

**Project Remember Rwanda  
Toronto Initiatives  
Minutes  
June 11, 2002  
7:30 – 9:30 pm  
Jewish Community Center  
70 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario**

**Presents: Alphonse Barikage, Léo Kabalisa, Béatrice Mukayiranga, Ntare Sharangabo, Annonciata Mutarabayire, John Rukumbura, Callixte Kayijuka, Laura Uwase, Solange Umwali, Imanzi Habamenshi, Joy Mukarage, Paul Rwigema, Elie Shumbusho, Zeff Gahamanyi, Gerry Caplan, Carole Ann Reed**

No.	Issue	Action	Who?	Bring Forward
1.	Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A as no minutes were taken at our previous meeting</li> </ul>		
2.	Selection of a Chairperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Béa was the only nominee and was chosen by acclamation</li> </ul>		
3.	Selection of a meeting record keeper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alphonse was the only nominee and was chosen by acclamation</li> </ul>		
4	Suggestions for local initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The following initiatives were put forward:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Information/ Educational conference to be organized in partnership with a university</li> <li>2. Organize a protest march at UN headquarters NY</li> <li>3. Collection of testimonies of survivors living in Toronto</li> <li>4. Put forward a request to City of Toronto to designate a space in a Toronto Park to commemorate the</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		

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		<p>Rwandan Genocide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Bisesero: send contributions to help build a commemorative site already being built there</li> <li>6. Heritage moments with Heritage Canada: Ask Heritage Canada to feature Rwandan Genocide Survivors who have now become Canadian Citizens as a way of commemorating the Rwandan Genocide</li> <li>7. Toronto – have a city wide commemorative week</li> <li>8. Help develop a curriculum/ have speakers available for schools</li> <li>9. Start a bank fund</li> <li>10. Organize an African wide essay contest on the Genocide</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>After discussion, it was agreed to start with the following initiatives:</b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold a conference in partnership with a university</li> <li>2. Collect survivors testimonies</li> <li>3. Build a commemorative space in a Park</li> <li>4. A city wide commemorative week</li> </ol>		
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form committees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only two committees were formed to deal with all four initiatives:</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first committee will deal with both the conference and the collection of survivor testimonies</li> <li>2. The second committee will deal with the building of a memorial space in a Park and will organize a city</li> </ol>	<p>Volunteers for the first Committee are Leo Kabalisa, Carole Ann Reed, Ntare Sharangabo, Imanzi Habamenshi Elie Shumbusho, Paul</p>	<p>Bring forward item as a standing item</p>

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		<p>wide commemorative week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to form the two committees right away</li> <li>• The committees will be allow new members to join a committee their choice at any time</li> </ul>	<p>Rwigema</p> <p>Volunteers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm: Paul Rwigema, Callixte Kayijuka, John Rukumbura, Elie Shumbusho , Alphonse Barikage, Leo Kabalisa</p> <p>:</p>	
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose meetings for committees and next plenary report back meeting</li> </ul>			Bring forward item in next meeting
<b>A.O.B.</b>				
1.	Rwandan Conference of June 29, 2002 in Montreal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handouts about Project Remember Rwanda to be taken to Montreal for distribution at the conference</li> </ul>	Ntare Sharangabo and Paul Rwigema	

**Next Meeting: July 9, 2002**