August 19, 2012, 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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