

Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Electronic Participation at 5:00pm

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Mayor Walter Sendzik
Mark Hoerd, Heritage Advisory Committee Member
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
Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services
Olivia Hope, Culture Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order (Chair DeRocco)

Chair DeRocco called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 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: Meghan Symczyk

That the December 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: Councillor Williamson

That the November 19, 2020 minutes of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be approved.

CARRIED

7. **Business**

7.1 Memorial Procurement Process

Kathleen Powell provided an update that staff have transitioned from an Expression of Interest (EOI) to a Request for Pre-Qualification (RPQ) at the direction of the City's procurement division. The Task Force was provided an overview of the RPQ content that is currently in development. The following suggestions were made for the RFQ:

- 'Rock & Roll Hall of Fame' band RUSH rather than 'progressive' (Vice-Chair Symczyk)
- Neil Peart as an 'Author' (Chair DeRocco)
- 'Historic Port Dalhousie' in the opening description (Councillor Garcia)

As part of the RFQ, artist will be required to include all costs associated with the project including the on-going maintenance costs. The estimated timeline for the RFQ public launch is January/February. The RFQ will be available on the City's procurement portal and will be distributed through a media release and various City newsletters. Task Force members will also have an opportunity to share with their respective contacts/networks. A current example of an RFQ on the City's procurement portal is the Fallen Firefighters Memorial – Task Force members were encouraged to review.

7.2 Fundraising Goal

Eric Lamothe provided an update that the development of an online donations module and fundraising materials are in progress. Eric provided special thanks to Task Force members Christopher O'Connor for his first donation for the t-shirt sales and John Howe for helping staff secure non-copyrighted photos for the communications strategy. Eric also outlined that in the Neil Peart Task Force Terms of Reference, there needs to be consideration of on-going operating / maintenance costs. Eric advised that the Task Force should begin the conversations towards a goal with hopes to finalize by January. The fundraising goal was tentatively set at \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 as outlined in the RFQ but still requires a final motion from the Task Force.

7. Date of next meetings

January 21st, 2021

February 18th, 2021

March 18th, 2021

April 15th, 2021

May 27th, 2021

June 24th, 2021

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

8. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Christopher O'Connor

That the meeting of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

CARRIED