

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Barry Katzman, Citizen and Chairperson
Nancy Harris, Citizen
Deputy Fire Chief, Andrea DeJong
Dave Upper, Fire Chief
Ryan Madill, President, IAFF Local 485

Absent:

Mayor Walter Sendzik
Councillor Dawn Dodge
Councillor Matt Harris
Chris Slota, Firefighter, IAFF Local 485

Staff Liaison:

Joan Demontigny, Recording Secretary
Trevor Parker, Deputy Fire Chief
Lori Mambella, Manager, Programs and Culture Services
Dan Cooper, Supervisor, Municipal Works

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

4:38 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chairperson Barry Katzman acknowledged that the land on which the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Task Force meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by Chief Upper and seconded by Nancy Harris

Carried

5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Moved by Ryan Madill and seconded by Nancy Harris

Carried

6. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

There were no presentations.

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

None

9. **Business**

9.1 General Updates from the Chair

Communications

There has been activity with communications in the past few months, we've vetted the rack card and social media campaigns. The Mayors Golf Tournament was attended, and we sold 20 bricks at the auction and showed the Barry Norton video, all was well received.

We presented our Phase Two of the project plan to City Council which also gave us exceptional coverage by the Standard with respect to adding a female statue. This was picked up by the Toronto Star and other major media outlets. There is always an uptick in donations after these events happen.

9.2 Fundraising Efforts, Engagement of Stories and Engagement of Retired Fire Fighters

We have a few milestones upcoming, one being a groundbreaking ceremony. We will announce some donations in the major category during this event, hopefully by early October. The trees and the benches are still popular as well. Chair Katzman asked about the retirees and where we are at. We're hoping to see an uptick in the sale of the bricks.

Ryan Madill noted that the Chief has done a great job of making sure that active members and staff are fully aware of the sponsor opportunities. Mid-October there will be the retirement banquet and it would be a good time to engage retirees, Chair Katzman could come to this to speak. Chief Upper will speak to Bob McLaren this week and see where we're at. Also, a reminder email is to be put out to the active members.

Chair Katzman noted that he is more than happy to attend the retiree banquet to speak/show videos. The Grape and Wine Festival is another chance for the Fire Fighters to engage the community in some manner and the executive director would be agreeable to this. If anyone has ideas for this event, please bring them forward. Chief Upper mentioned that we are doing the boot drive again and signage on the truck as its driving through the parade and possibly a BBQ at Fire Station 1 to create awareness. There is also the Labour Day Parade coming up for the September long weekend.

Action item: Chief Upper and Ryan Madill will re-circulate an email to active members to remind them about donations/sponsor opportunities.

Action item: Joan to remind Chair Katzman re: inquiring about larger core plastic custom signs to put on the trucks for events.

9.3 Update on meetings with CFC

There was an onsite meeting with the contractor. This contractor is very easy to work with and is very accommodating to our requests, we made a lot of progress on decisions that needed to be made as far as tree layouts and what the signage will look like etc. There have been follow-up emails after the meeting as well. The reality of the supply chain issues is hitting the contractor's industry. The actual unveiling of the completed project may get pushed back because of the supply chain issues. Chief Upper noted that they looked at the plaque card samples for the trees and benches and they look good. Stuart and Ilyse were helpful with the landscape components and next time if Dan Cooper and Ryan Madill can attend that would good. A good take away was that there will be automatic sprinklers at the memorial for the landscaped elements. Chair Katzman noted that we have increased the area of the bench signs because we want to be consistent with the trees, it will be a rock pedestal in front of the tree with a brass plaque on top of it. The line of duty death plaque that will have 90 lines on it.

Action item: Chief Upper to send out the email from the contractor to show the samples.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

The Chair may call ad-hoc meetings before then based on the work to be done.

11. Motion to Adjourn at 5:10pm

Moved by Chief Upper and seconded by Nancy Harris

Carried