



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

The Group

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MINUTES

Meeting: December 9, 2025

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

38 Members Present

- Last Alarm** Bob Konkle (former Ancaster Fire Chief)
- Secretary's Report** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as is.
Condolences to brother Al Benoska and his family the death of his wife, Donna
- President's Report** No Report, due to the position being vacant.
- Treasurer's Report:** Brother Chuck Wilson provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report which shows a balance of [REDACTED] as of the end of November (in our shares account/general account)including receivables and expenditures for the past quarter. There are currently 544 members in total of which 359 are considered to be active + 20 who are considered active by "mail". Members who are considered to be "Dormant" - currently 177 persons. There are also a total of 13 "Complimentary" members, 5 Lifetime Members and 2 Associate Honorary Members.
- Pensions** No Report was given for pensions, other than Brother Wilson indicating that the annual increase for OMERS in 2026 will be 2%, with a similar increase for HMERF members.
- Committee Reports** Ed McGrane has been moved to Edgewater Long Term Care in Dunnville and Jim McCallum gave a short update on his status in that he is doing well, enjoys living there and is up for visitors. Ernie Mills is in the Meadows Long Term Care Home (12 Tranquility Drive, Ancaster) ; Walter Romachyk is at Extendicare Care Hamilton (90 Chedmac Drive); Paul Marchese at Villages of of Wentworth Heights (1620 Upper Wentworth Street); John Grimshaw has been moved to St Joseph Hospital, on West 5th. Barry Hunt had been hospitalized after losing over 100 pounds following the death of his wife, but has since recovered and returned home.
- Unfinished Business** The Position of President of the Association is currently vacant and after a short discussion, it was agreed to leave the position vacant till the March meeting, when the various officers positions will receive nominations. The issue of Charitable Organizations was discussed with respect to who we donate to: at present, we support Food 4 Kids, Flag Football (Local 288) and Macassa Bay. Treasurer Chuck Wilson made a motion that since no one was willing to develop a recommendation that the previous motion be withdrawn.
- New Business:** The election of Officers will be held at the March 2026 meeting and those wishing to put their name forward are asked to submit their intentions to the Secretary prior to the meeting. A discussion was held with regards to our yearly donation to the Macassa Yacht Clubs Christmas Fund. Last year our Association donated \$1500 and after a brief discussion, the membership overwhelming voted to increase this amount to \$2000.
- Good & Welfare:** Welcome to new (soon to be) retired members: Rob Taylor (December 24th) and Rob D'Amico (Dec 31st).

Announcements: The OHEP screening program for 2025 will close in late December, however no one will be turned away at any time and those still wishing to participate can contact Alison Moore (contact information can be found on the website). All Pensioners are encouraged to participate for the sake of their health. Family Memorials: Luella Midwinter (Bill Midwinter); Stephen Kir (son of Nick Kir); Marilyn DiLabbio (Wayne DiLabbio - 2004) HFDPA vehicle stickers, key chains and pins are all available at a cost of \$2 each; please contact Charlie Wilson for purchase of the same. Members were advised of recent changes to The Ontario Fire Code, concerning CO Alarms to take effect on January 1, 2026, that will require the installation of the alarms on each floor level and outside of each sleeping area. In addition, Fire Chief Dave Cunliffe donated 12 combination CO / Smoke Alarms to the Association which were given out as door prizes. A thank you note will be sent to the Chief. Coffee courtesy of Bob Mueller, many thanks.

Next Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.; Macassa Bay Yacht Club. No Parking in the compound; obey all parking signs if parking on the roadway outside the club. 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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