



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

Monday June 17, 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  
Lisa Bastien to represent Malcolm Allen, 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  
Regional Councillor Bruce Timms  
Mayor Ted Luciani, Thorold  
Mayor Vance Badawey, Port Colborne  
Mayor Barry Sharpe, Welland (conference call)  
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  
Jim Given, Executive VP, Seafarer's International Union (conference call)  
Gerry Miele, President, CAW Local 4211  
Mark Cherney, Business Representative, IBEW Local 303

**Regrets:** Malcolm Allen, MP  
Rick Dykstra, MP  
Patrick Little, lawyer & heritage advocate

**Dave Schulz chairs** meeting for Rick Dykstra, Mayor delayed

**Introductions**, at table and on conference line

### Sub committee updates

#### **1. Funding** ~ Dave Schulz

- 2 mtgs held with a minimum of 1 planned between each Task Force meeting
- 2 areas of funding investigated:
  - i) Community (individual & corporate)  
Need more site and design specific info before these solicitations can begin
  - ii) Legacy funding
    - Need a community partner
    - Deadline July 23, 2014
- Bruce Williamson suggests exploring in kind support
- Lisa Bastien suggests approaching trade unions as potential funding partners as well as selling bricks to donor families
- Task force discussion on hiring possibility of hiring a professional fundraiser

**2. Site Selection ~ Bruce Timms**

- Canal corridor is wide in scope and most potential sites are on lands managed by Seaway
- See appendix 1, May 28 (list of Cdn memorial sites to be correlated to application criteria)
- Mayor Sharpe requests that Welland not be included in potential sites as there are already memorials in place which they do not want to compromise
- Mayor Badawey suggests a main monument site be selected with a succession of storyboards along the canal corridor
- This provides an opportunity for funding partners from the Region with the inclusion of the communities along the canal corridor
- Bruce Timms explains that requests for funding to the Region would be for one time capital contribution only, not for operating expenses

**3. Design ~ Rebecca Cann**

- Many elements of design overlap with the site selection, funding & communication (R & I)
- Grant application requires a commitment to owning and maintaining the memorial for 10 years
- A *Call for Design* must originate from the designated owner
- Also preferable to have a budget established before a *Call for Design* goes out
- Design must be reflective of the fallen & injured workers, their families and their multi nationalism, honour the time period, regional scope and national significance of the canal
- Incorporate authentic building materials into the design and all names
- Additional cost associated with the shortlisted artists to create a “mock up”
- Decide whether the memorial will be reflective or interactive

**4. Communication Updates****i) Research & Interpretations ~ Kathleen Powell**

- The memorial must reflect that the canal was a national building project and pivotal in the development of Canada, the work was dangerous and varied, the nature of the work impacted workers and their families, the variable demographics of the workers
- The information can be communicated through social media, website, geomapping etc
- When do we launch a website and how? Is there a cost?
- Potential partnerships with St. Catharines Standard (their Ebook may be difficult to locate on web), The Region (a comprehensive website), the City of St. Catharines (with a link to the Welland Canal Museum) and other municipalities

- Cost associated with the launch of a website can be accounted for in the application for funding (only the costs incurred after funding is approved)
- Using existing resources will decrease any potential upfront costs

**ii) Present ~ Karen Moncur**

- News release protocol established
- Milestones will be drafted with quotes from Rick Dykstra, Malcolm Allen and Mayor McMullan
- This will be the only source of media releases
- Letterhead & a logo to be designed by City of St. Catharines staff
- Activating social media may be premature until there are more specifics on the memorial project
- These 3 individuals will be the contact for any community group interested in incorporating this project at community events (eg upcoming Tall Ships, Canal Days)
- Group to establish a gmail account for contact
- Group to design pamphlets for distribution at these events

**5. Co-Chair arrangement**

- Deferred until July 2

**Next steps**

- **Sub Committees to meet prior to July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting**
- **Rob D'Ambroise will circulate Legacy Funding program guide (4 attachments)**
- **Review list of memorial sites (appendix 1, May 28)**
- **Review similar projects and be prepared to further define budget, site, design**
- **Port Colborne, Welland, Thorold, St. Catharines to review any inventory of remnant building materials from Welland Canal construction**

**Adjourned 3:40pm**

**Next meetings:** Tuesday July 2, 3pm to 4:30pm, Committee Room 1, St. Catharines City Hall

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

# Workers Memorials in Canada

May 2013 Office of Malcolm Allen

Appendix 1

May 28, 2013

Memorial	Place	Description	Link
Memorial to Commemorate the Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada	Toronto: intersection of Blue Jays Way + Navy Wart Ct.	-monument erected to remember over four thousand Chinese workers who lost their lives during the construction of the railroad between 1880-1885	<a href="http://spacing.ca/toronto/2009/04/09/memorial-to-commemorate-the-chinese-railroad-workers-in-canada/">http://spacing.ca/toronto/2009/04/09/memorial-to-commemorate-the-chinese-railroad-workers-in-canada/</a>
"Reflection"-monument to Canadian Aid Workers	Ottawa: Rideau Falls Park	-honours Canada's commitment to international development + those who have risked their lives or died in the line of duty -specifically dedicated to Nancy Malloy + Tim Stone	<a href="http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca/places-to-visit/public-art/reflection-monument-to-canadian-aid-workers">http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca/places-to-visit/public-art/reflection-monument-to-canadian-aid-workers</a>
Canadian Chinese Monument	Chinatown, Vancouver	-honours Chinese workers who lost their lives building the railway + Chinese soldiers who fought in World War II -celebration of multiculturalism	<a href="http://www.venturevancouver.com/canadian-chinese-monument">http://www.venturevancouver.com/canadian-chinese-monument</a>
Fallen Firefighters Memorial	B.C legislature	- honours firefighters in B.C who have died because of illness or injury related to their work	<a href="http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/new-bronze-statue-at-b-c-legislature-will-commemorate-fallen-firefighters-1.73903">http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/new-bronze-statue-at-b-c-legislature-will-commemorate-fallen-firefighters-1.73903</a>
Firehall No. 6 + Firefighter's Memorial	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Firefighters memorial park	-built in 1990 on the 10 year anniversary of a fire which killed two firefighters	<a href="http://wikimapia.org/1537369/Firehall-No-6-and-Firefighter-s-Memorial">http://wikimapia.org/1537369/Firehall-No-6-and-Firefighter-s-Memorial</a>
Hoggs Hollow Memorial	Toronto: Young St. Subway Line	-built to preserve the legacy of 5 Italian workers who died in the Hoggs Hollow disaster in 1960 - quilt designed by local artists	<a href="http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/hoggshallow.html">http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/hoggshallow.html</a>
Falconbridge Mural	Sudbury, Ontario	-mural in memory of the 85 miners killed in 1929 at the Falconbridge mine	<a href="http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/falconbridge.html">http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/falconbridge.html</a>
Kirkland Lake Miner's Memorial	Kirkland Lake, Ontario	-honours the miners who have died at Kirkland Lake -includes an inscription about their influence over worker's rights today	<a href="http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/kirklandlake.html">http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/kirklandlake.html</a>
Rideau Canal Fabric Mural Memorial	Kingston, Ontario: Hotel Dieu Hospital	-mural dedicated to hundreds of Irish immigrant workers who lost their lives building the Rideau Canal from 1826-1832	<a href="http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/rideaucanal.html">http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/rideaucanal.html</a>
Farm Workers' Monument	Abbotsford, B.C: Mill Lake Park	-monument dedicated to three farm workers killed in a van accident in 2007	<a href="http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Monument+will+honour+Abbotsford+farm+workers+killed+2007+accident/8076924/story.html">http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Monument+will+honour+Abbotsford+farm+workers+killed+2007+accident/8076924/story.html</a>

The "Day of Mourning" workers monument	Saint John, New Brunswick: W. Franklin Hatheway labour Exhibit Centre	-in remembrance of workers who were killed or injured at work -brings attention to unsafe working conditions + the extraordinary physical labour that went into the building of Saint John	<a href="http://www.bacweb.org/canada/news/2011_02/canada.php">http://www.bacweb.org/canada/news/2011_02/canada.php</a>
Lifequilt	Toronto, Ontario	-honours the lives of workers aged 15-25 who have been killed or injured on the job	<a href="http://www.youngworkerquilt.ca/">http://www.youngworkerquilt.ca/</a>
Cult Italian Workers Memorial	Vaughan, Ontario: Woodbridge Pool and memorial Arena	-dedicated to all Canadian workers of Italian descent who perished or were injured in work related accidents	<a href="http://www.ninorico.com/index_files/Page2634.htm">http://www.ninorico.com/index_files/Page2634.htm</a>
Forest Workers Memorial Park Fountain	Lake Cowichan, BC	-dedicated to all forest workers in Lake Cowichan who lost their lives or were injured on the job	<a href="http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM3Y5Q_Forest_Workers_Memorial_Park_Fountain_Lake_Cowichan_BC">http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM3Y5Q_Forest_Workers_Memorial_Park_Fountain_Lake_Cowichan_BC</a>