

Canada 150 Anniversary Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, May 05, 2016

St. Catharines Kiwanis Aquatics Centre at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Karen Sabzali; Sal Sorrento (Councillor Ward 3); Mary Stanko; Sandie Timco; Maria Luisa Tiro; Rick Vanderkuip; Edwin Wand; David Warren; David Waddington

Regrets:

Grace Cirocco, Brandon Houtby, Kathleen Powell

Staff Liaison:

Carla Mackie, Historical Services Coordinator

Minutes taken by Karen Cockerham, Administrative Assistant – St. Catharines Museum

1. **Meeting called to order (Staff Liaison): C. Mackie**
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
2. **Motion to approve the agenda**
Motioned by: S. Timco; Seconded by: E. Wand; Carried
3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
Motion to adopt the minutes as amended
Motioned by: S. Sorrento; Seconded by: D. Warren; Carried

Amendments to the Minutes:

- Item 5.3 / 2: note that the idea of celebrating the anniversaries of the \$1 and \$2 coins was brought forward by M. Stanko

Motion: For future minutes...that proposed amendments to the minutes be submitted to the Chair and/or Staff Liaison within two days of receipt of draft minutes. Motioned by: E. Wand; Seconded by: S. Sorrento; Carried

4. Business

4.1 Election of Chair / Vice Chair

Motion: That D. Warren and D. Waddington be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively; and

That the term of office for Chair and Vice-Chair be through December 2016, with a new election to be held at the first meeting of 2017.

Motioned by: R. Vanderkuip; Seconded by: E. Wand; Carried

Discussion:

- It was suggested that multiple Vice-Chairs be selected to serve as spokespersons for various sub-committees or working groups that may be formed. It was determined that one Vice-Chair shall serve for the Committee and each sub-committee may choose a Chair from their members.
- There is no restriction on the Chair and Vice-Chair regarding the number of terms that may be served.

4.2 Review of Current City Projects

4.2.1 Parks, Recreation and Culture Services – Business Planning: No updates

4.2.2 Welland Canals Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force: No update

4.2.3 Historical Services (St. Catharines Museum)

4.2.3.1 One Five Oh! Museum Exhibit: no update

4.2.3.2 Confederation-themed Spirit Walks: no update

4.2.3.3 Doors Open:

It was suggested that older building be included in the program.

Action item: Members are asked to send lists of places they would like to see included to C. Mackie

4.2.4 Cultural Services: No update

4.2.5 Other City Departments: no update

4.3 Follow-up on Suggestions from Public

4.3.1 Communities in Bloom – K. Sabzali

- Members met with City Staff regarding the possibility of working with the City on a 2017 Community in Blooms (CIB) Project.

The City is currently working on its Horticulture Master Plan which includes working towards the goals of CIB in preparation to potentially participate in the CIB program in 2019/2020.

- To participate in the program, the financial commitment and committee effort needed will be significant, and will require dedicated staff and a separate sub-committee.
- The Canada 150 Committee could partner with horticultural organizations.
- Project would require Council approval; report to Council with this and other projects are due June 1 for presentation to Council on June 27, 2016.
- Potential project leads: K. Sabzali, , D. Waddington

Action item: K. Sabzali to draft report

4.3.2 Friends of Laura Secord – no update; received as information

4.3.3 Say it in Song (Mass Choir Project) – to be discussed at next meeting

Action item: It was recommended that D. Rapelji to contact Dave Sister at Laura Secord School

4.3.4 Museum of Science and Technology: Stories of Canada's Innovation – no update

Action Item: Committee members to submit names of people who have made a significant contributions to St. Catharines.

4.3.5 Pen Centre – no update; received as information

Action Item: for next meeting, select a committee member to contact Rick Woodward

4.3.6 Ed Gould -Centennial Park 50th Anniversary: no update; received as information

5. **Committee Updates**

5.1.1 Facer Street Food Festival – S. Sorrento

- S. Sorrento has attended meetings; next meeting is May 17

- Name of Festival: Facer District European Festival
- Monday, Aug. 1, 12-9 pm
- Street will be closed from Curry Street to St. Joseph Bakery
- 7 vendors to date; 3 hubs: Robertos, CPS (Polish Society); St. Joseph Bakery
- D. Rapelje has offered tents
- It was noted that this is the same weekend as RibFest; shuttle bus from one festival to the other was suggested, but unlikely that Rotary will agree

5.1.2 St. Catharines Disc Golf Club

The Disc Golf Club is planning a tournament in Centennial Park on July 1 2017. It was noted that more discussion is needed regarding timing and logistics of the event considering that the park will most likely be used for other celebratory purposes on July 1.

Action item: R. Vanderkuip to invite a Disc Golf Club member to the next regular scheduled meeting (June 2) to present their ideas.

5.1.3 Engaging Community Organizations – C. Mackie

A List of Community Organizations was included with Agenda. The committee would like to invite the various organizations to a public information meeting to present and discuss the projects the Canada 150 committee is considering (which will need to be approved by Council), the possibilities of partnerships, and the creation of a Canada 150 events calendar. Public Meeting Date: May 24, 2016, 7-9pm, St. Catharines Museum

Action item: K. Sabzali to provide information; C. Mackie to email information to groups, K. Sabzali to prepare presentation with the help of committee members as needed.

5.1.4 Celebrating Anniversaries/Founders – M. Stanko

It was suggested that a project involving the display of stamps, provincial coats of arms could be initiated. Permission from the Postal Service may be required. Other ideas included creating a booklet (and digital media) for school children including...Alexander Graham Bell and his connection to Helen Keller, Connaught School history, historical people involved in the building of Canada, eg. Vikings, Champlain, Cabot, and local area.

Action Item: M. Stanko to provide inspirational quotes, bibliographies, personalities for the next meeting.

5.1.5 New Year's Eve Gala – D. Warren

- D. Warren asked permission of the Committee (approved) to approach Maycourt Society to potentially host a **fundraising?** Gala on Dec. 31, 2016

5.1.6 Canada Day Parade – D. Warren

A suggested theme of the parade: History on Parade. D. Warren has been in touch with E. Rochon, John Butler, Ted Yates, Greg Butler, and more who were all supportive of the idea of a parade. It is anticipated that the bulk of the funding will come from private donors.

It was suggested that the public be invited to submit true stories about an individual and their contribution to increasing the image of St. Catharines. From these stories, the Committee would select and invite the individual (or descendant) to serve as Honorary Marshall; the winning story could be published in The Standard

Potential project leads: D. Warren, M.L. Tiro

Action Item: D. Warren to submit a Parade budget and project plan

6. New Business

- 6.1 Ed Wand submitted a planning document for consideration. It was suggested that there could be one larger event per month during 2017.

Action Item: Members to review document

- 6.2 Brandon Houtby submitted suggestions of celebrations in Centennial Park and Downtown St.Catharines.

- 6.3 Getting to Know Me Project – M.L. Tiro

M.L Tiro suggested an event that would highlight as many organizations, clubs, businesses as possible in a 'who are we and this is what we do – one stop info event/fair'. The event could be hosted in Montebello Park, Centennial Park, Meridan Centre.

6.4 Welland Canals Parkway 'Car-free' Sundays – R. Vanderkuip

R. Vanderkuip suggested a Legacy project which would close the Welland Canals Parkway from Lock 1 (off Bunting) to the St. Catharines Museum on Sundays from Victoria to Labour Day from 9 -1 pm for recreational purposes.

Action item: R. Vanderkuip to contact City and Seaway for more information.

6.5 Community Groups Projects – S.Sorrento

In order to help avoid duplication of projects and multiple requests to Council,

Motion: That Council be requested to direct all public requests for Canada 150 Celebration project funding to the Canada 150 Task Force. Motioned by: S. Sorrento; Carried

6.6 Project Selection – K. Sabzali

Action Item: All members please send a synopsis of proposed events and order of magnitude no later than May 19. Please note that all projects must fall into categories listed in the City's Strategic Plan.

7. **Interim Meeting:** Thursday, May 26, 7 – 9 pm Kiwanis Aquatic Centre

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 7:00 pm, Kiwanis Aquatics Centre

8 . **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm