

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, October 04, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:00pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Patrick Little, Bob Sears

Call in:

Chris Grawey, Mark Cherney

Regrets:

Vance Badawey MP, Chris Bittle MP, Mayor Frank Campion, Mayor John Maloney, Mayor Ted Luciani, Greg Wight, Jim Given, Gerry Miele, Councillor Bruce Williamson, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms, Oliver Hildebrand, Sheri Laekeman

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

- **Other business, B. Sears**
 - ii) "Dreams and Schemes: Building the Welland Canal" exhibit, B Sears

That the agenda for Oct 4 be adopted, as amended

Moved: P Little
Carried

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of August 25

That the minutes of Aug 25 be adopted

Moved by: B Sears
Carried

4. **Presentations**

n/a

5. **Business:**

- **Fundraising Update** ~ J Rorison for G Wight
 - First installment of \$25,000 Ontario Paper Foundation donation received
 - Cheque presentation for \$25,000 Niagara Region Labour Council donation to be scheduled with the 28 presidents of the locals invited
 - Labour stream goal is at 200% of initial target
 - Government stream is ongoing with application submitted to the Region's Waterfront Investment Program
 - Funding of \$12,000 has been received from the Niagara Community Foundation for the book publishing project
 - Family/friends stream to begin with family tree campaign in early 2017
- **Budget** ~ R Cann
 - Council approved report to move onto 2nd phase of project on Sept 12
 - Cost estimates, currently under review, of memorial, parkette and enhancements, are \$1.2M
 - One further report to come to Council seeking approval for increase in budget prior to tender going out
 - Tender process estimated to be Dec 2016-Jan 2017
 - Designer will be contracted to fabricate the veil and gates and to prepare tender documents and undertake contract administration for all other components
- **Design** ~ R Cann
 - City staff have identified a safety concern with the height of the lower edge of the veil from the ground (new height to be determined)
 - There will be an additional sidewalk on northern perimeter of the memorial
- **Research and Publishing update** ~ K Powell
 - Welland Library is presenting a speaker series which will continue into 2017
 - Cdn Railroad Historical Association is planning plaque installation at Charles Ansell Park, Lock 1
 - Research sub committee is planning walking tours in each of the municipalities' cemeteries to relate stories of the Fallen Workers
 - In order to do this programming, someone has to take ownership of getting an insurance certificate and take ownership of this initiative
 - Task force requests that each municipality should get involved in this project as their contribution
 - K Powell will make contact with staff in each municipality with this request

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- Book title will be “Triumph and Tragedy: The Welland Ship Canal”
- Cover image to be decided
- 60-70% of the content is complete
- Estimated completion by end of 2016
- Dedication to be decided upon
- C Bittle’s office to request letter from Governor General and the Prime Minister
- C Grawey to request a letter from Hassan Yussuff, President of the Canadian Labour Congress
- Also include letter from Mayor Sendzik
- The submission to design the book be confirmed by K Powell
- The Brock partnership project continues to work on the digital kiosk project
- Depending on the final product, additional kiosks could be proposed for each municipality

6. Other business

i) **World Canals Conference 2017**, B Sears

- Canal enthusiasts will gather in Syracuse, NY, Sept 24-28, 2017
- Timely opportunity to promote the memorial unveiling of Aug 6, 2017

ii) **“Dreams and Schemes: Building the Welland Canal” exhibit**, B Sears

- 5 works of art have been requested for temporary display by the RiverBrink Museum from the National Gallery of Canada
- The request has been denied and an appeal process is underway by RiverBrink
- A letter of support will be provided by Mayor Sendzik

7. Next meeting: Tues November 29
3pm to 4pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

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8. Adjourned: 3:25pm