

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, June 07, 2016

Ante Room at 3:00pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Greg Wight, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms, Bob Sears, Gerry Miele, Oliver Hildebrand, Sheri Laekeman

Absent:

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

Staff Liaisons:

Rebecca Cann, Kathleen Powell, Julie Rorison, Julie Hughes

1. **Call meeting to order** ~Mayor Sendzik
3:00pm

2. **Motion to adopt the agenda**
Additions
5 i) Interpretive panels (Fundraising update)
5 vii) UNIFOR donation

That the agenda with the additions be adopted, as amended

Moved: Rebecca Cann
Carried

3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of March 29:**

That the minutes be adopted

Moved by: Gerry Miele
Carried

4. **Presentations**

n/a

5. **Business:**

i) Fundraising Update ~ G Wight

- Corporate campaign winding down
- Family and public campaign will be focus
- Family tree campaign proposed (32 trees @ \$2,000 per tree)
- Need to draft a policy as to who can be recognized through campaign (i.e. fallen worker, contributor to the memorial project)
- Cost of plaquing to be investigated
- Previous private donations for \$2,000 will be honoured through this campaign
- Greater Niagara Circle Route (GNCR) requires written request (with cost estimates) for funding consideration
- Need to include other canal corridor municipalities in the memorial by incorporating interpretive panels, newspaper articles in book etc
- City staff and Regional staff to meet to discuss how to move request for funding forward
- J Rorison to make request to Thorold and Welland City Councils for presentation
- Discussion on how to recognize canal-related deaths since the building of the canal and those whose deaths were not directly attributed to canal construction

ii) Budget ~ R Cann

- 20% contingency built into costing
- The interpretive panels would qualify for Ontario Trillium funding through a municipal partner
- Mayor Sendzik to approach Mayor Luciani with a request to apply
- R Cann will meet with City's procurement staff to discuss how an in kind donations can be negotiated for the landscaping portion of the memorial
- A staff report and the capital budget will go to Council with an update on the success of the fundraising campaign and Phase 1, July 11
- G Wight will make presentation at July 11 Council meeting
- Phase 2 will determine how the final tender will be managed

iii) Design ~ R Cann

- Accessibility concerns have been addressed in the design, taking into consideration pathways, slopes, text etc.
- Providing information via other means, ie enlarged printouts is important
- Info panel is no longer on two adjacent panels, making the Gates of Remembrance the exclusive symbol of the canal locks

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iv) Research and Publishing update ~ K Powell

- Book will be 360 pages, to include all fatalities, historical information related to the canal, photographs
- For next meeting, discussion on who should provide foreword, number of printed soft vs hard cover copies, number of presentation copies to be handed out, and copies for giftshop inventory
- Quotes will be provided next week

v) Seaway Offer ~ K Powell

- Seaway inquired whether the Committee wanted to set up a display with Fallen Workers material, beside their tent during Canal Days (3 days)
- R Cann, B Timms, S Laekeman all expressed interest
- Those interested to contact K Powell for scheduling

vi) UNIFOR Donation ~ S Laekeman

- JR to schedule a photo on location, media release
- Possibly third week of June
- Contact S Laekeman to schedule

6. Other business

i) Welland Library

- Will be having a speaker series in Fall
- Featuring 6 outstanding articles for book

ii) Post Media

- K Powell to ask PostMedia to estimate value of publishing the Welland Canal Fallen Workers series
- Sponsorship to be recognized on brochure, pending valuation

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.

iv) Riverbrink exhibit

- “Welland Canal, Dreams and Schemes” to be exhibited Sept 2017 to Feb/March 2018

7 Next meeting: Thurs August 25, 3pm to 4:30pm, Burgoyne Woods Room

8. Adjourned: 4:00pm