



Corporation of the City of St. Catharines  
**WELLAND CANAL FALLEN WORKERS MEMORIAL TASK FORCE MEETING**

Tuesday Dec 19, 2013

9:30am to 11:00am

St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church Street: CR # 1 , Third Floor

## MEETING NOTES

**Present:** Malcolm Allen, MP  
Rick Dykstra, MP  
Rob D'Amboise, Rick Dykstra's Office (conference call)  
Dave Schulz, Regional & Municipal Affairs Liaison, Rick Dykstra's Office  
Maggie Riopelle, EA Mayor McMullan  
Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services, City staff  
Rebecca Cann, Cultural Supervisor, City staff  
Sheri Laekeman, President, UNIFOR 4212  
Arden Phair, retired city curator & historian  
Patrick Little, Lawyer & heritage advocate

**Regrets:** Mayor Brian McMullan, St. Catharines  
Mayor Barry Sharpe, Welland  
Mayor Ted Luciani, Thorold  
Mayor Badawey, Port Colborne  
Councillor Bruce Timms  
Councillor Bruce Williamson  
Karen Moncur, Rick Dykstra's Office  
Lisa Bastien, Malcolm Allen  
Jeff Burch, Executive Director, Folk Arts Council  
John Armstrong, Welland Canal Foundation  
Gerry Miele, President, CAW Local 4211  
Jim Given, Executive VP, Seafarer's International Union  
Mark Cherney, Business Representative, IBEW Local 303

**Welcome ~** Rick Dykstra

- **Review of Nov 12 meeting notes**

- All in favour
- Carried

**1. Fundraising Sub Committee update ~** Dave Schulz and Rob D'Amboise

i) Fundraising package updated

- There is a need for a designated person to co-ordinate the fundraising campaign
- Rick has spoken to a very qualified individual who is interested in committing to the project
- Proposal discussed for one of the municipalities to apply for a grant which would provide the funds to pay an individual who is currently on EI to work as a support person

*Action items, Fundraising Sub Committee*

- *Prepare a description of duties and time commitment anticipated*
- *Invite the interested individual to the next meeting*

- *Approach one of the other municipalities to apply for the grant (as St. Catharines staff doesn't have the time)*

ii) \$2,000 contribution from each of the 4 municipalities, Maggie for Mayor McMullan

- St. Catharines, Port Colborne and Thorold have put the request through their budget process with answers expected by mid-end January
- Welland has confirmed their contribution  
*Action, Rebecca Cann*
- *The City can invoice each municipality with a letter in January*

iii) DCH grant ap is in with an answer expected in 6 months ~ Rebecca Cann

- See appendix, *DCH Confirmation of Grant*

iv) Fundraising initiatives

*Action, Kathleen Powell*

- *Approach the St. Catharines Standard to publish Welland Canal Booklet as an in kind donation*
- *Patrick Little invited to attend the Fundraising Sub Committee*

## **2. Design Sub Committee update ~ Rebecca Cann**

- Nov 13, EOI released with end date of Jan 15
- 117 plan takers registered from Canada, US and overseas
- Akimbo (visual arts news system) accessed for distribution
- Dec 12, addendum released with multiple clarifications
- French translation done
- One member of the design team needs to be Canadian citizen or resident of the Greater Niagara Region
- PP of contemporary memorials shown to illustrate range of design

## **3. Budget Sub Committee update ~ Rebecca Cann**

- See appendix, *Legacy Budget*

## **4. Site Selection Sub Committee ~ Rebecca Cann**

- PP of 4 sites at Lock 3 Museum
- Staff, in consultation with the Design Site Selection Panel, conclude that sites 1 or 4 are best locations for memorial
- Site 1 is bordered by the canal and the museum structure
- Site 4 is a grassy area with a playground which is bordered by large trees from the road
- A 10 year commitment of land use is required for the grant application
- Some committee members declare lower level Seaway lawn on the Parkway as the best site in terms of a prominent setting from the road for the memorial
- Seaway management is not receptive to having their front lawn used
- Challenges of Seaway property discussed
- Extra funding required for parking area
- Seaway mandate to lease out property expires in 2018 when it becomes Crown land which could then be leased by Transport Canada or could be declared surplus and sold
- City would incur extra cost for maintaining another park site when resources are limited

*Action, Site Selection Sub Committee*

- *Committee decides that they cannot support the city staff recommendation and the Site Selection Sub Committee should re-investigate alternative sites along the Welland Canal, perhaps Madame Currie Park or other sites not located in St. Catharines*

**4. Communications Sub Committee update ~ Maggie Riopelle**

- Community partners will be added to the web page

**5. Research and Interpretation ~ Kathleen Powell**

- John Burtniak, Dennis Gannon, Bill Stevens, Alex Ormston and Betsy Foster
- Currently researching archives to determine correct spelling of names of the deceased

**Adjourned:** 11am

**Next meeting:** Tuesday Jan 14, 2014

9:30am to 11am

Committee Room 1,

St. Catharines City Hall



December 9, 2013

Ms. Rebecca Cann  
Cultural Planning Supervisor  
Corporation of the City of St. Catharines  
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Dear Ms. Cann:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request for funding submitted under the Legacy Fund of the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program for your project entitled **Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial**.

Please be assured that your request will be carefully reviewed in light of our program objectives and criteria as well as the availability of funds. Departmental staff may contact you if further information is required to complete your application.

Please note that according to the service standards of our Department, you should receive the results of your application within six months of the date a Legacy program officer verifies that your application is complete (we will be in touch if anything is missing).

Should you have any questions regarding your application, please contact us at [bcap-dcap@pch.gc.ca](mailto:bcap-dcap@pch.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Josée Renaud  
Executive Assistant

