

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:00pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Patrick Little, Bob Sears, Oliver Hildebrand, Gerry Miele, Greg Wight, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms

Call in:

Mark Cherney

Regrets:

Vance Badawey MP, Chris Bittle MP, Mayor Frank Campion, Mayor John Maloney, Mayor Ted Luciani, Councillor Bruce Williamson, Sheri Laekeman, Chris Graway, John Armstrong, Jim Given

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
 - i) Riverbrink
 - ii) Port Colborne Plaque

That the agenda for Nov 29 be adopted, as amended

Moved: B Timms
Carried

3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of October 4**

That the minutes of Oct 4 be adopted

Moved by: R Cann

Carried

4. Presentations

n/a

5. Business:

i) Fundraising Update ~ G Wight

- Media release and photo of Ontario Paper Foundation cheque donation will be going out
- Unifor cheque presentation to be scheduled for future date
- Total fundraising for all four campaign streams is reported
- Waterfront Investment Program application for 2016 was not successful
- The 2017 program could be launched in January with notifications to be made in Feb presenting another opportunity for funding
- B Timms to approach Greater Niagara Circle Route
- R Cann to apply for further funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage
- Staff compliment has been added to fundraising team to identify donation opportunities and start public campaign (social media platforms)
- Public campaign to launch in January

i) Budget ~ R Cann

- \$1.2 M budget is static

ii) Design ~ R Cann

- Draft contract will be finalized by week end
- Designer is moving forward on own initiative
- Fabrication drawings have been submitted to City's engineering staff
- Proposal to source text for plinth from a poet submission or review the preface for the book to discern whether there is a statement appropriate for the plinth
- Discuss next meeting

iii) Research and Publishing update ~ K Powell

- Articles on each worker are almost completed
- Editing of other content continues
- Council approval to be sought for NCF funding
- When approved, the designer can be hired
- Brock student partnership project is at half way point
- The Museum will have a physical exhibit related to the Fallen Workers and K Powell has been working with other museums in the area to try and encourage them put together displays about the Fallen workers in 2017

- The Welland Library Speaker Series continues
- K Powell and A Phair have made 30 presentations on Memorial

5. **v) Unveiling August 6, 2017 ~ Chair**

- Organizing committee to be composed of Mayor's Office staff, Bob Sears, Museum staff member and other task force members if interested
- Patrick Little to be resource for ceremonial aspects

6. **Other business**

i) **Riverbrink, B Sears**

- National Gallery of Canada still considering request from Riverbrink to display the Canal exhibit

ii) **Port Colborne Plaque Unveiling, B Sears**

- The Port Colborne BIA erected a plaque for the Port Colborne fallen workers (from all 4 canal construction projects) at Lock 8 Park
- Fundraising Chair to write letter to Erie Press Editor to create awareness of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force, \$2,000 contribution from Town of Port Colborne, support received in donations from across Niagara, including Port Colborne businesses
- Fundraising Chair to write letter to BIA recognizing Port Colborne for this commemoration with explanation that the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force will recognize the workers from all canal corridors, who died building the fourth Welland Canal and the support received from business community

iii) **ECT, R Cann**

- Monica Dufault is producing a play about the Fallen Workers

7. **Next meeting:** Tues January 31
3:30pm to 4:30pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

Call in: 1 866 276 0948, Conf ID 3044495

8. **Adjourned: 3:35pm**