

2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force

Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Lorraine Giroux, Denise Horne, Brian Narhi, Francisco Ruiz Esparza, Daniel Samson, Rene Ressler, Mark Roe

Absent:

Colleen Beard

Guests:

Councillor Lori Littleton, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Councillor Karrie Porter, Councillor Karrie Porter

Staff Liaison:

Kathleen Powell, Adrian Petry, Carla Mackie

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Kathleen Powell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and facilitated a roundtable of introductions.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Kathleen Powell acknowledged that the land on which the 2029 Historic Welland Canals 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

None

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Littleton

That the 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

5. Declarations of Interest

6. Business

a. 6.1 – Election of a chairperson

Discussion related to the election of a Chair.

Moved by: Councillor Porter

That the 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force appoint Rene Ressler as Chair of the Task Force.

Carried.

Discussion related to the election of a Vice-Chair for the Task Force.

Moved by: Councillor Littleton

That the 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force appoint to appoint Lorraine Giroux as Vice-Chair.

Carried.

b. 6.2 – Task Force Terms of Reference and workplan discussion

The Task Force went over the Terms of Reference for their work and what that will entail.

Discussion about including the Third Welland Canal in the work of this Task Force. Discussion about the nature of the assets of the Third Canal. Suggestion that some of the Third Canal in Port Dalhousie could be highlighted as a part of the work. A suggestion was made about moving forward then considering the addition of the Third Canal at a later stage of the work. Since all the canals are connected, it is difficult to discuss one without the other so the stories will not be left behind in the grand scheme.

Moved By: Councillor Garcia

That the 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force add the Third Welland Canal to the Terms of Reference of this Task Force.

Lost.

The Task Force discussed the draft Workplan as presented. Workplan document is attached.

Action: K. Powell to research any Heritage Designations, historical status of any of the assets, connected Community Improvement Plans, or Official Plan Policies that would be relevant to the work of the Task Force.

It was suggested that a brainstorming session be held early in the process with the help of a facilitator and with relevant stakeholders to envision some of the components of the overall project.

Action: Invite Colleen Beard to attend the next meeting to present her mapping project.

Action: K. Powell to send background information to members of the Task Force, including the link to the mapping project carried out by Colleen Beard.

Action: Councillor Porter will be looking at some official plan documents and to compare what other communities have done with their Canal assets.

Action: Everyone to do a bit of reading related to history of the First and Second canals.

Action: All committee members to start thinking about what success looks like for this project to bring to the visioning discussion.

c. 6.3 – Meeting dates for 2022

Discussion of meeting dates for next meetings.

Meetings to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

8. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Councillor Miller

That there be no further items to discuss, this meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Carried