



The members of the NOTL Canada Sesquicentennial Committee met on August 30 in the Rotary Room at NOTL Public Library at 1:10pm.

PRESENT:

Bill Cowie, Bill French, Lord Mayor Pat Darte, Town Councillor Terry Flynn, Amanda Gamble, Rick Meloen, Richard Coyne, Tony Chisholm, Sheldon Randall, Cheryl Morris.

REGRETS:

Sarah Kauffman, Cathy Simpson, Janice Thompson, John Mather

ABSENT:

Jim Alexander

Co-Chair Bill Cowie called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

MATTERS FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

DELEGATIONS:

There were no delegations made at this meeting.

AGENDA for Aug 30, 2016 approved by all.

MINUTES of Aug 16, 2016 meeting were approved by Terry Flynn, Ricard Coyne seconded.

BUSINESS:

1. Logo: None.
2. Website: www.notlcanada150.ca is live and will be updated on a regular basis.
3. Terms of reference: None
4. Subcommittees:
 - a. Finance:
 - All invoices and donor contributions should go through Cheryl, with note to Tony for the record.
 - Cheryl will be able to report as needed on Committee accounting.
 - b. Legacy:
 - Rick will convene subcommittee as soon as possible to come up with 4 or 5 potential projects of varying cost (low, mid, high). When funding is determined, one project will be selected.
 - Sheldon brought up idea of converting wading pool into a splashpad.
 - Bill F. asked about the funding for UNESCO but it was mentioned that this could take years.
 - Terry brought up idea of having a fountain like that at the Agora in every village.
 - c. Communications:

- Committee was announced at press conference on the morning of Aug 30 at the NOTL Public Library garden. Lord Mayor Pat Darte and Bill French, Communications Chair spoke during the event and then were interviewed individually. Co-Chairs Bill Cowie and Rick Meloen were also interviewed.
 - Cheryl will apply for sign slot for the Mississauga/Queen welcome sign.
 - Cheryl will send out press release for Living Flag event on Sept 7.
 - Discussion around publicizing and holding a public meeting for engaging community in helping subcommittees. No date was selected and will be decided at next committee meeting.
 - The Town will pay for an ad to solicit interest from the community in subcommittees and as volunteers. Note: The Committee would like to review the ad before it goes out. Please send to Cheryl (Or Cheryl can create the ad?)
- d. Logistics: No report.
- As this subcommittee is in place to monitor various events that may happen in the same locations concurrently, a suggestion was offered to give Cheryl access to special event requests that come in for Canada Day weekend. Terry and/or Sheldon will help make this happen.
- e. Sponsorship: No report.
- Tony will convene a subcommittee meeting shortly.
 - Pat suggested including the Legacy project in the discussion.
 - Amanda will provide F of Fort George sponsorship mailing list to crosscheck with Committee's (to be created).
- f. Living Flag, Sept 19/16:
- T-shirts have been ordered.
 - Niagara Community Funding opportunity is unavailable as LF event happens prior to grant decision.
 - Fort George has been confirmed as location. Special permission has been obtained from Parks Canada for flying drone for that day only (or rain date Sept 20).
 - Sheldon has offered use of Town's drone if a 2nd one is needed.
 - Producing a video of entire event including interviews of teachers is under discussion.
 - Rick will recruit 25 volunteers to help manage event. Terry will ask firemen as well, and perhaps they can provide a ladder truck to use for photo perch.
 - Rick will invite sponsors to attend.
- g. New Year's Eve:
- Terry suggested a free public event 11:15pm-12:20am: serve cookies, hot chocolate OR fireworks (Simcoe Park, Market Square). Bill C would like to hear subcommittee's recommendations on an event to embrace a larger community participation.
 - Dick asked for suggestions on name for St Andrews dinner/dance. Decision: First Night NOTL
 - Pat suggested asking restaurants/bars to promote the public event.
 - Amanda mentioned the Fort's New Year's levee will incorporate the NOTL 150 logo.
- h. Canada Day weekend:
- **Friday:** (see minutes from Aug 16 meeting.)
 1. Committee decided to go ahead with planning Centennial Park music event with Virgil Business Association leading the effort. Approved by Tony, all agreed.
 2. Cheryl will apply for special event permit.
 3. Sheldon suggested we checkpoint with Minor Sports org(s) to avoid conflicting events for June 30. Cheryl can check with Kevin Turcotte.
 - **Saturday:** (see minutes from Aug 16 meeting.)
 1. Bill French will request help from Committee to recruit more volunteers to augment Rotary's. Suggested to have a procession to Fort George following cake hand-out.
 - **Sunday:**
 1. Committee decided to move forward with Simcoe Park music event 12pm -6pm.

2. Cheryl will apply for special event permit.
3. Pat mentioned an indigenous music group may be interested in performing, along with other orgs (see minutes from Aug 16)
4. Cheryl and Pat will meet with Tim Jennings (Shaw) Sept 7.
5. Proposed multi-faith event: Committee decided to leave it to local churches to do their own thing. Remove this item from future Committee agendas.

- **Monday:**

1. Open Doors (<http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Programs/Doors-Open-Ontario.aspx>): Sarah is managing and will be able to publicize province-wide.
2. Pat mentioned the Mayor of Youngstown is interested in collaborating with us on a cross-border event. Pat and Cheryl will set up time to meet with him and discuss what's possible vis a vis customs issues.

- **Tuesday:** nothing happening, please remove from Committee's future agendas.

- i. Education:

- Rick will meet with Sarah and Cathy to hear their plans and how to involve community.

5. New Business:

- a. A sporting event was proposed. Pat will consider possibilities and speak to local retired athletes and/or groups. The original idea was to have "fun" teams organized and involve more of the community as participants.
- b. Terry proposed a "flag competition" among 12 municipalities to fly the most number of Canadian flags. He will investigate.

Meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Sept 27 in Rotary Room in NOTL Public Library.