

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Barry Katzman, Citizen and Chairperson
Mayor Walter Sendzik
Nancy Harris, Citizen
Trevor Parker, Deputy Fire Chief
Councillor Dawn Dodge

Absent:

Dave Upper, Fire Chief
Councillor Matt Harris
Chris Slota, Firefighter, IAFF Local 485
Ryan Madill, President, IAFF Local 485

Staff Liaison:

Joan Demontigny, Recording Secretary
Mandy Salter, Culture Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

4:33 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 Councillor Dodge and seconded by Nancy Harris
Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Moved by Councillor Dodge and seconded by Nancy Harris
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 Chair Katzman gave a warm welcome to our newest non-voting Task Force member, Mandy Salter, Culture Coordinator.

Mandy will be providing temporary support in place of Noora Rizvi, who took a position with the Arts Council of Canada.

9.2 Payroll Deductions, Other Fundraising Efforts, Engagement of Stories and Engagement of Retired Fire Fighters

Payroll Deductions – Chair Katzman asked if the information was circulated to all staff. Deputy Chief Parker responded that it was sent out to all of Fire Services, but he was unaware if the rest of the corporation has been sent this.

Action item: Mandy Salter to connect with Kristine Douglas to inquire when the rest of the corporation will be sent the payroll deduction communication.

Other Fundraising Efforts - Chair Katzman noted that he has been sidelined by a personal obligation over the past few months but is back on the fundraising campaign. The Chair asked about the fundraising materials and if they are ready. Mandy confirmed that they are ready - new deck, printed books, and foam core materials.

Action item: Chair Katzman to pick up the fundraising materials from Mandy. These fundraising materials are to be shared with the task force members, Fire Services, and the Mayor's office to distribute.

Mandy was asked by her leadership team to flag/mention the additional \$80,000 in fundraising that is required to support the additional statue. Chair Katzman noted that we have some large fundraising commitments and added fundraising pieces, the benches are gone as well as two \$25,000 donations. At this point, it is a matter of pulling everything together.

Action item: Mayor Sendzik will ask Julie Given to send a request to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines to have Chair Katzman do a fundraising presentation. Joel Chatterton will be a good person to connect with before the presentation as he is heavily involved with Rotary as well.

Engagement of Stories – Ilyse Norton's family has done a high impact compelling video, sharing their story. Chair Katzman asked if the video has been circulated and Deputy Chief Parker noted that it was circulated through the City's social media channels. Securing a few more families to share their stories would be good. The Mayor noted that when we did the Fallen Workers Memorial, pop-up's were done to generate community awareness and it would be a good idea to include this initiative moving forward, possibly in the late summer. These can be done at malls around St. Catharines.

Action item: Mandy/team to follow up and add the communication awareness piece to the work plan moving forward. Culture and Communications teams to follow-up with an online meeting with Chair Katzman to talk about strategy for communication and engagement.

Engagement of Retired Fire Fighters – Chair Katzman would like to get together with Ryan Madill and Chief Upper to discuss this piece and not lose sight of this. The Chair will follow up with Chief Upper on this initiative.

9.3 Update on meetings with CFC

Chair Katzman talked about the recent CFC meetings and the roadblocks they have encountered. We need to be aligned in our communication with CFC and the City, there hasn't been a lot of communication lately. Stuart Green's landscape design drawing had been converted from a linear to a CAD drawing and was to be shared with CFC to be incorporated into the overall plan, this hasn't been done. It is crucial that the information and communication is flowing between the City and CFC.

The Mayor noted that the landscaping plan was thought about after the RFP process when thinking about a team to put it all together. If we can utilize the resources of Stuart Green, to allow the contractor to do some of the design work based on Stuart's work, this will fit well with the Private/Public partnership.

Action item: The Mayor will connect with the CAO and make him aware of this and see if we can move forward quickly while staying within the boundaries of the procurement process.

Chair Katzman asked Mandy Salter if she will now be the point/contact with the committee and CFC. Mandy answered that she needs to have a conversation with Lori Mambella, Manager of Community, Recreation and Culture Services, to get clarity on who will be taking on this role.

Action item: Mandy to connect with Lori Mambella and possibly engage Chair Katzman in a meeting to discuss if needed.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

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

11. Motion to Adjourn at 5:03pm

Moved by Deputy Chief Parker and seconded Nancy Harris

Carried