



Corporation of the City of St. Catharines  
**WELLAND CANAL FALLEN WORKERS MEMORIAL TASK FORCE MEETING**  
Wednesday May 21, 2014  
3pm to 4:30pm  
St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church Street: Ante Room , Third Floor

## MEETING NOTES

**Present:** Mayor Brian McMullan  
Councillor Bruce Timms  
Dave Schulz, Regional & Municipal Affairs Liaison, Rick Dykstra's Office  
Maggie Riopelle, EA Mayor McMullan  
Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services, City staff  
Gary Miele, President Unifor 4211  
Sheri Laekeman, President, UNIFOR 4212  
Kevin Vallier, Fundraising Co-ordinator  
Bob Sears, President, Canadian Canal Society  
Patrick Little, Lawyer & heritage advocate

**Regrets:** Rick Dykstra, MP  
Malcolm Allen, MP  
Rob D'Amboise, Rick Dykstra's Office  
Mayor Barry Sharpe, Welland  
Mayor Ted Luciani, Thorold  
Mayor Badawey, Port Colborne  
Councillor Bruce Williamson  
Karen Moncur, Rick Dykstra's Office  
Lisa Bastien, Malcolm Allen  
Rebecca Cann, Cultural Supervisor, City staff  
Chris Grawey, IBEW 303  
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

**Welcome ~** Mayor McMullan

### **Review of Apr 15 meeting notes**

- Revisions to Bob Sears' position at Cdn Canal Society and capacity on Task Force
- All in favour as amended
- Carried

### **1. Fundraising Committee update ~ Dave Schulz**

- i) Seaway has indicated that they are sending a letter to Min of Transportation requesting a lease extension (to include the container site) to 2028 with an option to extend to 2038, as required by the DCH
  - This will require Ministerial consent (timeframe is usually short)

**Action:**

- Mayor's office to follow up with Bruce Hodgson at Seaway and ask when they anticipate hearing back from the Ministry
  - Rick Dykstra's office to follow up with the Ministry on required copy of the lease
- ii) Kevin will prepare and present a fundraising plan for the larger asks to next meeting
- Donation form will be designed giving the donor the opportunity to identify themselves with an affiliation or membership to a particular group
- iii) Sheri reports that \$700 was raised from the UNIFOR conference
- This was the launch to a longer term fundraising campaign
- iv) Bruce Timms reports that the concept plan for the memorial has been presented to Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for \$250,000 ask
- Need more detail on costing
  - Need the scope of the memorial to be more regional in order to gain support of committee
  - The plan to incorporate minor memorials along the canal corridor was determined to be Phase 2 by this Task Force in July 2013 (the current budget and DCH funding request is designated for Phase 1, specifically to the memorial site)

**Action:**

- Design sub committee to meet with small group from the Circle Route Committee to further discuss details of the project in order to build support

**2. Design Committee update ~ Kathleen Powell for Rebecca Cann**

- i) RFP more complicated than anticipated
- Project now requires a Memorial Design + Landscape Design
  - Project value has now assumed value of \$700,000:
    - 400K to memorial
    - 50K to events and materials for launch events, unveiling etc.
    - 250K to site works (water and electrical servicing, landscaping, pathway & trail connections)
  - Size of budget requires that someone act as General Contractor and they must meet all requirements of the City for bonding, insurance, WSIB
  - RFP to include: Memorial design, landscape architect selection, general contractor (preferably the artist or landscape architect)
  - Engineering, legal, parks and purchasing staff are all working to review and finalize the RFP
  - Anticipated release is next week
- ii) City Council must approve the final design prior to the planned announcement on Nov 30
- Mon Nov 3 or Mon Nov 17 are the two possible Council dates to submit that staff report

**3. Site Selection update ~ Bruce Timms**

- Kathleen reports that our DCH application is currently being held in abeyance until “a copy of the 10 year lease agreement between the owner of the work and the owner of the property where the memorial will be installed” is received from Min of Transportation
- Upon receipt, the DCH ap is complete and the process of consideration for funding will start
- The timeline for notification on the funding decision is stated to be 26 weeks
- The work of the Site Selection committee is complete

**4. Communications update ~ Maggie Riopelle**

- Kevin Vallier invites the Communications Committee join the Fundraising Committee at their future meetings to co-ordinate efforts
- Task Force had previously decided that the chairs of each committee sit with the Fundraising Committee for future meetings at this point

**Action:**

- Dave Schulz to invite Maggie Riopelle, Karen Moncur, Bruce Timms, Kathleen Powell, Rebecca Cann to Fundraising meetings

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

- Volunteers from the Ontario Genealogical Society are researching each fallen worker identified to determine most appropriate spelling of their names and filling in missing details

**6. Other Business ~ Bob Sears**

- Concern expressed over the Seaway’s work scheduled on the tie up walls at Lock 3 and how that may compromise the memorial site
- Gerry Miele assures the Task Force that the work is scheduled to be completed within the next year and will not negatively impact the site

**Next meeting:** Discussion on who should be the General Contractor, should the RFP be combined and implications of the landscape design and city staff maintaining it in long term

**Date:** Thursday, June 26  
3pm to 4pm  
Committee Room 1