

# Fallen Firefighter Memorial Task Force

## Minutes

**Tuesday, February 08, 2022**

**Electronic Meeting at 4:30 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

Barry Katzman, Citizen and Chairperson  
Mayor Walter Sendzik  
Dave Upper, Fire Chief  
Nancy Harris, Citizen  
Andrea DeJong, Deputy Fire Chief  
Councillor Dawn Dodge

### **Absent:**

Councillor Matt Harris  
Chris Slota, Firefighter, IAFF Local 485  
Ryan Madill, President, IAFF Local 485

### **Staff Liaison:**

Joan Demontigny, Recording Secretary  
Ilyse Norton, Community, Recreation, and Culture Services  
Noora Rizvi, Culture Supervisor

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

5:39 p.m.

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

Chairperson Barry Katzman acknowledged that the land on which the Fallen Firefighter Memorial 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. Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
**Moved by Nancy Harris and seconded by Councilor Dodge**  
**Carried**
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022.  
**Moved by Mayor Sendzik and seconded by Chief Upper**  
**Carried**
6. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.
7. **Presentations (invited guests)**  
There were no presentations.
8. **Business arising from the minutes**  
None
9. **Business**
  - 9.1 **Payroll Deductions, Other Fundraising Efforts, Engagement of Stories and Engagement of Retired Fire Fighters**

Payroll Deductions - Chief Upper spoke with Kristine Douglas, Director of Finance and they will make that happen, it is like the United Way Campaign deductions, so it won't be an issue.

This will be available to all Staff, not just Fire Personnel. This will be done through various channels, email etc.

Noora Rizvi, Chair Katzman and Chief Upper will work together to come up with communication details and forms for staff to complete for payroll deductions.

Other Fundraising Efforts - Chair Katzman noted that there is another fundraising initiative about the landscaping piece, it's an enhancement to the existing landscape. We now have a tracker to see who's donated and the amount. Noora Rizvi noted that she is applying for The Niagara Community Foundation, David S. Howe grant. This application goes in at the end of March. Noora is following up with donors who have donated \$400 or more so that they can provide us with a custom inscription. There is a high level of interest from groups like Wise Guys.

Engagement of Stories – Chair Katzman has reached out to Angus Scott at the Standard and has not heard back yet, he will follow up. Noora mentioned that she has been in contact with Kathleen Powell regarding

the Welland Canals Fallen Workers Memorial and the project they did. They had 140 Fallen Workers to investigate, we have approximately 23. They were able to find some obituaries but because some of the Fallen Fire Fighters passed a long time ago, we would need a volunteer for this research of articles. They discussed the scope the stories, we could position the articles more about the families of the Fallen Fire Fighters and sharing stories and memories, a celebration of life. We may not want to focus on the diseases that cause the death but more about the stories. Chair Katzman will bring this up with the Standard.

Engagement of Retired Fire Fighters – Noora Rizvi showed the one-page communication piece that she created, a lot of it is geared towards the bricks and it's designed to create awareness. It will be forwarded to the Task Force after this meeting to share with your networks. It carries a lot more weight to share this message personally. Hard copies of this one pager would be excellent to have at each of the fire halls – action item.

## **9.2 Update on meetings with CFC &**

Noora Rizvi indicated that they had a great meeting with CFC in conjunction with City Staff. Noora showed the revised site plan that was discussed at the meeting. Stuart Green made some updates to the design, and this was reviewed. The ornamental trees will be included as a donor piece. In terms of accessibility, it has been recommended to do some grading of the space to even things out. Stuart was able to locate antique fire hydrants, these could be placed adjacent to the wall of Fallen Fire Fighters names. There are ongoing edits to the site plan design.

Mayor Sendzik asked if there was a way to camouflage or paint a graphic on the utility boxes to prevent graffiti. Perhaps ask the utility company if they can do this. Noora mentioned that there is a graffiti proof coating that can be placed on art surfaces. We could create more landscaping elements around it as well. These options will continue to be discussed.

## **9.3 Update on Finalization of City Landscape Components**

Chair Katzman mentioned that tree donations are being considered to discuss with donors. Ilyse Norton will touch base with Noora on her discussion with Stuart Green on this initiative. There will be updates on this for future meetings.

Citizen Nancy Harris asked a question about the use of security cameras to deter vandalism. Chief Upper noted that there isn't anything planned currently. The hope is that the lights around the memorial, the nature of it being a public space and the proximity to the Performing Arts Centre will deter potential vandalism.

#### **9.4 New Member**

Tracey Fraser has retired, and Fire Fighter Chris Slota is now a member of this Task Force.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday, March 08, 2022**

The Chair may call ad-hoc meetings before then based on the work to be done.

#### **11. Motion to Adjourn at 4:46pm**

**Moved by Chief Upper and seconded by Nancy Harris**

**Carried**