

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:00pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Chris Bittle MP, Greg Wight, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms, Bob Sears, Arden Phair, Oliver Hildebrand, Patrick Little

Absent:

Vance Badawey MP, Mayor Frank Campion, Mayor John Maloney, Mayor Ted Luciani, Councillor Bruce Williamson, John Armstrong, Kevin Vallier, Jim Given, Jeff Burch, Sheri Laekeman, Chris Grawey, Mark Cherney

Staff Liaisons:

Rebeccan Cann, Kathleen Powell, Julie Rorison,

1. **Call meeting to order** ~Mayor Sendzik
3:00pm
 - Introduction of Chris Bittle, MP St. Catharines
2. **Motion to adopt the agenda**
3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the meetings:**
July 23, Sept 23, Oct 27, Dec 9, 2015 and Jan 7, 2016

That the minutes as listed, be adopted

Moved by: Bob Sears
Carried
4. **Presentations**
n/a
5. **Staff Report** PRCS-027-2016 ~ J Rorison
 - Council approved new Terms of Reference which include membership of Canadian Canal Society, new members and meetings by teleconference.

- There is room for community, at large members to be added.

6. Fundraising Update ~ G Wight

- Opening of Seaway culminated in donation and opportunity to thank major donors (CSL)
- Committee invited to Marine Club lunch in St. Catharines on Apr. 21, where Mayor Sendzik will be guest speaker
- Discussion on launch of the community campaign with respect to who, when, how and how much
- Must pursue Circle Route funding through Region

7. Design process update ~ R Cann

- Update distributed in memo and a review of workplan timelines.
- Task Force discussed wording and inscriptions to be included in the memorial including the Gates of Remembrance, plinth and the veil.
- The original design approved was a concept and is in development phase currently, which will result in changes. The community open houses and Task Force meeting Feb 8 provided the designer with input for his consideration.
- R Cann presented an update from the designer regarding presentation of fallen workers names and information on the Gates.
- A proposal was suggested for designer consideration to add workers' nationalities to the plinth or the interpretative panels.
- G Wight and R Cann to report back with more information from the Design Committee and D. Revington on design options and request meeting with Task Force for presentation of updated design.

Motions:

Unveiling of the memorial:

That the Task Force agree to target an official opening of the memorial for August 6, 2017 pending the timely completion of Seaway construction.

Moved by: Bob Sears
Carried

Memorial text and design:

That the text to include R.J. Manion's quote be included on the The Veil

Moved by: Bob Sears
Lost

That R.J. Manion's quote not be included on The Veil.

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

Carried

- Mayor noted that the text of the quote may be included elsewhere in the memorial

8. i) Research Committee ~ K Powell

- Mike Johnson resigned from subcommittee.
- Alex Ormston, former Musuem staff involved in research on the fallen workers has passed away
- K Powell to present at several community events, including speaking at the unveiling of the Italian Workers Memorial in Toronto, Apr 28. All members of the Task Force are invited to attend.

ii) Publishing ~ K Powell

- Quote from Friesen press received for 350 page book @ \$19.50 per book
- To target August 2017 release date, the committee needs to begin process and writing immediately. Support of Task Force members and more volunteers will be needed.
- Approximately \$25,000 would need to be added to the project budget to facilitate the publication
- K Powell to investigate grants to offset printing and production costs
- Alternatively, pursue more fundraising

Motion

That the Task Force agree to work towards publication of a book to commemorate the fallen workers and story of the memorial for publication with the unveiling of the memorial in August 2017.

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

Carried

8. Other business

i) Artifacts ~ O Hildebrandt

- Local marine companies have offered artifacts to be transferred and installed into various interpretive sign locations along the canal corridor.
- Sub committee to be created to review and plan

ii) Presentations – A. Phair

- Request follow up letter and thank you from Campaign Chair and/or Mayor following presentations to local groups and historical societies. Mayor's Office will assist as requested.

iii) Outstanding worker details to be confirmed – K. Powell

- The research committee has not been able to confirm one outstanding name and requests professional assistance to resolve.

Motion

That the Task Force support the Research Committee to use professional research support to confirm outstanding worker information for memorial, up to \$1,000.

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

Carried

- 9 Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 7
 3pm to 4:30pm
 Ante Room Room

- 10. Adjourned:** 4:15pm