

Canada 150 Anniversary Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, March 02, 2017

Kiwanis Aquatics Centre at 7:00 pm

Members:

Jennifer Anderson; Grace Cirocco; Karen Sabzali; Sal Sorrento (Councillor Ward 3); Tisha Polocko; Mary Stanko; Sandie Timco; Maria Luisa Tiro; Rick Vanderkuip; Edwin Wand; David Warren (Chair).

Staff Liaison:

Carla Mackie, Historical Services Coordinator
Liz Fritshaw, Community Relations Coordinator

Attendance: Jennifer Anderson; Tisha Polocko; Mary Stanko; Sandie Timco; Maria Luisa Tiro; Edwin Wand; David Warren (Chair), Liz Fritshaw, Carla Mackie

Regrets: Sal Sorrento, Rick Vanderkuip

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair):** 7:05 pm
 2. **Motion to approve the agenda (5 minutes)**
To approve the agenda for the meeting of March 2, 2017. Approved by M. Stanko
 3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting (5 minutes)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting of February, 2017. Approved by S. Timco
 4. **Delegations**
 5. **Business**
 - 5.1 Election of Vice Chair
The position of Vice-chair was deferred to the April meeting.

5.2 Projects Reports

a. Car Free Sunday Subcommittee: no update

b. Greening of the Garden City Subcommittee:

The Greening Committee will be connecting with various businesses in the development of a rack card which encourages red/white and/or indigenous plantings.

c. PR Subcommittee

i. Summary: Scotties Tournament of Hearts: S.Timco represented the Task Force. The information, activity booklets and give-aways were well received. There was a request to have the Activity Booklet available on-line. It was also noted to further engage with the public, a question/trivia about St. Catharines or Canada should be asked before a C150 souvenir is given away for free. A donation jar to help pay for C150 projects/swag was also suggested for the tent-table.

ii. C150 TF – events: To date, the C150 tent will be at the following events: May: Niagara Folk Arts Festival; June: Doors Open St. Catharines – St. Catharines Museum; July: Canada Day – Rennie Park; August: Facer Street Festival; October: Pumpkinville

iii. C150 TF members volunteering at events: Task Force members will fill in a sign –up sheet.

iv. C150 press releases: Press releases and interviews must go through the City’s Communication Department.

d. ‘Experiential Education’ update

K. Sabzali, S. Timco and M. Tiro are working together and will provide an update at the next meeting. The Catholic School Board and the Education Department at Brock University have expressed interest in discussing the project.

6. New Business

6.1 C150 Task Force vacancies:

The recommendations for the final Task Force member will be going forward to the Cultural Sustainability Committee and then to Council for approval.

- 6.2 Summary of successful City 150 grant applications to date:
- Canada 150 Infrastructure Program: \$500,000 for West Park Improvements; \$150,000 for Lakeside Park Improvements; \$50,000 for Rotary Park Improvements;
- Niagara Community Foundation Canada 150: \$12,000 for Welland Canal Fallen Workers research/book
- 6.3 C150 Volunteer Challenge – <https://volunteer150for150.ca>
- The Task Force recommended that the Mayor make an announcement about the Challenge at the City's volunteer appreciation dinner in April to encourage more participation. It was suggested that the Task Force encourage people to celebrate the C150 by volunteering 150 hours with their favorite organization. C150 Task Force members are to log their hours on this committee as well.
- 6.4 Friends of the Carousel are donating 5 Carousel colouring books at Library Board meeting on March 16 at 7 pm.
- 6.5 C150 flag at Centennial Park: renovations in the Park are currently underway, the Task Force will be notified in May if a C150 flag raising will be possible.
- 6.6 Follow-up from January 5, 2017 minutes regarding park renaming project: K. Sabzali presented this idea/information for when the City is considering its own park redevelopment...the Greenwood Fire Department Pocket Park included fire department themed climbing activities in their park.
- 6.7 Other: T. Polocko reported that the Clean City Committee was considering a graffiti project under the Rankin Bridge with a C150 theme. Marilyn I Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts will be asked to participate if the project is approved and property owners agree.

7. **Location and Date of next meeting:**

Kiwanis Aquatics Centre, April 6, 2017

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