

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Sunday, January 31, 2017

Call in at 3:30pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, , Councillor Bruce Williamson, Bob Sears, Greg Wight,

Regrets:

Vance Badawey MP, Chris Bittle MP, Mayor Frank Campion, Mayor John Maloney, Mayor Ted Luciani, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms, , Sheri Laekeman, John Armstrong, Jim Given, Patrick Little, Oliver Hildebrand, Gerry Miele, Mark Cherney

Staff Liaisons:

Rebecca Cann, Kathleen Powell, Julie Rorison, Julie Hughes

1. **Call meeting to order** ~Mayor Sendzik
3:30pm

2. **Motion to adopt the agenda**

That the agenda for Jan 31 be adopted

Moved: B Sears
Carried

3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of Nov 29, 2016 and Jan 10, 2017**

That the minutes of Nov 24 and Jan 10 be adopted

Moved by: R Cann
Carried

4. **Presentations**
n/a

5. **Business:**

i) **Project Update ~ R Cann**

- Council has approved Phase 2 of Memorial, up to \$775K expenditure
- Costs are estimated at \$1.192M for project completion
- Discussion on how to bridge \$500K funding gap
- Provisional cost reductions identified, \$300K, include
 - Topsoil, sod, shrubs, vines, trees
 - Lighting fixtures and programming (infrastructure will be installed)
 - Information panels at other canal corridor communities
 - Path connectivity costs between site and parkway could be reduced
 - Plinth
- Opportunities for further funding
 - GNCR ~ meet with Regional Chair to discuss reconfiguration of Welland Canal Parkway and potential funding by the Region
 - Partnership with Seaway for redevelopment/remediation of memorial site. Meet with Seaway to discuss in kind donation
 - Apply for supplemental amount from Heritage Canada for additional \$150K
 - Launch public campaign spring 2017
- Mayor directs that the project be tendered provisionally (will confirm with Commissioner that is permissible) in order to determine the real cost of project
- When the real costs are known and the opportunities for further funding are pursued, then a staff report will go to council
- Aug 6 target completion date cannot be confirmed until the bids are received back and reviewed by the staff and the Task Force

ii) Donation ~ K Powell

- There are 55 gravesites of Fallen Workers that do not have markers
- Kirkpatrick Monuments has offered to donate engraved gravestones for each and volunteers will deliver to each cemetery for installation
- Discussion on what level of sponsorship could be provided
- Deferred to G Wight and small group discussion

ii) Resignation of Chris Grawey

- Letter of thanks from TF, cc Niagara District Labour Council

6. Other business

i) Merritton Lions Trivia Night, Feb 25

- Proceeds to the Fallen Workers Memorial

7. Next meeting, to be determined

8. Adjourned: 4:20pm

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is an Advisory Committee of City Council

