



The members of the NOTL Canada Sesquicentennial Committee met on December 13, 2016 in the Mori Room at the NOTL Community Centre at 1:30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Bill Cowie, Rick Meloen, Richard Coyne, Tony Chisholm, Clare Cameron, John Mather, Bill French, Cheryl Morris, Sarah Bowers, Sarah Kaufman, Amanda Gamble, Peter Martin. Guests: Babs Worthy, Maurice Pam

**REGRETS:** Tim Jennings

**ABSENT:** Janice Thompson, Terry Flynn, Pat Darte, Jim Alexander.

Co-Chair Rick Meloen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**MATTERS FROM MINUTES:**

Rick Meloen reported on the conference call with the Ontario 150 Secretariat. The Transfer Payment Agreement will be sent to Cheryl Morris by December 18 so it can be included in the January Town Council meeting for passing the by-law to approve and sign this agreement.

**DELEGATIONS:**

Stan Harrington, Chair, Royal Canadian Legion

Roger Nugent, local dock expert.

MINUTES of November 29, 2016 meeting approved by all.

AGENDA for December 13, 2016 approved by all.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Stan Harrington**, representing the Royal Canadian Legion, presented a proposal for the Committee to support an event in mid-September 2017 to rededicate both cenotaphs (Queenston and Queen Street). The event would engage local schools as well as other residents.

- The Legion has applied to the Town for \$27,000 for a survey to conduct a survey for improvements to the cenotaphs' infrastructure: lighting and chain protection.

**Roger Nugent**, invited by Tony Chisholm, to present a plan for a temporary dock and visit by the Tall Ships, Rendezvous 2017.

- Roger has participated on the Tall Ships committee previously. Rendezvous 2017 is coordinated by the International Sail Organization, and by Provincial and Federal governments.
- Two ships, Niagara and Spirit of Avon will be between port visits July 3-7 and are available to come to NOTL with no visitation/dockside fees to the Town, which are typically \$30,000.
- Visitors will be allowed to board the ships during the 2-3 days they are docked. Committee can also host a private reception on the ship – e.g. a thank-you to sponsors, or a fund-raising event.
- A temporary dock will be rented rather than purchased due to the number of permits and much higher costs for a permanent dock. Research on the dock is being conducted by Tony and Roger who will report back to the Committee in the near future.

- Committee must decide quickly on whether to go ahead. However, this is dependent on Town Council approval. A report is being prepared for the January Town Council meeting to approve the Tall Ships visit and temporary dock.
- Tony recommends a dock subcommittee be formed. He will Chair it.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### a) **Finance:** Tony Chisholm.

- Because of the large grant from the Ontario 150 Secretariat, the Committee has been advised not to ask the Town for funding, as it may cause controversy among residents. However, the Ontario 150 grant can only be used to support the travelling Confederation Celebration show. If community organizations are directed to the Committee for funding, as per discretionary grant applications, there will be no support possible, except for publicity.
- Bill French suggests the Committee go ahead anyway with requesting funds from the Town, but delay this to early spring 2017.

#### b) **Legacy:** Tony Chisholm.

- The Legacy subcommittee will begin planning early in 2017. Cam Lang was suggested to Chair this subcommittee.

#### c) **Communications:** Bill French

- A modification was made to the Committee's logo by adding CANADA near the 150. Committee was pleased with this change.
- The Committee's grant proposal process/criteria is now posted on the notlcanada150.ca website, although it was decided not to publicize it due to lack of funding to support events.
- Carol Lipsett, a new member of the subcommittee, is investigating merchandising possibilities.

#### d) **New Year's Eve:** Cheryl Morris

- Plans are shaping up and a report on New Year's Eve events will be discussed at the January meeting.

#### e) **Canada Day weekend:** Rick Meloen

- Some Committee members met with the owner of Silversmith Brewery, Chris Pontsioen. Chris has agreed to take ownership for the alcohol and food truck aspects of the June 30 event in Virgil.
- A site visit of Centennial Park was attended by Cheryl, Rick, Tony, Bill C, Kevin Turcotte and Michael Bohonos of Garden City Fireworks. All is set for June 30 fireworks.
- Rick and Bill C met with Tim Jennings who is interested in involving the Shaw Festival in supporting the June 30 and July 3 events.

#### f) **225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Cheryl Morris. Report will be provided at January 10 Committee meeting.

#### g) **Education:** Sarah Kaufman is recommending removal of the Education subcommittee due to lack of funding. However, some aspects of the education program will be carried on for the travelling Confederation Celebration show when it visits schools.

#### h) **Logistics:** no report

#### i) **Sponsorship:** Bill Cowie is taking on the Chair role. No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Doors Open event, managed by the Museum, is moving to the weekend of September 16/17 because Canada Day weekend will have so many other events.

Meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.

**Next meeting: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday January 10 in Penner Room, NOTL Community Centre.**