

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, February 04, 2020

Fire Station 4 at 4:30 pm

Attendance:

Mayor Walter Sendzik
Councillor Dawn Dodge
Councillor Matthew Harris
Jeff McCormick, Fire Chief
Ryan Madill, President, IAFF Local 485
Chris Slota, Vice President, IAFF Local 485
Barry Katzman, Citizen

Absent:

Dave Upper, Deputy Fire Chief
Elizabeth Copeland, Citizen

Staff Liaison:

Joan Demontigny, Fire Services, Recording Secretary
Ilyse Norton, Community, Recreation, and Culture Services

1. **The Acting Chair, Fire Chief McCormick called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.**
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories was read by the Acting Chair**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
None
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

That the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Task Force adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by Councillor Dodge and Mayor Sendzik
Carried

5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, November 13, 2019**

That the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Task Force adopt the minutes from November 13, 2019 as presented.

Moved by Councillors Dodge and Harris

Carried

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

7. **Presentations, invited guest Jim Boutilier, Fire Chief of Niagara Falls.**

- a) Chief Boutilier reviewed the steps that City of Niagara Falls took with respect to obtaining their Fire Fighter Memorial statues and site;
- b) Some highlights are:
 - Came in under budget at around \$49,000
 - Once Location, design and budget are set, the rest falls into place
 - City staff involved with in kind work at the beginning of the build and the maintenance
 - Location is in front of their Fire Station 1
 - Their Fire Association is in control of the funds moving forward, donations still come in, each name that is engraved costs approx. \$600
 - They have a memorial wall for Fallen Fire Fighters and a donor wall
 - Ceremony initially for the opening with the laying of roses for each Fallen Fire Fighter, yearly ceremonies for new additions to the wall
 - Kirkpatrick Stoneworks was a great partner and did the stonework
 - Kirkpatrick installed the monument with pins so that it can be moved to another location in the future
 - A bell was donated; bells can be quite expensive
 - A Landscape Architect is necessary at the start
 - Fundraising is essential, some large donations helped a lot

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

None

9. **Business**

a) 9.1 Introduction of new committee members

Done in the earlier part of the meeting, everyone introduced themselves.

The committee welcomed Citizen Barry Katzman, who has been a longtime proponent in building a memorial site for Fallen Fire Fighters as his father in law was a Fire Fighter who died in the line of duty.

b) 9.2 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Barry Katzman was nominated for Chairperson on the floor by Mayor Sendzik

Moved by Councillors Dodge and Harris

Carried

Chief McCormick was nominated for Vice Chair on the floor by Ryan Madill

Moved by Councillors Dodge and Harris

Carried

c) 9.3 Obtain costing on other memorials

Discussion ensued on different municipalities costs and locations of their memorials.

d) 9.4 Discuss expectations and vision moving forward

- Timeline, location, design, price discussions
- Ryan Madill to bring report forward on WSIB claims in consultation with the St. Catharines Museum and possibly the St. Catharines Library
- Ryan Madill to discuss this task force at their Locals' meeting and bring forward any ideas, information
- Ilyse Norton to report on City locations that may be available at the next meeting

10. Date of next meeting

All future meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at Fire Station 4, 427 Merritt Street at 4:30pm.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Fire Station 4 at 4:30pm

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Task Force be adjourned at 5:40pm.

Moved by Councillors Dodge and Harris

Carried