

2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, August 09, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Denise Horne, Rene Ressler, Councilor Littleton, Councilor Porter, Councilor Miller

Absent:

Councilor Garcia, Francisco Ruiz Esparza, Colleen Beard, Lorraine Giroux, Daniel Samson, Mark Roe, Brian Narhi

Guests:

Staff Liaison:

Kathleen Powell, Carla Mackie, Adrian Petry

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Rene Ressler called the meeting to order at 6:04

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Rene Ressler acknowledged that the land on which the 2029 Historic Welland Canals 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

Add discussion of time of meetings.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Motion by Councilor Miller to approve the agenda. Carried.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion by Councilor Littleton to adopt the minutes of the July 12 meeting. Carried

6. Correspondence

Rene Ressler noted he had received email correspondence from Steve Hartwell in support of the establishment of the Task Force and its work.

7. Declarations of Interest

None

8. Business

a. 6.1 – Task Force Workplan deliverables discussion

b. 6.2 – Workplan Deliverables Discussion:

- Visioning Session – is now scheduled for September 13, 2022. This meeting will be online as committee meetings are not approved to be held in person.
- K. Powell outlined how the Interpretive Plan will be developed and used to move forward the vision of the Task Force.

This document is based on some Interpretive Plans that the Task Force has looked at as reference documents.

The draft outline document will be distributed to all the Task Force members after the meeting.

As the Task Force works through its planning processes, each part of this document will need to be further explored.

Some discussion related to how other stakeholders / projects in the community – such as plans for World Rowing 2024 – and how these types of initiatives can tie into the vision of the work of this Task Force. Can partnerships with these larger projects create leverage for funding applications?

c. 6.3 – Meeting times for 2022

Discussion of meeting times. Members agreed to move the time to 5:00 p.m.

Meetings to be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month starting in October.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

D. Horne moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.