NOTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NORTH FRONTENAC CENOTAPH TASK FORCE HELD ON FEBRUARY 4TH, 2013 AT THE CLAR MILL FIRE HALL UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM.

Present: Councillor Gerry Martin (Chair), Mayor Bud Clayton, Eileen Flieler, Bob Kenney, Cor Bakelaar, and Corey Klatt – Manager of Community Development (MCD).

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Wayne Good.

1:00 pm – Meeting called to order

Councillor Martin introduced himself and all members of the Task Force to each other. He advised that over a year ago he felt that a Cenotaph would be great to have in North Frontenac Township. After mentioning this idea Mayor Clayton and Councillor Good offered to help.

Councillor Martin advised there is some seed money that has been put away into Township Reserves for this project and the MCD will assist with applying for funding.

Councillor Martin advised that he sees a four step process taking place which will include: proposing the selection of a site; designing a Cenotaph; obtaining prices to build the Cenotaph; and building the Cenotaph (with Council's approval).

Members of the Task Force reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the North Frontenac Cenotaph Task Force and recommended a few changes. The MCD will make the changes and email the changes to members of the Task Force for their perusal, prior to providing it to Council.

Several sites were discussed throughout the Plevna area that may be beneficial. These sites include the Clar Mill Community Hall grounds, the property where the old Somers (Millars) Store used to be located in Plevna, the Clarendon Central School, and two pieces of property near the Clarendon Central School.

Mayor Clayton will look into the ownership of the old Somers Store property. He will also contact the Principal of the Clarendon Central School (to see if there would be any interest in having the Cenotaph on school property) and one of the property owners of the property near the school. Councillor Martin will contact the other property owner near the school.

Councillor Martin spoke with the individual in charge of the finances for the United Church in Plevna. He advised that possibly the United Church would consider donating some money towards the Cenotaph project. In return it would be nice to have a plaque of recognition for the United Church within the Cenotaph project. This will be explored further in the future.

It was mentioned that it would be beneficial to keep this project generic and not have personal names of past soldiers, etc... on the Memorial. The concern is that someone could easily be missed or left out. All appeared to agree this would be important.

Mayor Clayton will explore the possibility of a Military Artifact for the proposed site.

It may be beneficial to put a plaque on a Memorial rather than chisel the stone as times change. This may offer opportunity for future groups to make changes or additions to the Memorial.

Something to consider when selecting a site will also be the availability of parking. It is expected that fifty to one hundred people would likely attend the site during Remembrance Day Ceremonies, etc...

It would also be nice to have a Book of Remembrance to correspond with the Cenotaph. It would be proposed that this book be kept at the Municipal Office. Furthermore, it would be great if we had three flags at the Cenotaph site as well which would include the Canadian Flag, the Ontario Flag and the Union Jack.

The next meeting of the North Frontenac Cenotaph Task Force will take place on Friday February 22nd, 2013 at 9:30 am at the Clarendon Miller Fire Hall Upstairs Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.