



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

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MINUTES

Meeting: June 9, 2026

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

25 Members Present

- Last Alarm** Derek Guiney (April 2 d) ; Ken Griffiths (April 19th); John Grimshaw (May 14th), Gord Selinger (May 17th); Richard Wayne Peters - formerly HFF Drum Corps
- Secretary's Report** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as is.
- Correspondence** **Condolences:** Guiney Family, Grimshaw Family, Selinger Family, Kathy (Slack) and Mike Hamelin - (father) Bob Slack; Darrell Skuse family - brother; Harry Hoehne- mother; Frank Firmani family - father.
- President's Report** No formal report, general comments were made by President Benoska, who also thanked all members who attended his surprise 80th birthday party.
- Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Wilson provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report which shows a balance of [REDACTED] in our shares account/general account)including receivables and expenditures for the past quarter. There are currently 541 members in total of which 339 are considered to be active + 17 who are considered active by "mail". Members who had not paid their yearly dues as of March 31st, have been changed to DORMANT status (currently 194 members). There are also 5 Lifetime and 2 Associate members.
- Committee Reports** Pensions - No report was presented due to neither Don Alford or Don Skarratt being available
- Request for Info** An email was received from the St John Henry Newman Catholic Elementary School (Niagara Region) for a Spectator article by Jon Wells - HEAT A Firefighters Story. The Treasurer was able to supply a digital copy of the books for use by students as a 'novel study'.
- Unfinished Business** Nothing to report
- New Business:** Charlie Wilson submitted a Bylaw motion to make Gord Ritz a LIFETIME member of his generous donations totalling more than \$600 to the HFDPA donations account over the past 6 years. The matter was properly moved and seconded, approved by all members present.

A question was raised about issues with the "Spending Account" coverage (for members that are eligible) and members were directed to check with Local 288 if they are encountering problems with payments from Manulife.

Good & Welfare:

It was reported that Ronnie MacIntyre is in a Ressam Gardens on West 5th. Ed McGrane is residing at Edgewater LTC in Dunnville and looks forward to visitors. Ernie Mills is at the Meadows LTC Home, 12 Tranquility Drive, Ancaster; Walter Romachyk at Extendicare Hamilton, 90 Chedmac Drive; Paul Marchese at Villages of Wentworth Heights, 160 Upper Wentworth Street; Bob Cober is at Wentworth Lodge in Dundas; Jim Steep is at home; Ken White is in Roberta's Place LTC, Barrie, On; Carl Cameron is now doing ok ; George Cort is dealing with a medical issue and has refused a claim with Local 288; Ross (Rosco) Blair is at home. Both former president George Mowbray and Jim McCallum had just dealt with cardiac issues and are both doing quite well and spoke to various members at our meeting. As always, we encourage that if anyone is aware of a fellow retiree who is not doing well, please advise a member of the executive so that we can in turn advise the members accordingly.

Welcome to the (soon to be) newly retired member: Wayne Robillard (July 31st). Cameron Setarehnejad (FPB) - May 11th; Chris Weimelink (Chief Training Officer) - December 21, 2026

Announcements:

The OHEP screening program for 2025-2027 begins in September and will include cholesterol testing this year ;any member who has not had their Doctor visit from the last program, is asked to contact the program for follow-up.

All members are invited to Boomers Social Thursdays, from 2 pm to 4 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th.
Coffee courtesy of Bob Mueller, our MBYC host, many thanks.

Next Meeting:

Will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.; Macassa Bay Yacht Club. Parking will be available in the compound for this meeting. If parking on the roadway outside the club, please obey all parking signs. Overflow parking is available at Bayfront Park. Please do not enter the Marine Police Compound.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 Hours

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