

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

3:30pm

Task Force Attendance:

Mayor Sendzik, Greg Wight, Sheri Laekeman, Patrick Little, Zach Dadson, Bob Sears

Regrets:

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

Staff Liaisons:

Rebecca Cann, Kathleen Powell, Julie Rorison, Julie Hughes

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1. **Call meeting to order ~Mayor Sendzik**
3:40pm
 2. **Motion to adopt the agenda**

That the agenda for Sept 27 be adopted

Moved: G. Wight
Carried
 3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of Aug 30, 2017**

That the minutes of Aug 30, 2017 be approved

Moved by: B. Sears
Carried
 4. **Presentations**
n/a
 5. **Business:**

5.1 Fundraising Update ~ G. Wight

- St. Catharines Prof Firefighters Association and Merriton Lions are making donations today, photo scheduled
- \$20K in donations have recently been received

5.2 Construction ~ R. Cann

- Construction on schedule
- Foundation for gates and veil, sidewalks has been poured
- Veil & gates will be wrapped when installed
- Fresh soil has been brought in for landscaping
- Trenching done for trees along the perimeter
- R Cann will share photos on FB as project progresses

5.3 Unveiling ~ R Cann

- Sunday November 12th @ 2pm
- General reception outside and VIP reception afterwards in the museum
- Invitations to go out by email and mail to government officials, descendants, sponsors and supporters with request for rsvp
- Tent rented to accommodate 300-400 guests
- Program table of contents is drafted and will be printed with English and French
- Send out request to sponsors for program ads as soon as possible
- Discussion on speakers for ceremony
- K Powell will investigate having a videographer capture the ceremony with the black and white photographs incorporated, to be shown at Film House

5.4 Publishing and Research Update ~ K Powell

- RiverBrink is unveiling Welland Canal art exhibit, Sept 28 @ 5pm
- Plaque unveiling for Welland Ship Canal Construction Railway at Charles Ansel Park, Oct 13 @ 2pm
- Welland Cemetery tours of fallen workers' gravesites, Sat Oct 21

6. New Business

- n/a

7. Next meeting ~ to be determined

8. Adjourned: 4:30pm