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NEWS RELEASE

**Memorial design to honour fallen workers
revealed at fundraising announcement**

August 6, 2015 – A campaign to honour 137 workers who lost their lives during construction of the Welland Canal is moving forward with funding from the federal government and a memorial designed by artist Dereck Revington.

Today at a special announcement, Rick Dykstra, and Mayor Walter Sendzik, co-chairs of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force announced a \$150,000 grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage to support the project and revealed the memorial design to the community. The grant will help the Task Force achieve its fundraising goal of \$450,000 to build the memorial alongside the Welland Canal at Lock 3.

“Today’s announcement represents the vision and dedication of a great many people”, said Dykstra. “Not the least of which are the men who lost their lives constructing the canal which is so vital to our community and to our nation. It is only fitting and just that we remember and honour them with this monument and I could not be more pleased that we are well on our way to doing so.”

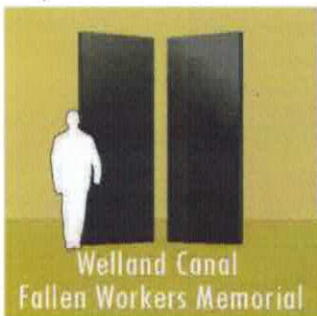
The Welland Canal was constructed between 1914-1932. During construction 137 men lost their lives, in what is believed to be the largest loss of life on a federal government infrastructure project in Canadian history.

“Niagara’s history and geography has been shaped by the construction of the Welland Canal – and not just the landscape and economy. Through this project we have seen how many lives and families were impacted by the loss of loved ones during construction,” stated Mayor Walter Sendzik. “The memorial will be a place for all of us to remember them and reflect on the sacrifices made during construction of one of the most defining projects in our community’s history.”

Mr. Dykstra and Mayor Sendzik introduced Greg Wight, retired CEO of Algoma Central Corporation, as fundraising campaign chair for the memorial.



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Mr. Wight announced the first corporate donor to the campaign, Algoma Central Corporation, who have committed \$25,000 to the project.

“Through my career I have seen and experienced the wonder of the Welland Canal. Its construction continues to shape Niagara’s economy and now, as an integral part of the St. Lawrence Seaway system, it connects us to the world. I’m proud to be a part of this project to recognize the fallen workers with a fitting tribute.”

Bruce Allen, President of Unifor Local 199, spoke on behalf of the Niagara Regional Labour Council, and confirmed their commitment to fundraise \$25,000 for the worker’s memorial.

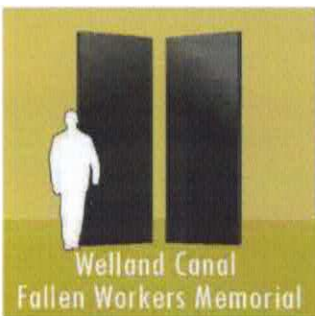
The community also got its first look at the memorial designed by Toronto-based Dereck Revington Studio Inc. The [design](#) was selected by a committee with support from the St. Catharines Public Art Advisory Committee. Mr. Revington described the memorial:

“The memorial will carry its meaning with and without words, engaging and awakening the visitor, making them think and feel more deeply through the encounter. Who were these men whose lives were cut short so that the Great Lakes could be bridged?” – Dereck Revington, selected designer.

The [Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force](#) is a volunteer group established to finance, design, build and install a memorial to recognize workers who were killed while building the Welland Ship Canal between 1914 and 1932. Members of the Task Force include representation from all Welland Canal communities, Niagara Regional Council, the federal government, the marine industry, local historians, the labour community, and community partner representatives from the Canadian Canal Society, the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre and the Welland Canals Foundation, with administrative and project support provided by the City of St. Catharines.

The Task Force is now fundraising to build the memorial and seeking support from the marine and business community, Niagara community partners and the public. All donations are welcome. Once fundraising is complete, construction of the memorial is scheduled for 2017. For more information





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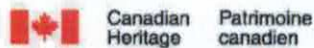
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about the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial or to contribute to the project visit www.stcatharines.ca/CanalWorkersMemorial

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Mr. Greg Wight
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June 15, 2016

Greg
Dear Mr. Wight,

Thank-you for personally providing the information package and outreach for the Guild to participate in the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial project.

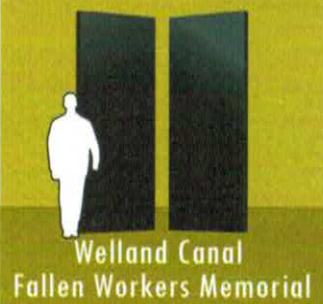
The Guild has carefully reviewed the information you have provided and is pleased to participate in this important initiative with a platinum level sponsorship of \$25,000.00

We hope that our contribution to your fundraising initiative across the marine community will assist in the success of this fitting tribute being constructed in memory of all those who lost their lives constructing this extremely significant gateway.

Best Regards,

Mark Boucher

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The Canadian Merchant Service Guild



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June 22, 2016

Captain Mark Boucher
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Dear Captain Boucher,

On behalf of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force, we would like to thank The Canadian Merchant Service Guild for your generous donation of \$25,000 to the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial project.

Your generous contribution will go a long way towards the completion of the memorial in honour of 137 workers whose lives were lost during construction of the Welland Canal. The Task Force is very pleased to receive industry, labour, government and community support for this project. Tax receipts will be issued for each donation installment.

The design of the Fallen Workers Memorial was unveiled this past August at the site of the future memorial next to Lock 3 of the Welland Canal. Enclosed please find a brochure that highlights the designs for the Memorial that you are helping to make a reality. It will be a fitting tribute to honour the fallen workers and their families whose lives were forever changed.

Once again, thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the unveiling of the memorial in 2017.

Kind Regards,

Mayor Walter Sendzik
Co-Chair
Welland Canal Fallen Workers
Memorial Task Force

Greg Wight,
Fundraising Chair
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*Mark
Your support is fantastic.
Thank you very much. M*



Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

In Memory of the Fallen Workers

#	Date	Name	Age	Cause of Accident	Birthplace
<u>1913</u>					
NO FATALITIES					
<u>1914</u>					
1	23 Jul.	Robinson, George William	21	Crushed; train	Kew Green, Surrey, England
2	05 Aug.	Patterson, John A.	55	Crushed; dump car	Ireland
3	19 Sep.	Benasho, Stana	23	Drowned; dumping car	Russia
4	26 Oct.	Fiore, Gineseppe Dupalo, Stanko / Duflo, Stanley	18	Head crushed; dump car	Canada
5	02 Nov.		29	Fractured skull; boom	Austria
6	18 Nov.	Pakalo, Osip	24	Crushed; dump car	Russia
7	07 Dec.	Wilson, Arthur	28	Crushed; locomotive	Sheffield, England
8	30 Dec.	Moratt, John	43	Crushed; locomotive	Italy
<u>1915</u>					
9	12 Jan.	Eliashovich, Estafy	19	Electrocuted; power wire	Russia
10	27 Apr.	Mastericola, Cornelio	20	Crushed; fall from train	Italy
11	20 May.	West, James	43	Crushed; train	
12	10 Jun.	Crowe, Edwin	28	Crushed; stone	Port Elgin, Ont.
13	14 Jun.	Farris, Guiseppe	24	Crushed; concrete bucket	Nughedu, Sassari, Sardinia, Italy
14	08 Aug.	Aiello, Carmine	32	Crushed; conveyor pulley	Italy
15	10 Sep.	Montemurro, Antonio	22	Electrocuted	Vincenzo, Italy
16	08 Oct.	Nicolozzo, N.	c18	Fell beneath train	Nicastro, Catanzaro, Italy
17	09 Oct.	Willard, A.		Drowned	
18	20 Nov.	Payne, Hudson	45	Crushed by train	Goulbourn, Richmond Twp., Ont.
<u>1916</u>					
19	28 Feb.	Gardner, Richard B.G.	19	Crushed by train	Selkirk, Man.
20	01 Jul.	Procopovich, Wasil	28	Drowned	Russia
<u>1917-18</u>					
NO FATALITIES					
<u>1919</u>					
21	16 Jun.	Price, Benjamin	42	Fall from [rail]car on trestle	South Shields(?), Durham, England
22	25 Jun.	Fennemore, Reginald W.	22	Drowned	Stoke Newington, Hackney, London, England
<u>1920</u>					
23	21 Jun.	McDonald, David	26	Drowned	Toronto, York Co., Ont.
24	27 Sep.	Wacpnovick, Michael	26	Drowned	Poland, Russia
<u>1921</u>					
25	17 Feb.	Sharpe, Robert James	25	Fall from lock wall	Niagara Twp., Ont.
26	08 Mar.	Anderson, George Augustus	29	Crushed; shovel bucket	Finland
27	06 Jul.	Seaman, John Thomas	54	Heat prostration	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, England
<u>1922</u>					
28	14 Jan.	Randucci, Luigi	57	Fall from trestle	Italy

29	29 May	Thibeau, William	32	Fall from tower to lock floor	River Bourgeois, Richmond Co., Cape Breton, N.S.
30	06 Sep.	Chisholm, Alexander Daniel	23	Buried in sand	Inverness Co., Cape Breton, N.S
<u>1923</u>					
31	11 Mar.	Cherriere, Antoine Joseph	34	Drowned	Hamilton, Ont.
32	27 Jul.	Stackew, George	40	Crushed; dump car	Austria
<u>1924</u>					
33	03 Mar.	Kennedy, David	39	Struck by falling ice	Dunbarton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland
34	24 Mar.	Monsson, Otto	38	Struck by falling ice	Switzerland
35	29 Apr.	Moronk, Ivan	24	Struck by crow bar	Yugoslavia
36	17 May.	Kellett, Benjamin	69	Bank slipped; fell	Farnley, Yorkshire, England
37	03 Jul.	Dugan, Manus	53	Fell in lock	Pennsylvania, USA
38	05 Jul.	Caseron, Attilio	40	Struck by shovel	Italy
39	13 Aug.	De Biasi, John	44	Electrocuted	Conegliano , Veneto , Treviso , Italy
40	15 Aug.	Douglas, William Charles	31	Caught between [rlyw] cars	Charney Bassett, Wantage, Berkshire, England
41	16 Aug.	Hutchison, William James	44	Fell over lock wall	Ireland
42	25 Aug.	Lindsay, Thomas Warren	59	Blasting; struck by clay	Windsor Junction, N.S.
43	08 Nov.	La Croix, Wilfred Earl	21	Crushed; steel form	Calumet, Grenville, Que.
44	08 Nov.	Larocque, Gorman	25	Crushed; steel form	Calumet, Grenville, Que.
45	09 Nov.	Gordon, William James	53	Struck by construction train	Grantham Twp., Ont.
<u>1925</u>					
46	23 Jan.	Murray, Murdo	23	Fall from derrick chain	Stornoway, Scotland
47	27 May	Campbell, Ross William	34	Crushed; steam shovel	Humberstone, Ont.
48	30 May	Constantino, Stefano 'Steve'	30	Crushed; bank cave-in, Lock 3	Italy
49	08 Jun.	MacDonald, Donald	26	Dynamite explosion	Scotland
50	31 Jul.	Iannizzi, Rocco	33	Crushed by train	Mammola , Reggio, Calabria, Italy
51	01 Aug.	Lynch, Elzéar	58	Collapse Blaw-Knox form	Rigaud, Vaudreuil, Que.
52	01 Aug.	Lynch, Leo	20	Collapse Blaw-Knox form	Chute á Blondeau, Que.
53	09 Aug.	Alder, Thomas Philip, Charles / Fülöp,	46	Collapse Blaw-Knox form	Earlestown, Lancashire, England
54	18 Sep.	Kalman/Coleman	19	Struck by train	Hungary
55	16 Oct.	Kruzle, John	26	Drowned	Italy
56	20 Nov.	Ostarjas, Joseph	25	Crushed; dump car	Yugoslavia
57	12 Dec.	Brady, Timothy H.	49	Run over by train	USA
<u>1926</u>					
58	17 Jan.	Bagnall, Frederick Thomas	17	Crushed by large rolling flat car	Birmingham, England
59	18 Mar.	Pearce, Amos Lloyd	34	Crushed; train	Grantham Twp., Ont.
60	26 Jun.	Macdonald/McDonald, Daniel	52	Drowned	Canada
61	05 Jul.	Watt, Alvin Beeton	18	Drowned	Haliburton, Ont.
62	08 Jul.	Martinelli, Joseph Bentiskul/Penteskul,	36	Drowned	Italy
63	12 Jul.	Alexander 'Mike'	45	Struck by dragline bucket	Austria
64	22 Jul.	Horton, James Austin	47	Crushed; falling timber	Gainsboro Twp, Ont.
65	25 Sep.	Jusko, Stephen	28	Electrocuted	Austria
66	08 Oct.	Pirro, Charles	28	Killed by drill	Italy
67	23 Oct.	Swan, John	21	Drowned	Scotland
68	01 Nov.	Wodella, John	46	Struck by train	Hungary
<u>1927</u>					
69	28 Jan.	Mahon, Ira E.	48	Crushed by crane boom	North Wakefield, Ottawa County, Que.

70	23 May.	Saunders, James	36	Drowned	Northwich, Cheshire, England
71	29 May.	Koran, Janos 'John'	36	Fall	Hungary
72	15 Jul.	Plantedi, Franceico 'Frank'	45	Drowned	Italy
73	26 Jul.	Collini, Antonio	15	Fall from lock wall	Silvi, Teramo, Abruzzo, Italy
74	28 Jul.	Wylde, Elmer	20	Crushed; locomotive	Welland, Ont.
75	08 Aug.	Boyle, Peter Joseph	28	Crushed under [rail] car	Wigan, Lancashire, England
76	13 Nov.	Wachawic, Martin	26	Struck by train	Poland
77	10 Dec.	Bisson, Achille	29	Crushed and drowned by collapse of cofferdam	Quebec
78	10 Dec.	Nealis, Henry Moses	36	Crushed and drowned by collapse of cofferdam	Royal Road, York Co., N.B.
79	20 Dec.	Lethbridge, Robert W.	57	Crushed and drowned by collapse of cofferdam	Port Hope, Ont.
1928					
80	17 Jan.	Fraracci, Rocco	42	Fall from trestle	Italy
81	04 Feb.	McCoy, James Wesley	38	Struck by chain blocks; fall	Lyndoch, Renfrew Co., Ont.
82	04 Feb.	Bianco, Carlo	29	Explosion	San Vito, Chietino, Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy
83	04 Feb.	Whitwell, Lorne Edmund	32	Explosion	Stoney Creek, Ont.
84	17 Feb.	Harkness, Andrew	38	Drowned; lock wall tunnel	Ireland
85	10 Mar.	Szolonyik, Peter	27	Blow from bucket	Hungary
86	29 Mar.	Mattei, Guiseppe	33	Fall	Italy
87	05 Apr.	Morin, Edward Joseph	24	Caught in gears on dredge	Quebec
88	01 May.	Bode, John	27	Smothered; slide of earth	Hungary
89	23 Jul.	Bayusz, Mihaly 'Michael'	36	Fall	Hungary
90	01 Aug.	Boccioletti, Luigi 'Louis'	34	Collapse of crane & gate	Mombaroccio, Pesaro e Urbino, Le Marches, Italy
91	01 Aug.	Carrig, Joseph	29	Collapse of crane & gate	Kilrush, Co. Clare, Ireland
92	01 Aug.	McArthur, James Sr.	59	Collapse of crane & gate	Ireland
93	01 Aug.	McArthur, James Campbell	36	Collapse of crane & gate	Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland
94	01 Aug.	McMullen, Samuel	21	Collapse of crane & gate	Ireland
95	01 Aug.	Overholt, William Chester	51	Collapse of crane & gate	Louth Twp., Ont.
96	01 Aug.	Smalko, Fred	38	Collapse of crane & gate	Ukraine
97	01 Aug.	Talaskovich, William	38	Collapse of crane & gate	Russia
98	03 Aug.	Sawchuk, James	22	Tractor overturned	Ukraine
99	03 Aug.	Dion, Léon	33	Collapse of crane & gate	Sherbrooke, Que.
100	03 Aug.	Wilson, Alexander Simpson	34	Collapse of crane & gate	Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, Scotland
101	20 Aug.	Simmons, John Lester	51	Struck by cable	Point Anne, Ont.
102	29 Sep.	McInnis, Charles	24	Struck by falling pole	P.E.I.
103	20 Oct.	Demoulin, Joseph	31	Buried by slide of bank	Grenville, Que.
104	21 Oct.	Koner, Mike	59	Buried by slide of bank	Austria
105	14 Nov.	Kady, Karoly 'Charles'	38	Crushed by falling timber	Hungary
106	23 Nov.	Thomson/Thompson, Robert Ramage	19	Fall into lock	Scotland
107	05 Dec.	Kopniak, Steve	18	Smothered; gravel	Saskatchewan
108	08 Dec.	Frado (Fratangelo), Louis	49	Fall	Castellino del Biferno, Campobasso, Molise, Italy
1929					
109	22 Mar.	Nottingham, Donald Fergus	34	Drowned	Utica, NY, USA
110	06 Apr.	Bassett, Francis Fernley	23	Crushed; locom. crane	England
111	26 Apr.	Stanbury, William John	22	Drowned	Palmerston, ON
112	15 May.	Fater, John	24	Drowned	Hungary
113	15 May.	Lengjel, Daniel	34	Head crushed by timber	Yugoslavia

114	06 Jun.	Stahl, Joseph	64	Fall into lock	St. Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri, USA
115	07 Sep.	Pollard, Thomas W.	34	Fall from Bridge 5	Newfoundland
116	03 Oct.	McKinley, Archibald	44	Electrocuted	Belfast, Ireland
117	11 Oct.	Bassett, William Francis	43	Crushed; Bridge 21 ct wt.	England
118	21 Oct.	Paolozzi, Falco	46	Crushed; truck	Colles. Mango (sp?), Italy

1930

119	27 Jan.	Radford, David	49	Shafting pulley	Staffordshire, England
120	03 Apr.	Ryan, Andrew	47	Fall	Scotland
121	19 Jun.	Hansler, Sheldon Raymond	28	Electrocuted	Pelham Twp., Ont.
122	19 Jun.	Smith, Edward Albert	28	Electrocuted	Power Glen, Ont.
123	19 Jun.	Tice, Lloyd Burton	25	Electrocuted	Thorold Twp., Ont.
124	30 Jun.	Corkum, Albert	25	Fractured spine	Whitefield, NH, USA
125	03 Jul.	Hines, Elmer Francis	21	Crushed; Bridge 14	Dunnville, Moulton Twp., Ont.
126	27 Oct.	Berardi, Frank	46	Drowned	Italy

1931

NO FATALITIES

1932

127	07 Apr.	Benson, Henry	53	Fall	Ontario
128	30 Jul.	Onyschuk, Michaël	36	Struck by falling tree	Torskie, Zaleszczyki, Ukraine
129	18 Oct.	Hawthorne, John William	54	Struck by timber	Collingwood, Ont.
130	20 Oct.	Kuchenbecker, Luther	37	Struck by snapped cable	Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, USA
131	03 Nov.	Watt, Harry	21	Drowned	Haliburton, Ont.