

Canada 150 Anniversary Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, October 06, 2016

Kiwanis Aquatics Centre at 7:00 pm

Members:

Grace Cirocco; 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

Attendance: Karen Sabzali; Sal Sorrento (Councillor Ward 3); Sandie Timco; Rick Vanderkuip; David Waddington; Edwin Wand; David Warren; Carla Mackie

Regrets: Grace Cirocco, Mary Stanko, Maria Luisa Tiro, Kathleen Powell and Liz Fritshaw

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair):** 7:00 pm
2. **Motion to approve the agenda (5 minutes)**
To approve the agenda for the meeting of October 6, 2016. Approved D. Waddington
3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting (5 minutes)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2016. Approved K. Sabzali
4. **Delegations**
5. **Business**
 - 5.1 Projects Reports
 - a. Parade Subcommittee – N/A: it was agreed that this project would be taken off future agendas.

b. Gala Subcommittee – N/A: it was agreed that this project would be taken off future agendas, but could be reinstated if there was future interest.

c. Get-to-know-me Subcommittee: Sal has contacted the local Polish, Filipino and Armenian community groups as well as Club Heidelberg and the Prince of Wales School about participating in the Facer Street Festival next year (August 7, 2017). The subcommittee will make a presentation to the Cultural Sustainability Committee (CSC) on October 26, 2016.

d. Booklet/Magazine Subcommittee: M.Stanko passed on her suggestions for the activity booklet via C. Mackie. The activity booklet idea will be presented at the next CSC meeting.

e. Car Free Sunday Subcommittee: R. Vanderkuik relayed that the subcommittee is still in negotiation with various stakeholders and is pursuing a refined proposal which could include enlarging the path between Carlton and Bunting from 2.5 m to 4m, planting specialized plants and installing a memorial (interpretative panel) about the Skyway Bridge. The subcommittee will make a presentation to the next CSC meeting.

f. Greening of the Garden City Subcommittee: please see following report.

g. PR Subcommittee: this committee has not yet had a chance to meet, but ideas include C150 tent, pull-up banners, and generating a list of tweets and possible articles for the Standard were discussed.

6. New Business

6.1 Future C150 Task Force Plans and Committee Member Roles: C. Mackie to resend Task Force Member role information, and the list of annual events in the City.

6.2 Possible new project: 'Experiential Education' proposal was presented by K. Sabzali, please see the following attached. Task Force members were supportive of the idea and R.Vanderkuip, D. Warren and D. Waddington offered their help. This idea will be presented at the CSC meeting.

C. Mackie also mentioned that the Niagara Artist Centre is working on a project where paper maple leaves will be sent to all the schools and also be available in the community for drawing or writing. These maple leafs will be returned to NAC before April so that they can be strung up as bunting at the In the Soil Festival.

6.3 Other Discussions:

.1 Ed Wand has contacted St. Catharines Collegiate to inquire about their C150 plans.

.2 It was suggested that the Task Force participate in at least one event per month during 2017.

.3 E. Wand suggested that Task Force attend the Mayor's Levee on January 1, 2017 with an actor who could portray Paul Shipman, an early St Catharines personality and shipbuilder. His role could be played in 2017 in much the same way as General Brock was during the 1812 commemorations.

.4 E. Wand on behalf of the Royal Canadian Naval Association will be contacting the City to propose a memorial planting of 34 trees, possibly in Rennie Park, to recognize the 34 Canadian ships that were lost in WW1 and WW11. It was also suggest that a ship could be available for the event that could also be open to the public on Doors Open.

.5 C. Mackie to contact the Friends of the Carousel to see if their colouring book could be available for inclusion in the C150 tent.

.6 Rotary Club would like to have representative from the C150 committee speak at their luncheon on Thursday, December 10 (date and time to be confirmed)

7. **Location and Date of next meeting:**
Kiwanis Aquatics Centre, November 3, 2016

8. **Motion to Adjourn: 8:20**

Greening Sub-committee Report

St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre - 26 September, 2016

Present: Rick Vanderkuip, Karen Sabzali, Kathleen Powell

1 – Planting 150 Trees for Canada's 150th

- The committee presented to the City's Green Committee to see if they would be interested in working on this initiative. In follow up from their meeting, they are interested in the idea and have committed to encouraging the City of St. Catharines to plant red and white in city flower beds and to encourage the planting of the Canada's 150th tulip.
- Is there any chance of re-branding the city's current tree planting program for 2017. K. Powell will send an email to the Green committee inquiring about their interest.

2 – Promotion of Red and White plantings and heritage plantings

- Discussion of strategy to promote to local citizens to participate.
- Garden centres can be approached to create displays around the idea and to distribute the promotional material and have plants available to purchase.
- Need to put together a teaser in the fall for planning for next year, including the 150 tulips.
- Some discussion of the cost of adding an insert in the water bill. K. Powell will investigate the options and report back.
- Having the city's horticulturalist encourage red and white plantings.
- Creation of a list of plants that would be good options.
- R. Vanderkuip to contact greenhouses to get their opinion and interest in the initiative.
- K. Powell to contact J. Silcox-Childs and M. Anderson at the City about local greenhouses who might be contacted to participate.
- K. Powell to check whether the city has plans to plant the Canada's 150th tulip.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLEND THE ARTS AND TRADITIONAL LEARNING CIRICULUM

PREAMBLE: Collectively, as a nation, we are all very focused on the party. But what comes next? What are we leaving behind? We've also been looking for ways to impart our (local) knowledge and bring greater awareness / elevate the understanding of our history to the forefront with our youth. And, we're also looking for ways to connect all of that with the C150 mandate.

C150 MANDATE: Indigenous, youth, local, to name a few

THE CONCEPT: An opportunity to leverage the combination of arts and education – that already exists within our school systems - to develop an awareness of local events, industry, history, and what part it has played in the development of the City – as seen and interpreted through the eyes of our youth. In other words, we will let our future write our past.

THE METHODOLOGY: must be a student actively enrolled in education system in st. catharines

- ✦ Students are given a wide variety of topics from which to choose an artistic expression (The Chapters)
- ✦ The Chapters are modelled on existing Ontario standard curriculum – Social Science, History, Geography
- ✦ The expression is an artistic interpretation of one of the disciplines above
- ✦ Can work singularly or as a class project
- ✦ Artistic expression is unlimited → creative expression: word, song, dance, art, any medium, printed or electronic
- ✦ Submission requirements: tbd
- ✦ Judges: tbd

PROJECT PARTNERS: Schools in St. Catharines: Public, Catholic, Private, Ecole

COSTS: none expected. Projected funding source is 100% sponsorship

TIMELINE:

October 2016	Presentations and approvals: C150 committee, staff committee,
Nov. 2016	Council endorsement; engage school principals; define program
Dec 2016	Feedback loop – refinements to draft program
Jan 2017	Feedback loop – finalize program
Feb 2017	Roll out to schools
June 2017	First intake – Grade submissions
July 2017	Preview
Sept 2017	Final intake – individual submissions

NEXT STEPS: formalized presentation to committee, followed very closely by presentation to schools

SAMPLE OUTLINE: (some topics)

Strand B. People and Environments: The Local Community (as taken from the Ontario Grades 1–8 Social Studies / History & Geography curriculum)

SOME POTENTIAL THEMES



The Garden City / Agricultural sector → changing face of urban development and impacts on farmland (secondary)

Why don't we grow bananas (primary)



An historical Perspective – indigenous trails of St. Catharines and how it has affected community development, urban growth, and the provision of City services (Secondary)

- Indigenous trails and the trees that used to grow along them (Primary)



The importance of the Henley to the local economy and the spin-off industries that have shaped the City (Secondary)

- The boats of the Henley



Welland Canals – impact on industry



Domtar Did this building have another life? .. are there any others?

YES, this is a book And, no, it's not about history. What it is, is artistic expression of our youth of their interpretation of events that have shaped and continue to shape the evolving City.