

Canada 150 Anniversary Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, July 07, 2016

Kiwanis Aquatics Centre at 7:00 pm

Members:

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

Staff Liaison:

Carla Mackie, Historical Services Coordinator
Kathleen Powell, Historical Services Supervisor
Liz Fritshaw, Community Relations Coordinator
Dave Rapelje, Operations Manager, Performing Arts Centre

Attendance:

Brandon Houtby; Sal Sorrento (Councillor Ward 3); Mary Stanko; Sandie Timco; Maria Luisa Tiro; David Waddington; Edwin Wand; David Warren; Carla Mackie, Kathleen Powell, Liz Fritshaw, Rebecca Cann, Annie Wilson, Councillor Bill Phillips, Mayor Walter Sendzik

Regrets: Grace Cirocco, Karen Sabzali, Rick Vanderkuip, Dave Rapelje

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair): 7 pm**
 2. **Motion to approve the agenda (5 minutes)**
To approve the agenda for the meeting of July 7, 2016. E. Wand approved with the following New Business items added.
 3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting (5 minutes)**
 - a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2016. Approved by M.Tiro
 - b. To approve the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2016. Approved by M. Tiro
 4. **Delegations**

1. Councillor Bill Phillips and Mayor Walter Sendzik: B. Phillips and W. Sendzik reviewed the Committee's projects as listed in section 5.2

2. Rebecca Cann (Cultural Services Supervisor) and Annie Wilson (Programming Supervisor – Performing Arts Centre): R. Cann provided an update on the condition of the totem pole in Centennial Park. Due to the poor condition of the pole, Alert Bay (British Columbia) First Nations are being consulted for possible alternatives for the remediation of the totem pole. Funding for the alternatives is being researched. One alternative includes a Public Art Commission in the event the totem pole is removed.

3. David Rapelje (Operations Manager – Performing Arts Centre) sent his regrets with following information: Chorus Niagara is willing to participate in a Canada's 150 music project for a mutually agreed honorarium, and there is another Niagara-based choir that has already rehearsed C150 programming that could be contacted. D. Rapelje will supply contact information.

5. Business

5.1 a. Council Report regarding the Canada 150 initiatives will be presented at the August 22 Council meeting.

b. An addition to the Council Report will include a request to amend the Terms of Reference to allow the Task Force to recruit sub-committee members.

5.2 Projects Reports

a. Parade Subcommittee: A potential date for the parade is Victoria Day and theme is 'History on Parade'. It was noted that Community Care is celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. Mayor Sendzik suggested that the Parade Subcommittee meet with the Grape/Wine Festival Parade manager. Mayor Sendzik's staff will arrange for a meeting after August 2, 2016

b. Gala Subcommittee: Maycourt was contacted as a possible host but they are unable to participate. The Gala Subcommittee will need to look for an alternative partner for a dinner/dance/entertainment fundraising event.

c. Get-to-know-me Subcommittee: This 'tradeshow-style' event highlighting the community groups/organizations/non-profits/city organization/local businesses/schools is envisioned as an outdoor event in a setting like Grantham Lions Club Park or the Greek Community Centre. Mayor Sendzik suggested that the Get-to-know-me Subcommittee meet with the Facer Street Festival organizers for possible inclusion in the Facer Street event.

d. Booklet/Magazine Subcommittee: No report submitted. M. Stanko commented on the importance of engaging youth by reading a passage written by Grade 3 student.

e. Car Free Sunday Subcommittee: The subcommittee submitted a report. Members met with City's Transportation staff to review the street closures needed and feasibility of the event. Concerns were for the section of Welland Canal Parkway between Queenston and Lock 3 as the residents have no alternate access. That the bridges remain open and that traffic management is present at street closures. Rick has contacted the St. Lawrence Seaway and requested support for the closure.

f. Greening of the Garden City Subcommittee: The subcommittee submitted a report. The committee would like to encourage residents to plant Canada's 150th tulip, trees, heritage plants; participate in Greening contests; work towards greening similar to Communities in Bloom, and encourage the City to enhance their parks and recreate or mark indigenous trails through species planting and signage.

g. PR Subcommittee: The subcommittee submitted a report. The subcommittee developed a postcard which was handed out on Canada Day 2016 that directed individuals interested in participating in the events next year to the City's website where additional information can be found.

h. Event listing: The event listing is a project of the PR Subcommittee and is being collated.

4. **New Business**

4.1 Ed Wand provided information about a possible opportunity to digitize some of the St. Catharines Standard collection at the museum. K. Powell provided background information regarding copyright of the collection.

4.2 Ed Wand provided information regarding an exhibit the Royal Canadian Navy Association is creating. The exhibit could be included in the St. Catharines 150th celebrations.

4.3 M. Stanko provided an update on an Interfaith Service that will be held on July 8, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church.

5. **Location and Date of next meeting:**
August 4, 2016; 7 – 9 pm Kiwanis Aquatics Centre

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** 8:45 pm