

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

3pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Greg Wight, Sheri Laekeman, Bob Sears, Zach Dadson for Chris Bittle MP, Reg Councillor Bruce Timms

Regrets:

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

Staff Liaisons:

Rebecca Cann, Kathleen Powell, Julie Rorison, Julie Hughes

Regrets: Lori Mambella

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

2. **Motion to adopt the agenda**

That the agenda for Aug 30 be adopted

Moved: B. Timms
Carried

3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of June 22, 2017**

That the minutes of June 22, 2017 be approved

Moved by: B. Sears
Carried

4. **Presentations**
n/a

5. Business:

5.1 Fundraising Update ~ G. Wight

- \$1.92M in financial commitments
- G Wight following up on a few outstanding corporate commitments
- Online campaign not performing optimally
- J Rorison to reestablish link to City's homepage & Mayor's webpage
- \$1,000 donation from Italian Workers Memorial received
- Z Dadson will follow up in DCH on second application submitted
- G Wight and R Cann to cross-reference their figures

5.2 Construction Update ~ R. Cann

- Mon Aug 28 construction started
- Trees not ordered (\$30K)
- 9 week construction schedule

5.3 Design Update~ R Cann

- Text for information panel and plinth reviewed

Motion:

That the language presented for the plinth is approved for inscription on the plinth of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial.

Moved: G Wight
Carried

5.4 Construction Schedule and Unveiling ~ R Cann

- R Cann to meet with project supervisor this week to go over 9 week schedule
- Saturday options discussed for unveilings
- Need invitations out to dignitaries (PM, GG, Min of Cdn Heritage, Min of Transportation, Min of Labour (fed) and visitors who have to travel, asap
- Save the dates to be designed, newsletter out with updates and today's photo with media release
- Unveiling TF to be established: G Wight, B Sears, J Douglas, Mayor's Office, Zach Dadson (MP's office), R Cann, K Powell

5.5 i) Publishing Update ~ K Powell

- 90% content of the book is done
- Preorders accepted until October 1 (42 already)
- Need to determine how many to order

- Donated copies for research and funders:
 - 2 major book donors
 - Brock Library
 - Researcher from England
 - 4 canal corridor Museums
 - 22 (\$25K and \$15K donors)
 - Total 30
- Grant amount covers \$24,000 (cost of ordering 300 copies of book), so all book sales will generate profit
- K Powell will set up an account to direct those profits towards the fundraising of the memorial
- Mayor to submit a written piece for book

5.5 ii) Kirkpatrick Monuments

- 53 monuments donated, no extra costs incurred as yet to transfer and install at out of town cemeteries
- Vic Lawn not installed
- S Hastings, at own cost, made floral arrangements in vases for each monument
- Letters of thanks from Task Force to be sent

iii) Walking Tours (Civic weekend)

- Well attended
- \$60 raised

iv) Book

- Arden would like to gift valuable limited edition book to someone who has made a significant impact on the Fallen Workers Project
- TF decided on recipient

6. New Business

6.1 Opening of Exhibit

- Thursday September 28, 5pm to 7pm
- “Dreams and Schemes: Building the Welland Canal
- RiverBrink Art Museum, Queenston

- 7. Next meeting** ~ Wednesday September 27, 2017
3:30 pm to 4:30pm
Burgoyne Room, St Catharines Museum

- 8. Adjourned: 4:15pm**