

# Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force

## Minutes

**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

**Electronic Participation at 5:00pm**

### **Attendance:**

Chair, David DeRocco, Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee Member  
Vice-Chair, Meghan Symyk  
Councillor Carlos Garcia  
Mark Hoerd, Heritage Advisory Committee Member  
John Howe  
Tony McLaughlin  
Christopher O'Connor

### **Absent:**

Mayor Walter Sendzik  
Councillor Bruce Williamson  
Stephen Remus, Public Art Advisory Committee Member

### **Staff Liaison:**

Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services  
Eric Lamothe, Manager of Strategic and Business Services

### **Guest:**

Olivia Hope, Culture Coordinator

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#### **1. Call meeting to order (Chair DeRocco)**

Chair DeRocco called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

#### **2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**

Chair DeRocco acknowledged that the land on which the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by

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the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

**3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**

There were none.

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garcia

That the September 17, 2020 agenda of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

**6. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

**Moved by:** Meghan Symczyk

That the August 20, 2020 minutes of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be approved.

**CARRIED**

**7. Business**

**7.1 Lakeside Park Site Location**

**Moved by:** Christopher O'Connor

That the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force defer the decision on the Lakeside Park Site Location to the next Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force meeting to ensure that all Task Force members have the opportunity to vote; and

That the Lakeside Park Site Location vote will take place at the next Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force meeting; and

That staff present the three options discussed with the Task Force and that staff provide pros and cons for further deliberations.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Fundraisers Update**

Task Force member Christopher O'Connor, through the Port Dalhousie Supply Co. and O'Connor Initiative Inc. (a local non-profit organization) have fundraised over \$10,000 towards the Neil Peart Memorial through Lakeside Park t-shirt sales.

This initiative has spanned across the world and will continue to raise funds for the Neil Peart Memorial. Staff will clarify the fundraising processes and procedures.

**Moved by:** Christopher O'Connor

That the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force receive the information.

**CARRIED**

#### 7.3 Memorial Criteria

Olivia Hope provided an overview of the City of St. Catharines Expression of Interest and Request for Proposals process as per the City's Public Art Policy. The Task Force also discussed high level memorial criteria.

#### 7.4 Selection Committee

Chair DeRocco informed the Task Force that all Task Force members will be included with the Selection Committee unless a Task Force member declines the opportunity.

### 7. Date of next meetings

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

All Meetings times scheduled for 5:00pm to 7:00pm

### 8. Motion to Adjourn

**Moved by:** Councillor Garcia

That the meeting of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**