



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

Tuesday Nov 12, 2013

3pm to 4:30pm

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

## MEETING NOTES

**Present:** Mayor Brian McMullan  
Rick Dykstra, MP  
Rob D'Amboise, Rick Dykstra's Office (conference call)  
Dave Schulz, Regional & Municipal Affairs Liaison, Rick Dykstra's Office  
Councillor Bruce Timms  
Lisa Bastien, Malcolm Allen  
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 Barry Sharpe, Welland  
Mayor Ted Luciani, Thorold  
Mayor Badawey, Port Colborne  
Malcolm Allen, MP  
Councillor Bruce Williamson  
Karen Moncur, Rick Dykstra's Office  
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 ~ Mayor McMullan**

- **Review of Oct 17 meeting notes**

- All in favour
- Carried

**1. Folk Arts Motion ~ Mayor McMullan**

- *That the Board of Directors of the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre agrees that the Folk Arts will be a Community Partner in the application to the Federal Government "Legacy Fund" to commemorate fallen workers in building of the Welland Canal and a participant in the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force*
  - Received for information

**2. Membership interest ~ Rebecca Cann**

- 3 individuals have expressed interest in joining the Task Force
- Given their backgrounds and expertise, each is assigned to a sub committee

**Action item:**

- *Rebecca to contact each and invite them to participate on those sub committees*

**3. Status of Heritage Canada applicaton ~ Kathleen Powell**

- Kathleen and Rebecca have divided up the application
- A workplan is required with submission, which consists of the timeline completed by Rebecca, supplemented with specific content from each sub committee
- Discussion on the provision of French language translation of Task Force material
- Rebecca has local resource who translates at reasonable rate
- Webpage has translation option so it will not require translation

**Action items:**

- *Expression of Interest will be translated although legal componenets of the Design Call may not be possible to have translated as these are City-specific documents*
- *An extension of the submission deadline will be extended to individuals requesting translation for the length of time that the translation takes to be provided*

**4. Fundraising Sub Committee ~ Rob D'Amboise**

- Review of \$450,000 budget targets
  - \$150,000 Federal funding application
  - \$100,00 Corporate (4 @ \$25,000)
  - \$100,000 Community organizations/small business (10 @ \$10,000)
  - \$100,000 Public-Private (\$50,000 private, \$25,000 region and \$25,000 municipal)
- 3 levels of recognition identified for sponsor package
  - Monument plaque recognition
  - Welland Canal booklet
  - Inscribed bricks
- Monument design must prioritize recognition of the fallen workers over recognition of the sponsors
- The Call for Design (to be released in Feb, 2014) should incorporate details of sponsor recognition and provide direction for design
- Discussion on possible other sources of funding

**Action items**

- *Rebecca to liaise with the Funding sub committee to finalize the language used in sponsorship packages*
- *Rebecca to investigate other provincial grants*
- *Kathleen to investigate possible foundation grants*
- *Fundraising sub committee will brainstorm to identify service groups, private individuals, companies and then determine which task force members are most appropriate to make each ask*
- *Mayor McMullan to make a request of council through a motion for \$2,000 stipend for design finalists*

- *Bruce Timms will approach Mayors of Welland, Port Colborne and Thorold to request the \$2,000 from each Council*

#### **5. Design Selection Panel ~ Rebecca Cann**

- 7 individuals confirmed as Panel members with 3 advisors for the Design Selection Panel
- Expression of Interest outlines budget, leadership, scope of work, design considerations, submission requirements, criteria for selection and process of selection
- Expression of Interest targeted to “Canadian artists and/or artists resident in Niagara” (to be revised to include “teams” of artists)
- Final wording discussed (to revise “friendly” relationship to labour community)

#### **Motion, Bruce Timms**

- *That the Expression of Interest be revised as discussed and be released to the artist community as planned on Thursday, November 14*

Seconded, Dave Schulz

All in favour

Carried

#### **6. Site selection sub committee ~ Bruce Timms**

- Aerial video shown of potential sites
- Communication received from Mr. Bruce Hodgson at Seaway shutting down the inquiry into using the St Lawrence Seaway parkway lawn site for memorial
- Four potential sites identified at Lock 3 for memorial
- The Expression of Interest identifies Lock 3 as a prospective location for memorial
- Site confirmation will need to be finalized for the Design RFP (i.e. Call for Design)

#### **Action item:**

- *Bruce proposes a meeting with a Seaway staff member senior to Mr. Hodgson for further discussion and consideration*

#### **7. Communications sub committee ~ Maggie Riopelle**

- Council approval required in order to collect funds through PayPal on City's webpage

#### **Action item:**

- *Mayor to make a motion at Council to request Council approval to pursue PayPal capability on the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force webpage for the purposes of collecting donations for the memorial*

#### **8. Federal correspondence ~ Arden Phair**

- See appendix 1 (Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment)
  - Received for information

#### **9. Meeting locations ~ Arden Phair**

- Proposal to circulate meeting locations between St. Catharines, Welland, Thorold and Port Colborne in an effort to be more inclusive

**Next meeting:** Thursday December 19, 2014

9:30am to 11:am, Committee Room 1, St. Catharines City Hall

Minister of the Environment



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Arden Phair  
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Dear Arden Phair:

I am responding to your e-mail message addressed to the former Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Peter Kent, concerning the recognition of workers killed during the construction of the Welland Ship Canal. I regret the delay in responding.

The Welland Canal was designated as an event of national historic significance in 1924. The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) plaque commemorating the Welland Canal is located in Thorold near the bridge at Allanburg/Thorold.

The request made by Mr. Malcolm Allen, Member of Parliament for Welland, to have the designation of the Welland Canal expanded to include the contributions of the canal workers is presently under review. Should it be determined that this matter can be brought to the attention of the HSMBC, the subject will be researched and presented to the Board. Once this preliminary review is completed, you will be apprised of the result.

I appreciate having had this opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of the Environment



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