

2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Electronic Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Colleen Beard, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Lorraine Giroux, Councillor Jackie Lindal, Brian Narhi, Rene Ressler (Chair), Daniel Samson, Councillor Bruce Williamson

Absent:

Denise Horne, Councillor Greg Miller, Mark Roe, Francisco Ruiz Esparza Zorrilla

Guests:

Staff Liaison:

Kathleen Powell, Carla Mackie

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

R. Ressler called the meeting to order at 5 pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

R. 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. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

1. Revisit including the Third Welland Canal into the Task Force's Terms of Reference
2. Review of Task Force Membership Composition

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Motion by Councillor C. Garcia to approve the agenda. **Carried.**

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion by C. Beard to adopt the minutes of the December 13, 2022. **Carried**

Note: D. Samson abstained from voting because he did not attend the last meeting.

6. Correspondence

N/A

7. Declarations of Interest

N/A

8. Business

8.1 In Person Visioning Session is scheduled for Tues. Feb 28, 2023 from 5 - 7 pm at the St. Catharines Museum – a meeting notice will be sent out.

8.2 Comments regarding Hike 1: The hike was positively received by those that attended.

Action: R. Ressler will be providing a written recap of the hike.

8.3 Hike 2 is scheduled for: Sunday, February 26, 10 am; meeting in the Sobey's parking lot near Bill Wiley Memorial Park. The hike will include walking north to Lock 12 and then south to Mountain Locks Park. A meeting notice will be sent out. Rain Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023, 10 am.

8.4 Revisit including the Third Welland Canal into the Task Force's Terms of Reference

Discussion related to whether the Task Force should recommend to Council that commemorating the Third Welland Canal should also be included in the Terms of Reference for the Task Force.

K. Powell cautioned the Task Force about taking on too much work, and reminded the Task Force that parts of the Third Welland Canal that are

visible from the First and Second Welland Canals will be included in the visioning whether the Terms of Reference are changed or not; recognizing the anniversary dates of the First Welland Canal is a prime focus; and that commemorations can also include museum exhibits, activities, celebrations, events, as well as recognizing the built assets.

Motion: by R. Ressler to recommend to Council that the Terms of Reference of the 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force be changed to also include the Third Welland Canal. **Carried**

8.5 Review of Task Force Membership Composition

K. Powell updated the Task Force membership composition: R. Ressler takes the role of Welland Canal Expert and C. Beard takes the role of resident of St. Catharines.

9. Date of next meeting (virtual)

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

L. Giroux moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. **Carried.**