



The members of the NOTL Canada Sesquicentennial Committee met on November 1, 2016 in the Mori Room at the NOTL Community Centre at 1:30 pm.

PRESENT: Bill Cowie, Rick Meloen, Richard Coyne, Jim Alexander, Tony Chisholm, Sheldon Randall, Janice Thompson, Clare Cameron, John Mather, Bill French, Cheryl Morris, Sarah Bowers (representing Cathy Simpson), Tim Jennings.
Guest: Barbara Worthy.

REGRETS: Lord Mayor Pat Darte, Sarah Kaufman, Amanda Gamble.

ABSENT: Terry Flynn, Lisa Curtis

Co-Chair Rick Meloen called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 November 1, 2016 approved by all.

MINUTES of Oct 18, 2016 meeting were approved by all.

BUSINESS:

1. Sub committees' reports

- a. Finance: Tony Chisholm reported that after Living Flag expenses and Special Events Coordinator salary, there is a balance of \$115K from the Committee's \$129K budget from the Town (still pending Council approval)
- b. Legacy: Rick Meloen reported the first Legacy subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2
- c. Communications:
 - a. Bill French presented the charts that will be shown at the public information session (Nov 15). Committee members recommended that financial support be downplayed at this time until results from grants is known, approx. mid-December.
 - b. Sheldon Randall suggested postponing the public meeting until grant decisions are known. **Committee decided to move ahead with the November 15 meeting.**
 - c. Edits have been made to the presentations and are included in a separate attachment to these minutes.
 - d. Clare Cameron suggested hosting a 2nd public information meeting / update following the grant decisions.
 - e. Sheldon Randall reported that several organizations that had presented discretionary grant proposals to the Town will be directed to this Committee for financial support. UPDATE: Communications and directives to those organizations will happen when Town budget is approved by Council (November).
 - f. Tim Jennings reported that the Shaw Festival has applied for an Arts Grant to produce a play "Mothers of Confederation" which would be of interest to this Committee.
 - g. Bill French suggested setting up a subcommittee to review applications and to allocate funds to organizations.
 - h. Janice Thompson suggested using the Town's criteria to establish criteria for grant applications.
 - i. Finance subcommittee will work on these criteria and report back at next Committee meeting (Nov 29).
- d. Logistics: no report

- e. Sponsorship: no report
 - f. Living Flag: Rick reported on visits to schools to present framed posters. Rick, Bill Cowie, Lord Mayor and Cheryl Morris attended. Photos from these visits were in the Town Crier. This agenda item will be removed in future Committee meetings.
 - g. New Year's Eve:
 - a. Bill C described ongoing plans for the public event: band outside on Court House steps, no food, no alcohol, no street closing, some promotion of event (ad, posters), fence around cenotaph, sparklers/Canada flags handed out.
 - b. An idea the subcommittee discussed was having "busker-like" entertainers on the street. Janice Thompson pointed out that buskers are prohibited in Town's by-laws.
 - c. Noise and conflicting music at bars/restaurants on Queen St mentioned as possible show-stoppers.
 - d. Sheldon recommended inviting Peter Todd from Clerk's office to attend next subcommittee meeting to advise on what can/cannot be done.
 - e. Update: Cheryl received a call from Alex Burbidge, Fire Chief, who advised that no fireworks are allowed downtown. However, the subcommittee's plan no longer includes fireworks.
 - h. Canada Day weekend
 - a. Friday night music event – Rick reported on meeting with Lord Mayor and Phil Leboudec (Phil ValuMart) representing Virgil Business Association. Phil is interested in supporting event and offered to manage food sales. Janice pointed out that there is no restriction on food trucks in Virgil.
 - b. Saturday activities – no change from previous plan. Citizenship ceremony is being investigated by Carrie Enns.
 - c. Sunday – Janice suggested that because of the huge evening concert on July 2, we perhaps should rethink Committee's plan for an afternoon music event. Perhaps move it to Monday. More discussion on this will happen, especially with music organizations.
 - d. Monday – no change at this point from previous, but will change if Sunday event moves.
 - e. Tuesday – Committee has no plans for July 4. Remove from agenda.
 - i. Education – no report
2. New business:
- Flags: Rick presented cost estimates for flags on streets. Committee had no comment, so will defer to next meeting. Tim reported that the Shaw gave the Town several banner holders that may be able to be used.
 - Christmas Parade participation: Bill C. has access to antique truck that can be used. Clare has a Canadian flag. Committee will get NOTL 150 banner created. Parade application has been submitted. Mini Canada 150 paper flags can be handed out – Cheryl will check parade rules on hand-outs.
 - Subcommittee for 225th anniversary commemoration: Cheryl reported on the first subcommittee meeting (Oct 25). Ryan Donnelly from Wayne Gates' office attended and will act as liaison to the subcommittee. Ryan reported that he had approached the different caucus members and they all expressed enthusiasm for having an event in NOTL. If we want to hold a parliamentary session, this would have to be approved by Office of Legislature, but this is not the intention of this Committee. He also reported that the celebration that took place in NOTL 25 years ago went significantly over-budget and the legislative communications office is leery of a repeat of this.
 - Sarah Kaufman will research first parliament to see how many members there were and counties they represented.
 - Sidewalk Art: Cheryl presented an idea to have quotes/poetry/art stenciled and sprayed on town sidewalks using a solution that shows up only when the pavement is wet. This has been done in Boston. Generally, the Committee was interested in this idea. The Writers' Circle, Shaw and the Pumphouse could submit entries for the actual words/art. Cheryl will do some more investigation. See links for info:
<http://www.masspoetry.org/rainpoetry> <https://rain.works/product/invisiblespray/>
 - Subcommittee will prepare an event proposal to send to Ryan before next meeting (Nov 8) and present at next Committee meeting (Nov 15).

Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday November 15 at Mori Room, Community Centre.