



**Canada Sesquicentennial Committee
Minutes, September 15, 2016
Special Funding/Brainstorming Meeting**

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Present: Dick Coyne, John Mather, Tony Chisholm, Bill French, Lisa Curtis, Peter Martin, Sarah Kaufman, Rick Meloen (Chair), Pat Darte, Sarah Bowers (library), Tim Jennings (Shaw), Sheldon Randall (Town), Clare Cameron
3. Regrets: Janice Thompson, Jim Alexander, Terry Flynn, Bill Cowie, Cheryl Morris

Rick began the meeting at 9:10 am and announced that Chris Gilchrist had resigned from the committee due to time constraints. Motion was made by Bill F. to accept this recommendation seconded by Tony and was passed.

Rick introduced Clare Cameron who lives in Virgil and asked to be involved. She is a history major who works for the City of Burlington. Dick proposed to accept Clare on the committee- seconded by Tony and carried.

Rick asked if we'd seen the "Ontario 150 Strategic Framework". Copies were passed out.

Rick reminded all that in speaking with the Provincial representatives who we will be meeting near the end of September they indicated that we should develop some ideas for a significant event (which may or may not include a legacy project). They seemed to be looking for an event for after the July 1st week-end.

Before everyone presented their ideas, Bill F and Dick suggested we do this in an organized manner. Consequently we broke into 2 groups to brainstorm and refine some ideas. After 20 min or so the two groups compared notes. After another short session, the findings were presented.

NOTE: Janice Thomson and Jim Alexander sent in suggestions by e-mail and these were incorporated into the lists of ideas.

Bill F. and others pointed out that the ideas tended to formulate themselves in to some general themes. Bill promised to take this rough information and try to organize it into each of the 5 themes and then submit these comments to the committee.

These Themes were:

1. Waterfront- "Put the "Lake" back into Niagara-on-the-Lake
2. Travelling Celebrations - Cultural
3. Town gateway up-grades (waterfront- Welcome Centre etc)
4. Local History including Memorials
5. Agricultural celebration- fall harvest, wineries etc

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am with Bill F promising a detailed summary of the many excellent brainstorming ideas.