



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

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September 8, 2020

MINUTES/NEWSLETTER

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the September Meeting is Cancelled

- Last Alarm** A silent thought for Members that have passed since the June Minutes/Newsletter: Ed Zelinski (July); Harry Fotheringham (Aug); Fred Morse (Aug).Walter Woytko (Sept)
- Correspondence:** Pensioner's Banquet Cancellation memorandum from L288
- President's Report:** The September meeting has been cancelled due to the ongoing closure of the Macassa Bay Yacht Club and the Executive's concern for the unwarranted risk of our members.
- Treasurer's Report:** Credit Union account: \$12,338
- Pensions** The OMERS Sponsor Corporation has voted to amend the OMERS defined benefit pension for any retirees after December 31, 2022. The change will not affect any current pensioners. The 2021 pension increase will be calculated in the same manor that it historically has been.

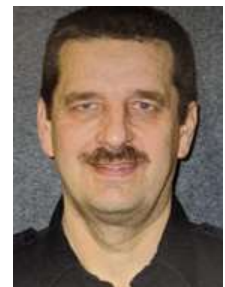
For full details see:
<https://www.omers.com/news/sponsors-corporation-passes-five-amendments-in-recent-vote>
- Unfinished Business** Changes to the Constitution & By-Laws are still out-standing at this time. A ratification vote will be held at the next meeting.
- New Business:** None
- Good and Welfare:** Don Alford has been in contact with members: Fred Morse, Bob Fyfe, Paul Dickinson, Earl Grice, Wilf Elliott, John Burjaw, Dave Johnstone, John Naylor, John Samek, Clark Wood, Paul Marchese, Bob Culliton, Don Young and Bill Gordy. Jim Cummings is now a resident at Idlwyld Manor but may have difficulty remembering visitors. Fred Morse and Clark Wood were recently admitted to Juravinski Hospital. Woody is beginning to feel better. Freddy Mo has recently attended his last alarm.
- Next meeting:** December 8, 2020 – Details to be announced.

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Last Alarm
Walter Woytko
May 29, 1951 – September 1, 2020

Service Dates
Feb 20, 1978 to May 29, 2011



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Last Alarm



Frederick George Morse
July 30, 1933 – August 30, 2020

Service Dates
August 7, 1964 to November 30, 1989

A private family funeral was held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with an Honour Guard of Pensioners present. Shortly following the service, the WHM Lancaster did a flyover of the cemetery.



Pensioner's Banquet

Local 288 issued a special bulletin to inform Pensioner's that the 2020 Pensioner's banquet has been cancelled. The L288 Executive are hopeful that they will be able to continue the Customary Pensioner's Banquet again in 2021.

Occupational Health and Exposure Program (OHEP)

A notice was received and sent to members with email that the OHEP program will continue for those members that have been participating. This year, you are asked to take a blanket requisition to a LIFELABS location to have your blood drawn and a urine sample submitted. The City and the Fire Department have issued a protocol that only active employees are allowed in fire stations at this time. The OHEP committee are hopeful that they will be able to schedule Doctor's appointments, sometime in the future.

If you have moved or changed your phone number since your last OHEP visit, please email your new information to info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca or call 905-667-8534 with your new information.

If you did not receive a LIFELABS requisition or have misplaced the requisition that was emailed, contact me at: info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca or call: 905-667-8534 to have one sent.

MROO Open Enrolment Insurance Benefits Program

MROO – Municipal Retirees Organization of Ontario and their insurance partner **VICTOR** has introduced an open enrolment period from September 1st to October 31st. If you are 65 or older and have lost your City provided benefits, this is a chance to get extended health care, dental and travel insurance without having to answer any medical questions. The age limitation is age 50 to 75 and benefits are guaranteed for life as long as premiums remain in good standing. Also, if you do sign-up with the program, MROO is extending a free lifetime membership to MROO, a \$25 value.

Retiring Members 2020 & 2021

Chris Bosco	Corey Cowick (to Ottawa FD)	Claudio Mostacci (Sept)
Karl Roberts	Andy Croy	Gail Morrison (Oct)
Mark Boswell	Rob Jamieson	Jonathon Price (Oct)
Martin McGowan	Trish Cowl-Schweitzer	Kevin Keen (Oct)
Dave Bryant	Mara Tombolini	Pat Warner (Nov)
John Verbeek	Richard Fuller	Paul Croonen (Jan 2021)
Tracey Burgess	Jeffrey Mann	Steve Fraser (Jan 2021)
Mike Bromley	Walter VanBeek	
Ian-Glyn-Jones	John Studer	

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