



“Wait for Me Daddy” Memorial Task Force

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.
Committee Room #2 – City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Lorrie Williams	- Chair
Mayor Wayne Wright	- Mayor (exited at 3:30 p.m.)
Calvin Donnelly	- Royal Canadian Legion Representative
Andrew Conradi	- Member at Large
Bob Collyer	- United Church Representative
Allan De Genova	- Honour House Representative (arrived at 2:50 p.m.)
Freda Hogg	- Honourary Member
Chief Dave Jones	- Police Services (exited at 4:00 p.m.)
Chief Tim Armstrong	- Fire & Rescue Services (exited at 3:25 p.m.)
Jan Gibson	- Acting Director of Legislative Services
Herb Hamm	- Curator, Canadian Forces Armoury

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Blair Fryer	- Manager, Communications & Economic Development
Kendra Johnston	- New Westminster Downtown Business Improvement Association

STAFF:

Keith Whiteley	- Engineer
Robert McCullough	- Manager, Cultural Services
Ruby Campbell	- Community Projects Coordinator
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

GUESTS:

Major Doug Evans	- BC Regiment
MWO Huff Mullick	- BC Regiment
Major Dave Vernon	- Royal Westminster Regiment

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1 Terms of Reference Revision

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 19, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 19, 2014 Wait For Me Daddy Memorial Task Force meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

Procedural note: Item 3.1 was considered after Item 6.6.

3.2 Special Guests from BC Regiment: Major Doug Evans, Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Huff Mullick and Major Dave Vernon

Andrew Conradi, Member at Large, introduced BC Regiment Commanding Officer Major Doug Evans, BC Regiment MWO Huff Mullick, and Royal Westminster Regiment Major Dave Vernon to the Task Force.

Major Vernon advised that the Royal Westminster Regiment will be available to provide assistance at the staging area at the October 4, 2014 event, and that the regiment has volunteered to host an informal event proceeding the unveiling of the war memorial. Major Vernon noted that he has been communicating with Major Evans and the BC Regiment with respect to planning for the event.

The Task Force thanked Major Evans, MWO Mullick and Major Vernon for attending the meeting and for their involvement in helping organize the event to date.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Terms of Reference Revision

Jan Gibson, Acting Corporate Officer, recommended that the Manager of New Westminster Museum and Archives, who assumed the responsibilities of the former Manager of Arts and Cultural Development, be removed as a voting member from the 'Wait for Me Daddy' Memorial Task Force Terms of Reference. Ms. Gibson also recommended removing voting rights from the Heritage and Community Planner, as both of the positions conduct work on behalf of the Task Force. Ms. Gibson noted that the Heritage and Community Planner can only vote when acting on behalf of the Director of Development Services.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Manager of New Westminster Museum and Archives, who assumed the responsibilities of the former Manager of Arts and Cultural Development, and the City's Heritage and Community Planner be removed as Voting Members from the 'Wait for Me Daddy' Memorial Task Force Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Fundraising – April 16, 2014 Dinner

Councillor Williams, Chair, provided information regarding the 'Wait for Me Daddy' dinner that was held at Honour House on April 16, 2014, noting that Whitey Bernard provided a speech with respect to growing up during World War II. Ruby Campbell, Community Projects Coordinator, added that the dinner provided a relationship building opportunity between key stakeholders and potential funders.

Procedural Note: Allan DeGenova arrived to the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

6.2 Fundraising Bricks

Ruby Campbell, Community Projects Coordinator, provided the following information with respect to brick fundraising:

- Staff are currently investigating the infrastructure and layout under Hyack Square with the purpose of establishing the war memorial's final location;
- Once the location is established, brick layout and costs will be more readily available;
- It was suggested that the brick fundraising campaign be launched as soon as possible;

- It was suggested that recycled bricks from the Anvil Centre be utilized and laid out in the shape of a railway line in Hyack Square; and,
- Bricks will be available for purchase at civic locations, on the official 'Wait for Me Daddy' website at www.waitformedaddy.com and possibly other locations.

Members of the Task Force suggested that bricks be sold at various prices based on their proximity to the war memorial. In response to questions from the Task Force, Ms. Campbell advised that city staff will provide the Task Force with technical and cost effective brick options in the near future.

Councillor Williams, Chair, advised that the war memorial will face Columbia Street and may be located on Hyack Stage rather than the street side. The proposed new position will allow the war memorial to stand taller and be more prominent in Hyack Square.

6.3 Business Engagement

Ruby Campbell, Community Projects Coordinator, advised that Kendra Johnston, Task Force member and Executive Director of the New Westminster Downtown Business Improvement Association, has expressed interest in helping with the October 4, 2014 event, and has organized the following:

- Collaborating with the Royal City Literary Arts Community Society to help promote displaying their poems in Columbia Street storefronts;
- The possibility of hiring a historian to lead Wait for Me Daddy themed walking tours in Downtown New Westminster during the summer to promote the event; and,
- Facilitate contact to car owners who might be interested in having their 1940s era vehicles on Columbia Street on the unveiling date.

6.4 Literary Arts

The Item was discussed with Item 6.3

6.5 Salmonbellies

Ruby Campbell, Community Projects Coordinator, announced that it is the 125th Anniversary of the New Westminster Salmonbellies. The Salmonbellies have volunteered to provide a display at the October 4, 2014 event outlining the impacts of lacrosse during the war and are permitting the city to exhibit 'Wait for Me Daddy' booths at upcoming Salmonbellies games.

6.6 VIP List Updates

Councillor Williams, Chair, suggested that Task Force members contact Ruby Campbell, Community Projects Coordinator, with VIP list addition requests for the October 4, 2014 event.

In response to questions from the Task Force about developing the VIP guest list, Ms. Campbell advised that there are protocols and procedures that will determine which government officials are included as VIPs at the event and they leadership for these descriptions will come from Mayor's Office, as this is a Mayor's Task Force. Ms. Campbell advised there was a preference to host a VIP breakfast reception at the Anvil Centre prior to the war memorial unveiling.

Andrew Conradi, Member at Large, briefed the Task Force on the involvement of the British Columbia Regiment (BCR) and the New Westminster Regiment at the October 4, 2014 event, and noted the following:

- The regiments are proposing to volunteer their time for the event, as they recognize the event to be strictly a City function;
- The regiments are debating the utilization of weapons at the event;
- The regiments' bands are liaising with City staff regarding the duration and location they will be playing at the event;
- It would suggested that the regiments be provided with a site plan as soon as possible to organize orientation;
- There will be approximately 50 soldiers at the event between both regiments; and,
- It was suggested that the regiments could provide military aid to Mayor Wright at the event.

Mr. Conradi noted that Belle Puri, CBC reporter, has agreed to travel to Kamloops to interview the two remaining veterans who were pictured in the original 'Wait for Me Daddy' photograph. Allan De Genova, Honour House Representative, suggested that the interviews be held in New Westminster upon permission from the veterans, noting that a pilot may be able to supply a private jet to fly them to New Westminster for free.

Discussion ensued, and the Task Force noted the following comments:

- It would be beneficial to provide an opportunity for spectators to have their pictures taken with the soldiers next to the war memorial at the event;
- It was suggested that the young Dutch boy salute the soldiers at the event and stand on the podium for the duration of the event;
- It was suggested that there be a special section for veterans with mobility issues to sit at the event; and,
- It was suggested that an evening event highlighting the lights around the war memorial be organized.

3.1 Sculpture Update

Keith Whiteley, Engineer, provided an update regarding the engineering related to Hyack Square, noting that structural engineers will complete detailed drawings of the site when the final location for the war memorial is confirmed. Mr. Whiteley advised that there will no longer be a wooden platform, and that the war memorial will be situated in the middle of the stage. Mr. Whiteley distributed an engraved brick to the Task Force as an example of what could be utilized for the fundraising initiative.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 27 2014, Committee Room #2, City Hall at 2:30pm

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Lorrie Williams
Chair

Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk