



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

Monday July 2, 2013

3pm to 4:30pm

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

MEETING NOTES

Present: Mayor Brian McMullan
Councillor Bruce Williamson
Malcolm Allen, MP
Rick Dykstra, MP
Karen Moncur, Rick Dykstra's Office (conference call)
Rob D'Ambroise, Rick Dykstra's Office (conference call)
Dave Schulz, Regional & Municipal Affairs Liaison, Rick Dykstra's Office
Mayor Barry Sharpe, Welland
Maggie Riopelle, EA Mayor McMullan
Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services, City staff
Rebecca Cann, Cultural Supervisor, City staff
Arden Phair, retired city curator & historian
Gerry Miele, President, CAW Local 4211
Mark Cherney, Business Representative, IBEW Local 303
Patrick Little, lawyer & heritage advocate

Regrets: Regional Councillor Bruce Timms
Mayor Ted Luciani, Thorold
Mayor Vance Badawey, Port Colborne
Lisa Bastien to represent Malcolm Allen, MP
Jim Given, Executive VP, Seafarer's International Union

Mayor McMullan, takes chair

- **Introductions**, at table and on conference line
- **Review of June 23 meeting notes**
 - Approved by B Williamson
 - Seconded by D Schulz
 - All in favour
 - Carried

1. Review of Co-Chair arrangement

- Malcolm Allen approves of the co-chair being shared between Mayor McMullan and Mr. Dykstra
- Mr Allen and Mr Dykstra agree to partner on any federal initiatives as required for the purposes of the Task Force

Rick Dykstra, takes chair

2. Funding Update ~ Dave Schulz

- No interim meeting held
- Looking for input from site and design in order to proceed
- Need to determine an applicant and a community partner, as defined within the Legacy Funding guidelines
- Discussion on the merits/disadvantages of the Task Force being the applicant verses a Municipality as the applicant
- General consensus that an application for funding would be more successful if a municipality were the applicant
- As the applicant, the city would then own the memorial and be responsible for the maintenance for 10 years (as required by the Legacy Fund)
- Mayor McMullan stated St. Catharines City Council endorsed the formation of the Task Force and city staff resources are heavily invested; City of St. Catharines is prepared to be the applicant
- Task Force agreed that City of St. Catharines will be the applicant for funding ap
- Task Force brainstorms on possible Community Partners:
i.e. Niagara District Labour Council, Folk Arts, Seaway Authority, Algoma, Parks Canada
Cdn Shipowners' Association, NAC

3. Site Selection Update ~ Rick Dykstra

- No interim meeting held
- Rick Dykstra reports that in speaking with Bruce Timms, there are 3-4 locations identified in St. Catharines~Thorold, Welland prefers not to be considered and that Port Colborne is agreeable to whatever site the Task Force decides upon
- One site in Thorold is not suitable, but there is possibility to use neighbouring property which is within St. Catharines boundary
- Discussion on whether monument should be situated at one location or whether there is a main site linked with secondary sites along the canal corridor
- Decision that this project could have two phases; *Phase One* would be to determine a main site for a monument and *Phase Two* would be to establish secondary sites along the Canal corridor with a link to the main monument site
- *Phase One* will be carried out with this Task Force, as this was the original intent
- *Phase Two* could involve Regional resources and perhaps engage The Greater Niagara Circle Route in the planning at a later date
- Rebecca Cann refers to the Niagara Artists Company as an example of using QR codes to provide a virtual interactive experience to the visitor
- Given that the City of St. Catharines will be the applicant for funding, it was agreed by the Task Force that only those sites identified by the Sub Committee within the boundaries of this municipality will be considered

4. Design Update ~ Rebecca Cann

- Power point illustrates the 5 sites shortlisted from the Workers Memorials in Canada list
- Rebecca explains scale of monuments: 1.5x lifesize as *heroic*, larger is *monumental*

1. Chinese Railroad Workers, Toronto (orig materials incorporated)
<http://www.venturevancouver.com/canadian-chinese-monument>
2. Kirkland Lake Miners, Kirkland Lake (includes 300 names)
<http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/kirklandlake.html>
3. Firehall # 6, Firefighters, Saskatoon (example of *living memorial*)
<http://wikimapia.org/1537369/Firehall-No-6-and-Firefighter-s-Memorial>
4. Generations (Ford workers), Windsor (2 piece, structure against mural)
[http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMEE4J_Generations Windsor Ontario](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMEE4J_Generations_Windsor_Ontario)
5. High Scalpers, Hoover Dam (all bronze, current mkt price, \$900,000)
<http://stevenliguori.com/project/portfolio-piece-7/>

- Ongoing research into costs of raw materials (eg bronze is priced at \$5-\$7lb), ownership and maintenance issues, time to construct, appropriate site, investigation of types of original materials that could be sourced and incorporated (Bruce Williamson mentions using steel from Burgoyne Bridge as it is of same era)

5. Communications Update ~ Maggie Riopelle

- City print shop working on logo samples
- Task force to short list and choose
- Kathleen Powell to incorporate information on work of Task Force at Library display

Action items ~ Rick Dykstra

- *Rebecca Cann will circulate the list of potential sites in St. Catharines to Task Force for consideration and possible visitation prior to next meeting*
- *Task Force members to forward two St. Catharines sites for consideration at next meeting and prepare for pro/con discussion (email to jhughes@stcatharines.ca)*
- *Task Force members to forward two potential community partners to Rob D'Ambroise for consideration prior to next meeting (email to Rick.dykstra.a1@parl.gc.ca)*
- *Rob D'Ambroise to evaluate each suggested community partner to the criteria provided by the Legacy Fund, for next meeting*

Adjourned 4:15 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday August 6, 3pm to 4:30pm Committee Room 1, St. Catharines City Hall