



Minutes of Ryerson Meeting January 23, 2022, 3 pm.

List of 22 Participants:

Ron Stagg, Lynn Macdonald, Charles Campbell, Julian Porter, Rose Dyson, Carolyn Edgar, Anne Venton, Rick Ryerson, Alina Novak, Len Fortune, Elizabeth Trott, Irwin Pressman, John Taylor, Phyllis Creighton, Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Olivia McLeod, Kate McCrone, Bruce Weber, Tom Thorne, Susan Macauley, Victor Sheppard, Chilhalen, Bob Ryerson, Kathleen, Robert Timko, Don Matthews.

Chair: Ron Stagg

Recorders: Rose Dyson and Carolyn Edgar

Agenda: Minutes of last Meeting, Reports from: Charles Campbell on possible events, MPP meetings, Outreach committee. Approval of mission statement, date for next meeting.

Rick Ryerson: Moved minutes for January 16th meeting be approved.

Victor Sheppard: Seconded the motion

Charles Campbell: Reviewed options for possible events, legal and otherwise with input from Julian Porter and Harry Malcomson

Discussion on potential directions for debating issues:

Refute following arguments:

- accusation of E.R. as responsible for genocide.
- perception that E.R. was the architect of residential schools adopted by federal government.
- misconceptions of what was meant by residential schools in 1847 report
- Distortion of E.R.s relationship with indigenous peoples.
- disparaging references to colonialism. What does it mean?
- falsehoods promoted as ideological truths.
- clarification of recommendations for education amongst black people of the time.
- Expectation that all faculty undergo training on how E.R.s life and legacy will be taught in the future, on the basis of false accusations incorporated into course material.

Robert Timko:

- Need for recognition of evolutionary ideas in religious thought. i.e. Interface between Indigenous Spiritual beliefs and Christianity. Indigenous Spiritual Beliefs were christianized and Christianity was indigenized.
- Discrimination can take on many different forms, not necessarily racist.

Elizabeth Trott: Reported on most recent issue of Ryerson Alumni Review. Absence of historical context in how issues are framed. See written response

Discussion: Statements of misinformation and falsehoods re: E.R.s life and legacy