



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

The Group

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MINUTES

Meeting: April 14, 2026

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

41 Members Present

- Last Alarm** Lorna Rowell (December 20,2025) ; Craig Worsfold (January 7th, 2026);Dennis Blayney, HFF Drum Corps February 2nd,2026
- Secretary's Report** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as is.
- Correspondence** Thank you notes from Al Benoska family on the passing of his wife Donna, Mike Tratch family on the passing of his wife Rosemary, and from the family of Lorna Rowell.
- President's Report** No report, due to the position being currently vacant.
- Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Wilson provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report which shows a balance of ██████████ in our shares account/general account) including receivables and expenditures for the past quarter. There are currently 545 members in total of which 330 are considered to be active + 18 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 207 persons). There are also 5 Lifetime and 2 Associate members.
- Pensions** Don Skarratt, provided a brief report on the HMERF including that there are approximately 55 active members)the majority being retired firefighters) and 45 members (spouses) in the fund, which is doing well.
- Committee Reports** Ed McGrane is residing at the Edgewater LTC home in Dunnville and Jim McCallum reports he is doing quite well and looks like his old self; visitors are welcome. Ernie Mills is in the Meadows LTC, Ancaster. Walter Romachyk is at Extencicare Hamilton (90Chedmac Drive),Paul Marchese is at the Villages of Wentworth Heights and John Grimshaw is in St Joseph's Hospital on West 5th, the memory care unit.
- Charlie Wilson also reported that the website is running well and is updated regularly when items of interest / notifications are received. He also reported on an issue with Local 288 wherein he questioned about trying to find out the whereabouts of a retired member, but it seems to have resolved itself at this point in time.
- Unfinished Business** Nothing to report
- New Business:** The election of Officers deadline was set for this meeting and as of this date no nominations had been received. For the position of President Al Benoska was nominated and properly seconded; Al accepted the nomination and all members present voted in favour of his appointment. For the position of Secretary Dave Christopher was acclaimed. Charlie Wilson will continue as Treasurer / Webmaster until such time as another member chooses to apply / run for his position.
- Changes to the
- constitution were received as follows:

By-Law 26-001 - From Brother Fletcher that 03.02 be changed to revise the collection of yearly membership dues of \$10 suspended immediately until such time as it is" deemed financially necessary for the running of the group. After extensive discussion on the matter, a vote was called and it was defeated by a margin of 5 For and 36 against.

The second matter, By-Law 26-002 submitted by Larry Staples requested that a New Article be incorporated that allows for a Medical Fund of \$10,000 be created and funded to cover items for members not presently covered under any government plan. Charlie Wilson amended this article to read that the aforementioned fund amount be changed to \$5,000, with the maximum allowable amount not to exceed \$1,500 per occurrence. This amendment was properly moved, seconded and when voted on was carried. The revised amendment was then voted on in its entirety and was defeated by the members present.

Good & Welfare:

It was reported that Ronnie MacIntyre is in a LTC facilities Memory Care Unit and is not doing well. An update on his situation will be relayed to the group, once we have further information. 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).

Announcements:

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

HFDPA vehicle stickers and pins are both still available at a cost of \$2 each; please contact Charlie Wilson for same

Coffee courtesy of Bob Mueller our MBYC host, many thanks.

Next Meeting:

Will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.; Macassa Bay Yacht Club. Parking will be available in the compound for this meeting. No street parking. 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

Fraternally, Dave Christopher, Secretary

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