

Canada 150 Anniversary Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, June 02, 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
Alternate: Kathleen Powell, Historical Services Supervisor

Dave Rapelje, Operations Manager, Performing Arts Centre
Elizabeth Fritshaw, Community Relations Coordinator

Attendance:

Karen Sabzali; Mary Stanko; Sandie Timco; Maria Luisa Tiro; Rick Vanderkuip; David Waddington; David Warren; Carla Mackie, Elizabeth Fritshaw

Guests: Karl Vanderkuip; Dennis Cahill

Regrets: Sal Sorrento, Kathleen Powell, Brandon Houtby

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

2. Motion to approve the agenda

D. Waddington

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

S. Timco

4. Delegations

Karl Vanderkuip, founder of St. Catharines Disc Golf Club: The members (35) of the club have been cleaning up the park for the past few years and have created an 18-hole disc golf course in Centennial Park in consultation with City Staff and

Greening Niagara. The club members are planning a two-day tournament in the park on July 1 - 2, 2017. They are hoping that Canada Day ceremonies in the Park on July 1, 2017 can be held between 11 am and 1 pm, so that the people attending the tournament can also enjoy the ceremony in the park. The Club is requesting that the City provide grass cutting services before the event, additional garbage bins and pick up, barriers if possible.

Committee members also suggested that the Canada Day celebration should include a flag raising.

5. Business

5.1 Review of Current City Projects: (no updates reported)

5.1.1 Parks Recreation and Culture Services – Business Planning

5.1.1.1 West Park improvements

5.1.1.2 Lakeside Park improvements

5.1.1.3 Rotary Park improvements

5.1.2 Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force

5.1.3 Historical Services (St. Catharines Museum)

5.1.3.1 One Five Oh! Museum Exhibit

5.1.3.2 Confederation themed Spirit Walks (Cemetery Tours)

5.1.3.3 Doors Open

5.1.3.4 Museum of Science and Technology – Stories of Canada's innovation (possibly included with Historical Booklet)

5.1.4 Cultural Services

5.1.4.1 Culture Days

5.1.4.2 Centennial Park: Totem Pole Conservation

5.1.5 Other City Departments

5.1.5.1 Mass Choir Project

5.1.5.2 150 Tree Project

5.2 Review of Committee Meetings

5.2.1 Community Information Meeting held on May 24 at 7pm at the St. Catharines Museum

Action Item: Carla to send recap to community groups

5.2.2 Committee Project Summary Meeting held on May 26 at 7 pm at the Kiwanis Aquatics Centre

5.3 Committee Updates on Possible Projects

5.3.1 Communities in Bloom:

The scope of the Communities in Bloom-like project was re-evaluated. It was simplified to include:

a) planting 150 trees through-out city parks; the Rotary Club would like to participate in this project

b) the ordering and planting of the sesquicentennial tulip by City Staff

c) creating a competition for neighbourhoods to design and create floral displays in order to spur community spirit and bring back pride in being the Garden City. (similar to or in conjunction with the Trillium awards)

Motion: to request that an increase in the PRCS horticultural budget \$25,000 for the creation or enhancement of the floral displays in the City.

Made by R. Vanderkuip

5.3.2 Facer Street Food Festival: no update

5.3.3 Community Groups Event: B. Houtby will provide more information; the location of the event is yet to be determined.

5.3.4 New Year's Eve Gala: will not be a task force event

5.3.5 Canada Day Parade: D. Warren will provide more information

5.3.6 Car Free Sunday: the route and budgets were discussed; an outline will be provided.

5.3.7 Historical Booklet: Content and budgets were discussed. M. Stanko provided more inspirational readings that could be included.

D. Warren and M. Tiro will be meeting with Prof Syder (Brock) to discuss having high school students interview residents of St. Catharines who have made a difference. The criteria of inclusion will be formulated. The Committee suggested making a presentation to the DSBN and Catholic Board in September. It was suggested that the graphic design students at Niagara College could be involved.

The interviews could be used for the subject/theme of parade floats, and standalone articles for newspapers and various social media platforms.

6. New Business

6.1 Meeting Discussion Protocols – due to the number of discussion topics, comments should be succinct as possible (no more than 7 minutes); delegations to provide a 5 minute presentation and an emailed summary.

6.2 Funding updates from Region – no update

6.3 Social Media: All committee communications and requests must be vetted through the City's Clerks and Communication departments, including social media, sponsorship requests, community outreach letters etc Pre-communication is recommended on the City's website and/or press releases as applicable.

6.4 Events Page: as above

6.5: The Committee discussed setting up a booth at the Pen Centre, Market Square for further community awareness and consultation.

6.6. E. Fritshaw presented a listing of major events that occur annually in St. Catharines in order for the Committee to tag on or to enhance. It was suggested that the Committee include budget line item for enhancements/inclusion.

6.7 Members also discussed the possibility of St. Catharines Transit operating a Hop-n-Go on Canada Day so that residents can attend multiple events.

6.8 It was suggested that a Thanksgiving service could be organized at the St. Catharines Cathedral (this is not a Committee event)

6.9 The Committee requested a copy of the Report to Council prior to the June 27

7. **Location and Date of next meeting:** Kiwanis Aquatics Centre: Thursday, July 7, 2016, 7:00 pm

Action: Carla to confirm the day/time/place of next interim meeting (June 14?)

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** 9 pm.