

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:00pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Councillor Bruce Williamson, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms, Oliver Hildebrand, Sheri Laekeman, Patrick Little

Regrets:

Vance Badawey MP, Chris Bittle MP, Mayor Frank Campion, Mayor John Maloney, Mayor Ted Luciani, Greg Wight, Bob Sears, John Armstrong, Kevin Vallier, Jim Given, Jeff Burch, Chris Grawey, Mark Cherney, Gerry Miele

Staff Liaisons:

Rebecca Cann, Kathleen Powell, Julie Hughes

Regrets: Julie Rorison

1. Call meeting to order ~Mayor Sendzik
3:15pm

2. Motion to adopt the agenda

That the agenda for August 25 be adopted

Moved: B Williamson
Carried

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of June 7

That the minutes of June 7 be adopted

Moved by: B Timms
Carried

4. Presentations
n/a

5. Business:

i) Fundraising Update ~ R Cann for G Wight

- City Council presentation on July 11
- Fundraising totals \$662,327 to date
- Revised target \$841,180 (does not incl book, lighting and interpretative panels at other canal corridor communities)
- Total target including enhancements listed is \$1,027,380
- Greater Niagara Circle Route reserves have gone into a pool of specific programs
- City can apply to the Region's Waterfront Improvement Program, deadline Sept 15
- Need council approval on Sept 12 (as part of Staff Report to be submitted by staff) as City has to match funds
- Council previously approved \$785K, to be paid back through fundraising except for \$10K
- City can apply for a maximum of \$224,500 from this program
- If application is successful, any extra funds received beyond the Memorial budget could increase the degree of enhancements for the project or reduce the amount required from the City and Region
- Other funding stream updates
 - i. Corporate is winding down
 - ii. Labour is ongoing
 - iii. Public to be launched
 - iv. Grants in process: Region (Waterfront Improvement Program)
Niagara Community Foundation (Canada's 150)
Ont Trillium Foundation (must be pursued by a smaller municipality)
- R Cann to present to Greater Niagara Circle Route, B. Timms proposed an ask for incremental funding

ii) Budget ~ R Cann

- Currently at the end of phase 1
- Staff report will be presented on Sept 12 seeking council approval to progress to phase 2
- Pending approval, tender will go out in October for next phase

Kiosk initiative ~ K Powell

- Partnership to be pursued with Brock University students as part of course curriculum
- 12 students will earn .5 credit in first semester
- Project is to design interactive kiosks for Memorial, to be installed at other canal corridor communities (can be installed at any location)

- Interactive kiosks would replace interpretative panels
- Can incorporate sourcing the hardware and the costing into project
- Kathleen estimates that each kiosk could cost \$10,000 each (x3)
- Project could extend to second semester with another class of students

iii) Design ~ R Cann

- City staff and landscape architects met on site in August
- Minor additions to be added to landscaping include extension on walkway and ditch remediation

iv) Research update ~ K Powell

- Need to determine the sponsorship level for St Catharines Standard
- Sun Media has published profiles of the fallen workers for 138 weeks in 2 dailies

Motion

That the St Catharines Standard be recognized at the \$25,000 sponsorship Level for their contribution to the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

Moved by: B Williamson

Carried

v) Publishing update ~ K Powell

- P Little to ask a local descendant of fallen worker to write the foreword for the book
- Publishing costs determined to be \$30,000 for 250 hard copies and 250 soft copies for 320 page book
- A Canada 150 application will be submitted to the Niagara Community Foundation for \$15K to cover some costs
- P Little to investigate any funding opportunities with the Mayholme Foundation
- Task Force discussion held on how many hard/soft copies should be ordered (hard copies will be needed for \$25K sponsors, canal cities)
- K Powell to explore sending out a pre-order request to family members to determine numbers prior to ordering

vi) Canada Post proposal thru Arden Phair~ R Cann

- Not related to mandate of Task Force

vii)Ormston family request ~ Chair

- Will be presented with the opportunity to be recognized under the family tree campaign

6. Other business

- Sheri Laekeman is no longer the President of Unifor 4212 but she is seeking permission from the new Board to maintain her position on the Task Force

7. Next meeting: Tuesday October 4
3pm to 4:30pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

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8. Adjourned: 4:10pm