MINUTES
Hamilton Veterans Committee
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
10:00 a.m.
Hamilton City Centre, Suite 305

CHAIR: Gerry Rattray  MINUTE TAKER: Rebecca Oliphant

PRESENT: Harry McEwen, John Clarke, Tom Dean, Gerry Rattray, Fern Viola, Councillor Merulla (left for City Business 11:15), Art Tompkins, Councillor Morelli (left for City Business 11:30), Councillor Bratina (arrived after City Business at 10:35, left for City Business 11:30)

REGRETS: Lloyd Shephard

GUESTS: Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager-Museums & Heritage Presentation
Richard Barlas, Registrar
Rick Kennedy, Canadian International Military Tattoo

CHAIR’S REMARKS –

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
That the March agenda of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.
That Item 4.10 be moved to the beginning of the Agenda to accommodate staff schedules.
That Item 4.7 follow Item 4.10.

(Clarke/McEwen) CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 09 February 2010
That the February minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved.

(Clarke/McEwen) CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Nevada Tickets
Action: (Feb 9) Staff to confirm with Licensing the current % that Veterans organizations can keep, if any for their own use - complete
Update: Responses courtesy of Vince Ormond in Licensing and Marg Vize, Lottery Clerk. When the group applies for the licence to sell Nevada tickets they must define exactly what / who they are raising the money for. The mandate is to raise monies for other charities. They may apply, in writing, to change the recipient of the funds raised.

The group is permitted to keep 10% of the gross and 2% of the net proceeds of the sales to be used for upkeep and / or maintenance of their facility but not for office furniture, decorating etc.

Discussion: Legions are not charitable organizations, they are not for profit, has there been any discussion about asking for a change in the regulations?, would be able to keep proceeds for the organizations, understanding around the table is that the cost would be prohibitive, perhaps set up a separate Veterans association much the same as Firefighters or Police

Action: (Mar 9) Gerry will check with Celia Anderson to see if this has been investigated

Motion: that the City investigate an exemption of the City licensing fee through grants or other avenues.  
(Morelli / Merulla) CARRIED

4.2 Veterans Parking Sticker

Action: (Feb 9) HVC has asked that staff investigate with parking that they have received the proper permissions to use the poppy on the Veterans Parking Sticker - complete

Update: Parking staff provided a copy of the sticker. They are using a stylized poppy so permissions are not necessary. It is the responsibility of the Veteran to apply for the sticker.

4.3 Role & Function of Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tabled until staff have completed research into Best Practices for municipal Veterans Committees.

4.4 Red Fridays

Update: Staff report went forward to Emergency & Community Services on 03 March 2010 and was received with no further direction to the HVC at this time.

The Veterans Committee has been asked to purchase a “Support the Troops” banner to be displayed at Veterans events.

4.5 Mechanized Equipment at Veterans Events

Action: (Jan 12) Councillor Bratina to make enquiries and report back to the committee as to availability and cost.

Update: Councillor Bratina has contacted John Richmond of the War Museum. His department preserves this equipment. Councillor Bratina will have a more full report at a future meeting, but for now equipment is available (rentable), looking at most sensible way to approach, hope to have as part of November 11 ceremony this year

Action: (Mar 9) Gerry will talk to Curator at Brantford Museum

4.6 Significant Veterans Anniversaries

Please provide any additions you may be aware of to this list.
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, 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  

2015  - 

4.7 Canadian International Military Tattoo  
**Action:** (Feb 9) Staff to invite Joan Balinson to come in and discuss the Tattoo challenges, issues, opportunities - **complete**  
**Update:** Lieutenant Colonel Rick Kennedy will attend to represent the Tattoo. Chairman of Tattoo, former Argyll CO  
2010 – 19th annual, largest Tattoo of its kind west of Halifax  
Tag line – Connect Canadians to their Military  
Great difficulty getting participation from the Canadian Navy  
Have they discussed a date change? – yes, however a change to the Fall creates challenges in scheduling rehearsals  
Have they discussed a different venue? – yes, however need the floor space offered at Copps to do a proper show although fewer seats would work well  
Committee suggested a parade the week before with local garrison and naval units. 

4.8 Veterans Committee Appreciation Lunch  
**Action:** (Feb 9) staff to investigate possibility and report back to HVC - **complete**  
**Update:** staff have received permission to host an appreciation lunch for the Hamilton Veterans Committee. Rebecca will provide details shortly. 

4.9 Veterans Clubs Issues  
Legion 622 –Stoney Creek, concerned about parking meters in the parking lot,  
**Action:** (Feb 9) staff to query Marty Hazell regarding parking meters in the lot used by Legion 622 Stoney Creek and copy Ward Councillor Clark - **complete**  
**Update:** Art Tompkins reported that the Stoney Creek Legion 622 is working with the Hamilton Parking Authority.  

**Action:** (Feb 9) staff to clarify if any streets or portions of streets in Hamilton have been re-named as Veterans Memorial Highways or the equivalent in the last two years e.g. Hwy to the airport - **complete**  
**Update:** no streets or portions of streets in Hamilton have been re-named, committee would like to investigate further this type of recognition 

4.10 Artillery pieces in Dundurn Park and at the Delta  
**Action:** (Feb 9) staff to invite Ian Kerr-Wilson to provide paperwork that City actually gave the artillery pieces to War Museum - **complete**  
**Update:** Disposition of artillery pieces occurred in 1994, war trophies after the war, 2 transferred to the Canadian War Museum, other pieces are in storage, not part of Military Museum collection but rather part of City collection
Committee understood the artillery were to be loaned only, restored, used on a train going coast to coast and then returned to the City.
Ian to investigate further, Gerry may have information in the United Council records.
Issue of how field pieces can be displayed and still be protected requires resources that City does not have at this time.

Side issue – Lion monument in Stoney Creek (Smith’s Knoll), cannons are rusty red, about 10 years ago were coated, did not work, will be re-restored this Spring, also replacing the carriages with authentic replicas.

4.11 Membership
Action: (Feb 9) invite John Dinsmore and Art Tompkins to the next meeting - complete

Motion: that Fern Viola and Art Tompkins be presented to E&CS as new members of the committee.

(Clarke/Dean) CARRIED

Motion: that the newly elected President of United Council of Veterans, Bob Fyfe, be presented to E&CS as a new member of the committee.

(Dean/McEwen) CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 A Poem Worth Reading
Anna received the attached poem from a citizen and asked that it be shared with the committee.

5.2 Canadian International Military Tattoo Speaker’s Series
Information attached. Anna and Rebecca will be attending the second and third events. Open to the public.

5.3 Olympic Park renaming
Nothing in new name to recognize that Mark Graham was in Military, committee was involved in tree ceremony, feel it should have come to committee for suggestions as to wording for the Park name.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at Noon.
Next Meeting: 13 April 2010
10:00 a.m. to Noon
City Centre, Suite 305 Boardroom