



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

Tuesday Feb 18, 2014

3pm to 4pm

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

MEETING NOTES

- Present:** Mayor Brian McMullan
Councillor Bruce Williamson
Rick Dykstra, MP
Rob D'Amboise, Rick Dykstra's Office (conference call)
Dave Schulz, Regional & Municipal Affairs Liaison, Rick Dykstra's Office
Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services, City staff
Rebecca Cann, Cultural Supervisor, City staff
Arden Phair, retired city curator & historian
Patrick Little, Lawyer & heritage advocate
Chris Grawey, IBEW 303
- Guest:** Bob Sears, Canadian Canal Society (conference call)
- Regrets:** Malcolm Allen, MP
Mayor Barry Sharpe, Welland
Mayor Ted Luciani, Thorold
Mayor Badawey, Port Colborne
Councillor Bruce Timms
Maggie Riopelle, EA Mayor McMullan
Karen Moncur, Rick Dykstra's Office
Lisa Bastien, Malcolm Allen
Jeff Burch, Executive Director, Folk Arts Council
John Armstrong, Welland Canal Foundation
Jim Given, Executive VP, Seafarer's International Union
Mark Cherney, Business Representative, IBEW Local 303
Gary Miele, President Unifor 4211
Sheri Laekeman, President, UNIFOR 4212

Welcome ~ Mayor McMullan

Review of Jan 14 meeting notes

- All in favour
- Carried

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

- i) Letters sent to 3 other canal corridor communities requesting \$2,000 contribution
 - Port Colborne has approved contribution during budget process
 - Welland and St. Catharines have confirmed contributions
 - Waiting response from Thorold

ii) Meeting with St Catharines Standard (Peter Conradi & Erica Bajer)

- Topics included resurrection of e-book and in kind donation of booklet
- Peter and Erica will refer to senior management for consideration

Action, Kathleen and Dave

- *To contact Peter and Erica to follow up on that meeting*

iii) Donation, Bob Sears

- Canadian Canal Society has committed to donating \$1,000

2. Design Committee update ~ Rebecca Cann

Motion, Rick Dykstra

- *To move in camera to discuss a matter pertaining to identifiable individuals*
- *Seconded, Bruce Williamson*
- *All in favour*
- *Carried*

Committee reconvenes into open meeting:

Motion, Rick Dykstra

- *That the committee approves the presented shortlist of designers and directs Rebecca Cann to inform the designers to confirm their interest and prepare to respond to a Request for Conceptual Design Proposal for the next phase of the project*
- *Seconded, Arden Phair*
- *All in favour*
- *Carried*

3. Site Selection Committee update ~ Rebecca Cann

- Rebecca made a presentation to the Greater Niagara Circle Route
- Mayor McMullan and Rick Dykstra each spoke to President of Seaway
- Container site at Lock3 would require amending the existing lease for the Lock 3 Museum site which would be attainable in short term
- Seaway Parkway site may take 2-3 years for approval
- Mr. Bowles was more agreeable to the Container Site being the site for memorial
- Discussion took place on the risks of losing DCH funding (with need to keep an eye on the 2014 legacy date), the prominence of each site, the concern of potential perceptions that this is a St. Catharines project rather than Niagara, the relevance of the memorial to today's workers, not just the actual Fallen Workers, and the importance of site selection as it relates to fundraising across Niagara

Motion, Bruce Williamson

- *That St. Catharines City Council will be asked to approve approaching the Seaway to negotiate the extension of the lease agreement for the Lock 3 Museum site to include the container site, for the purposes of situating the memorial for the Welland Canal Fallen Workers*
- *Seconded, Dave Schulz*

- *All in favour*
- *Carried*

Action, Rebecca Cann

- *To contact DCH to ask for an exemption to the 10 year land security guideline (with explanation that the Lock 3 Museum site lease agreement as amended, will likely be renewed at the expire date in 2018, given the Museum location on this site)*

4. Communications Committee update ~ Dave Schulz

- Committee is ready to design a brochure pending decision on site and concept for the memorial
- Mayor McMullan commits resources from City's printing department

Action, Rebecca Cann

- *Rebecca to work with the Sub Committee on a plan to announce short list of designers*

5. Research and Interpretation Committee update~ Kathleen Powell

- Arden and his team have discovered 130 fatalities
- Team has scanned the Standard from 1913 to 1939
- Presentation will be made to the Task Force at some future date

Adjourned: 4:20pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 18
3pm to 4:30pm
Committee Room 1,
St. Catharines City Hall