

Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Electronic Participation at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Chair, David DeRocco, Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee Member
Vice-Chair, Meghan Symyk
Mayor Walter Sendzik
Councillor Carlos Garcia
Councillor Bruce Williamson
Tony McLaughlin
Christopher O'Connor
Stephen Remus, Public Art Advisory Committee Member

Absent:

Mark Hoerd, Heritage Advisory Committee Member
John Howe

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 5:03 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 Symsyk

That the February 18, 2021 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 December 17, 2020 minutes of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business

7.1 Fundraising Sub-Committee Update

E. Lamothe provided an overview of the recently developed online donations page as well as the updated Engage STC page. Fundraising Sub-Committee Chair M. Symsyk provided Fundraising Sub-Committee updates which included a March 1st soft launch date for the online donations page once the final revisions and questions are completed. The fundraising goal baseline is \$500,000 but the Task Force strongly anticipates that the fundraising amount will increase throughout 2021. K. Powell also noted that there needs to be consideration of on-going operating / maintenance costs. Councillor Williamson suggested that when the Port Dalhousie Piers re-open, there could be an opportunity to create awareness of the Neil Peart Memorial Project through a booth and/or display. Councillor Garcia is a member of the Port Dalhousie Piers Task Force and confirmed that the piers will be opened in the spring but that the date is a moving target.

7.2 Request for Pre-Qualification Update

K. Powell provided an update for the Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) with key dates as follows:

- RFPQ was Issued on January 22nd, 2021
- RFPQ Deadline for Questions is March 15th, 2021
- RFPQ Submission Deadline is March 29th, 2021

The RFPQ Selection Panel will shortlist to 6 artists using a scoring matrix to evaluate. All Task Force Members will be included on the Selection Panel with the exception of Mayor Sendzik who has respectfully declined.

Motion to receive the information for Agenda Items 7.1 and 7.2

Moved by: Councillor Williamson

That the information for Agenda Items 7.1 and 7.2 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

7. Date of next meetings

March 18th, 2021

April 15th, 2021

May 27th, 2021

June 24th, 2021

July 29th, 2021

August 26th, 2021

September 30th, 2021

October 28th, 2021

November 25th, 2021

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

8. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Tony McLaughlin

That the meeting of the Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED