

Canada 150 Anniversary Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, January 05, 2017

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; Edwin Wand; David Warren (Chair).

Staff Liaison:

Carla Mackie, Historical Services Coordinator
Kathleen Powell, Historical Services Supervisor
Liz Fritshaw, Community Relations Coordinator

Attendance: Karen Sabzali; Mary Stanko; Sandie Timco; Rick Vanderkuip; Edwin Wand; David Warren, Liz Fritshaw, Carla Mackie

Regrets: Grace Cirocco; Sal Sorrento, Maria Luisa Tiro; Kathleen Powell

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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 January 5, 2017. Approved by K. Sabzali
 3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting (5 minutes)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2016. Approved by S. Timco
 4. **Delegations**
 5. **Business**
 - 5.1 Brief Review of New Business items from October – December 2016; please see Appendix 1: Notes from Rescheduled meeting from November 8, 2016.

S. Timco, M. Stanko and E. Wand were thanked for helping with the C150 tent during the Mayor's Levee.

5.2 Projects Reports

a. Get-to-know-me Subcommittee: The event that was initially presented cannot go ahead due to lack of funding. M. Stanko also mentioned that *Good Neighbours* will be hosting a similar event on October 15, 2017 at the Westminster United Church for Community Service Providers.

b. Activity Booklet Subcommittee: The first draft of the Activity Booklet was printed for the Mayor's Levee, some minor changes were suggested.

c. Car Free Sunday Subcommittee: The idea not gone further but it was noted that the NRPS suggested that it would be easier to host the event in Downtown St. Catharines. As a corollary, it was suggested that perhaps the Pen Centre could be contacted for a car-free children's event in their parking lot.

d. Greening of the Garden City Subcommittee: The Task Force would like an update from the Greening Committee for the next meeting

e. PR Subcommittee (include a discussion re: St. Catharines Standard): Staff suggested that the entire Task Force participate in the promotion of C150 Events. For the next meeting, the Task Force will determine the events they will participate in. It was suggested that the Task Force participate in one event per month. R. Vanderkuip will contact Scotties for possible inclusion in February.

f. Possible new project: 'Experiential Education' update: K. Sabzali contacted both school boards regarding the idea which was positively received. More information will be forthcoming next meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 C150 vacancies: S. Sorrento will be making recommendations for new Task Force members at the Cultural Sustainability Meeting on Jan 17, 2017.

It was decided to choose a Task Force Chair and Vice-Chair for the new year (as per protocol) once the new task force members have been appointed.

- 6.2 Park Renaming: This idea came from the Mayor's meeting in October. It was suggested that the Task Force may want to consider putting together a community engagement survey to develop a list of names that could be used for renaming a park in the future. It was noted that the City does have a draft Park Naming Policy which requires approval from Council. The Task Force agreed that they did not want to pursue this endeavor.
- 6.3 Order of Ottawa-like program for St. Catharines: This idea came from the Mayor's office for the Task Force to consider developing a program which recognizes any resident of St. Catharines who has made a significant contribution in a professional capacity that has been of benefit to the community. The Task Force agreed that they did not want to pursue this endeavor.
- 6.4 S. Timco will represent the Task Force at the CSC meeting on January 17, 2016
- 6.5 E. Wand reintroduced the Royal Canadian Naval Association's desire to present a film and lecture series about World War 1 and 2 events which significantly impacted Niagara at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre. The RCNA has contacted PAC regarding the proposal.
- E. Wand suggested that people (groups of people) who have been displaced by war and have immigrated to St. Catharines be recognized and have their stories told (the circumstances which lead to their exit, how they got here, what jobs they first had, the state of their former country now). Examples included but not limited to: Poland, Afghanistan, and Syria. C. Mackie mentioned that the St. Catharines Museum is already collecting these stories.
- 6.6 M. Stanko commented that she would like to see a C150 flag raised in Centennial Park.
- 6.7 The Task Force would like a letter sent out to the City's user groups to let them know that the Task Force is available to attend events, to have user group events posted on the City's website, and for other consultation.

7. Location and Date of next meeting:

Kiwanis Aquatics Centre, February 2, 2017

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** 8:30 pm

Appendix 1:

Notes for Rescheduled Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Thursday, November 03, 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 (Vice Chair); Edwin Wand; David Warren (Chair).

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; Edwin Wand (7:50 pm); David Warren. Regrets: Grace Cirocco; Mary Stanko; Maria Luisa Tiro; Rick Vanderkuip; David Waddington.

4. **Call meeting to order (Chair): 7:07pm**

5. **Motion to approve the agenda (5 minutes)**

To approve the agenda for the meeting of November 3, 2016. (deferred)

6. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting (5 minutes)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2016. (deferred)

4. **Delegations**

5. **Business**

5.1 Cultural Sustainability Committee (CSC) Oct 26, 2016 meeting update:

Carla Mackie reported that David Waddington had summarized the Task Force's project reports to the CSC.

Parade Sub Committee – From the CSC meeting in August, the CSC suggested the C150 Task Force contribute a float to the already

established parades in St. Catharines. Dave relayed that no one wanted to take the lead on a single float.

Gala – is still a potential event if a potential hosting organization comes forward.

Getting to Know Me – Sal Sorrento contacted various cultural organizations to participate in the event, however, now that Federal and Provincial funding for C150 events has closed, it is unclear if these groups can apply for funding under the Facer Street Festival. C150 Task Force will participate in the Facer Street event by having a tent and brochures.

Booklet – from the comments made by the CSC in August, the booklet has been transformed into a free handout activity book which highlights facts about Canada and St. Catharines. CSC approved the idea of the activity booklet. The activity booklet does not need to be approved by Council to proceed. Rebecca Cann attended a Creative City conference recently and relayed that many municipalities were embracing the idea of C150+ which acknowledges First Nations Peoples, their history and contributions prior to 1867.

Car Free Sunday – Dave reported that Task Force members are still meeting with additional stakeholders related to revising the original idea. At this point, the original idea has not succeeded in garnering much excitement due to costs of widening the pathway and the cost of policing for closing the roads. Due to the closure of funding application opportunities, this idea may be revised and investigated in the future.

Greening of Garden City – has been in touch with Greening Committee who are in support of planting red and white, and the planning of an informational pamphlet. CSC suggested that the sub-committee contact the Trillium Awards Committee.

Public Relations – The Task Force is planning to attend one event per month, and write articles in the Standard. R. Cann indicated that there are so many events happening in 2017 and that the tent could be at two events per week throughout the year. PR committee will have to decide how much time can be committed to this initiative.

Experiential Learning Proposal – CSC noted that there were a number of arts organizations working on arts programs related to C150 and that the Task Force should contact the Performing Arts Education Network of Niagara and school boards to make sure that there is no overlap. CSC will meet the Task Force again regarding this initiative upon request.

5.2 Projects Reports

- a. Get-to-know-me Subcommittee: Sal Sorrento noted that even though there was some commitment from cultural organizations, the project cannot go ahead under C150 TF due to the loss of funding. If cultural organizations are going to participate, it is likely to be as an enhancement of the Facer Street Festival.
- b. Activity Booklet Subcommittee: Elizabeth Fritshaw provided an update on the status of the booklet. Carla Mackie, Elizabeth Fritshaw and Mary Stanko have met a few times to discuss and work out the details of the booklet. Mary's draft booklet and Emily Elpaugh's (Brock student) draft booklet to date were circulated. Elements from Mary's original booklet are being incorporated into the activity booklet.
- c. Car Free Sunday Subcommittee: no update
- d. Greening of the Garden City Subcommittee: no update
- e. PR Subcommittee: Sandy Timco commented on the need to get the word out about C150 in St. Catharines. Sandy proposed inviting the Standard to a meeting to see what has been planned and to see how the Task Force can contribute. K. Powell will convene the PR Subcommittee to discuss the newspaper column idea. The Task Force should try to be aware of as many events as possible to try to help promote them through the subcommittee. Event information will be posted on the City's website, it should also include how to volunteer and how to get involved as a vendor. C. Mackie will send the event listing to date to the Task Force Members.
- f. Possible new project: 'Experiential Education': no update

6. **New Business**

6.1 Summary Mayor's meeting on October 19, 2016

C. Mackie and K. Powell met with Mayor Sendzik and Jim Hill – Battery Commander of 10 Battery. The theme for the Mayor's levee will be C150, and the event will encourage families to attend. The idea of having someone play Paul Shipman was declined.

It was mentioned that there was strong support from the Task Force and the Green Committee for tree plantings, perhaps 150 trees per Ward. The Task Force should get on the Green Committee agenda once again. K. Powell will follow up with Mike Anderson. K. Sabzali will work on an idea to help them along with their decision – such as presenting a proposed map of locations, etc.

Mayor would like the Task Force to be involved in the naming of a park. Task Force should come back with a proposed initiative on how to do this. K. Powell will connect with Phil Cristi and Kristen Sullivan regarding which park (new or current) could potentially be renamed.

6.2 Light Up the Lake Festival: possible event in 2017

The organizers of this new event came to the Task Force looking for support and C150 funding. They met with staff who are recommended other funding opportunities since C150 Federal and Provincial funding is now closed. They were also directed to the St. Catharines Fire Services who would need to approve the lighting of airborne or waterborne lanterns. If the event goes ahead, the Task Force would promote and support it along with the other events occurring next year.

6.3 New Committee Member

A new committee member is needed to replace Brandon Houtby. Carla Mackie will follow up with the Clerk's office regarding a notice, and with the organizations that were identified in the terms of reference to apply for the position. Elizabeth Fritshaw will reach out to the Pen Centre and other user-group lists.

[note: the TF currently has 10 members, the maximum is 12]

7. **Location and Date of next meeting:** Kiwanis Aquatics Centre, December 1, 2016

8. **Motion to Adjourn** (meeting ended at 8:05 pm)