
Fwd: Response to Howard Pullman

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to: [REDACTED] Rebecca Grimaldi

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I spoke to [REDACTED] and he agrees that getting into a mud slinging contest with PHMC in the media is a bad idea. He suggested a response directly to Howard Pullman is the right way to go. I think our response should be something like this. Let me know what you think.

Mr. Pullman,

The Flagship Niagara League would like to correct for you the information that you received that led to your statement yesterday to JET 24. Executive Director William Sabatini and Site Administrator Jim Hall did not agree that Niagara should not sail this summer. Captain Sabatini has at all times expressed his view that the best thing for Niagara, the community, and the Commonwealth is that Niagara sails this summer. When we were informed that the Keystone Project contract would not be signed until the Summer I informed Mr. Hall that the League could pay for Niagara to go to shipyard for a normal shipyard period as we have done in the past. I wasn't sure that the League Board would be willing to approve this and indicated that to Mr. Hall. Captain Christopher Cusson prepared a breakdown of the costs associated with sending Niagara to shipyard in the Spring so that we can operate this Summer as well as going back to shipyard in the Fall for the Keystone Project. This information was presented at the March 23rd, 2021 League Board meeting. To my surprise the Board voted to approve the League paying for Niagara's Spring shipyard period. I then specifically asked Mr. Hall that if the League paid for Niagara's Spring shipyard period would there be any reason that PHMC would not allow Niagara to sail this Summer. His response was "I don't see any reason why not." He also added that if Niagara was ready to sail she could start sailing on April 30th, 2021 when the museum opens. We have attached an email dated February 5th, 2021 detailing the plan agreed upon by myself, Mr, Hall and Captain Cusson. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Secondly, the League was informed by [REDACTED] at the beginning of the Pandemic that we were to refer all media requests to you. Recently Jim Hall informed [REDACTED], board member, that if the media wants to speak to anyone in FNL then the request must go through Jim Hall and he will give approval. Is this the procedure we are to continue to follow?

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