



# HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



**March 2026**

## CALENDAR

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**HFDPA December Quarterly Meeting  
Rescheduled to Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan to Mar**

**[Shinney Hockey Schedule](#)**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Shinney Hockey Championship Game**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**OMERS Annual Meeting – Toronto Convention Centre**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**2026 MROO Zone 3 Meeting – Carmen's Event Centre**

**Alternate Thursdays**

**Boomer's Social Thursdays – see website for the schedule**

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Next Quarterly Meeting

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:30 am**

**Emergency closure in March, due to a pest infestation**

### Macassa Bay Yacht Club

80 Harbourfront Dr (just off Bayfront Park)

Doors open at 10:00 am. Come and chat with colleagues and have a coffee, courtesy of Bob Mueller, our MBYC host.

### No Parking in the Compound – Boat Storage

Street Parking – Obey Signs  
Overflow Parking at Bayfront Park

**Do Not Enter the Marine Police Compound**

# 2026 Election of Officers

**Article 6** Nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be made at the March Meeting. All nominations must be received by the Secretary, by the normal March Quarterly meeting date of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Full details may be found on the website.

**Please Note:** that the current Treasurer will not oppose any nomination for the Treasurer's position.

Email Nominations to: [info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca](mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca)

## Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws

**Article 8** Notice of any proposed changes or amendments to The Constitution and By-Laws shall be given in writing to the Secretary by the normal March Quarterly monthly meeting date of March 10<sup>th</sup>, and voted on at the June meeting.

Email Change Proposals to: [info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca](mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CO alarm draw** The door prize winners of the combination Smoke/CO alarms at the December quarterly meeting, that were donated by Chief Cunliffe.

Gerry Melia	Len Wise	Colleen Cullen
Bob Bell	Joe Ianuzzi	Jack Cassidy
Dave Lumsden	Rob Jamieson	Doug Holmes
John Lawson	Al Benoska	Dave Christopher

Thanks again to the Hamilton Fire Department and Chief Cunliffe for the department's generous donation.

## OHEP

### OHEP Screening Program

If you wish to participate in the OHEP program, contact

Alison Moore, OHEP Coordinator  
Email: [amoore@ohclinic.ca](mailto:amoore@ohclinic.ca)  
Phone/Text: 905-570-3971

All Retired HFD members are welcome to participate

**Lost & Found** A L288 branded freezer jacket was left at an east mountain business. If you have misplaced yours, Contact me at [info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca](mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca).

# Last Alarm



**Lorna Rowell**  
December 20, 2025



**Craig Worsfold**  
January 7, 2026



**Dennis Blayney**  
HFF Drum Corps  
February 2, 2026

## Good and Welfare

If you have information about any of our retirees that are hospitalized, moved to a Long Term Care (LTC) residence or a rehabilitation facility, please notify us by email at

[info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca](mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca)



**Paul Marchese**  
Paul is residing at The Village of Wentworth Heights LTC, room 1235



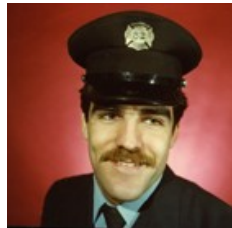
**Walter Romachyk**  
Moved to Extencicare  
90 Chedmac Dr; Rm. 1233  
Visitors very welcome



**Don Alford**  
Don has retired as the Good and Welfare Chair due to declining health issues.



**Norm Bush**  
During a recent phone call Norm indicated that he is doing relatively well.



**Jim Steep**  
Jim is now back home  
Visitors are Welcome



**John Grimshaw**  
John is now residing at St Joseph Healthcare,  
100 West 5<sup>th</sup>  
Call before going



**Ed McGrane**  
Now at Edgewater Gardens  
428 Broad St W  
Dunville  
Welcomes Calls  
(905) 774-2242



**Ernie Mills**  
The Meadows  
Long Term Care  
12 Tranquility Ave  
Ancaster. Room 2227  
Visitors Welcome

### Dave Johnstone

Attempting to locate Dave he has been moved from his last known address



**Bob Cober**  
Wentworth Lodge  
21 South St W - Dundas

## 2026 Retiring Local 288 Members

Phil Newport	Dave Cramm		
January 1, 2026	January 31, 2026		

### Health and Dental Spending Account

	<b>Health and Dental Spending Account</b>	
	<p>Members that retired after December 31, 2009 are entitled to contractual health and dental benefits from age 65 to age 75. On January 1, 2026, the amount of the benefit was increased from \$3,000 per annum to \$3,250 per annum. This amount is a total family benefit for the member and his/her eligible family.</p> <p>If your 75<sup>th</sup> birthday is during 2026, the benefit ceases at the end of the month of your 75 birthdate (re: Hamilton HR).</p> <p>If you are having any difficulties with claims, contact Manjeet at Human Resources: <a href="mailto:Manjeet.jauha@hamilton.ca">Manjeet.jauha@hamilton.ca</a>; or, (905) 546-2424; Ext 4802; or contact a member of the Local 288 Executive. See the Executive Contact list on our website (menu bar: HPFFA Committees).</p> <p>More details are available on the website: (menu bar: "Benefits Beyond 65")</p>	
<b>NOTE</b>	<p>If members are aware of family members of any deceased member that was eligible for the Spending Account and are having problems resolving claims, please send an email with details to <a href="mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca">info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca</a> or Call: 289-260-1231</p>	

### Family Memorials

January 2026	Condolence cards were sent to the families of Jim and Don McEneny regarding the loss of their father.	
January 2026	Condolence card sent to the Mike Tratch family regarding the loss of Mike's wife Rosemary.	

### 2026 Dues Payments

	<p>2025 Membership dues will expire on March 31st. 2026 paid by cheque (mail) or, by Interac e-Transfer. Payment at the March Quarterly meeting are not available</p> <p><b>Interac e-Transfers:</b> Request instructions on how to make Interac e-Transfers by emailing <a href="mailto:info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca">info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca</a>.</p>	
	<p>For cheque payments, send \$10 for each year of payment requested to: HFDPA Attn: Chuck Wilson 16-1011 White Oak Dr Burlington, ON L7T 2L3</p>	