



Stratfords of the World (Ontario) Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratfords of the World (SOTW) Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., electronically.

Committee Members Present: Joan Ayton – Chair Presiding, June Wells, Ken Clarke, Susan Kummer, Linda Hawken, Virginia Burrow, Wayne Whitehorn, Joyce Mohr, Barbara Finkelstein

Staff Present: Tatiana Dafoe – City Clerk, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Kathy Hill, Councillor Geza Wordofa

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Joan Ayton, Chair presiding, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Welcome to New Member

Joan Ayton welcomed new member Barbara Finkelstein and welcomed back returning members Joyce Mohr and Wayne Whitehorn.

4. Election of 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair

Staff declared nominations open for the 2023 Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee.

- Wayne Whitehorn nominated Joan Ayton.

Staff asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Motion by Linda Hawken

Seconded by Virginia Burrow

THAT the nominations for the 2023 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee Chair be closed. Carried

Joan Ayton indicated that she would allow her nomination to stand.

Motion by June Wells

Seconded by Susan Kummer

THAT Joan Ayton be elected as the 2023 Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Carried

Staff declared nominations for the 2023 Vice-Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee open.

- June Wells nominated Susan Kummer

Staff asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Motion by Linda Hawken

Seconded by Ken Clarke

THAT nominations for the 2023 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee Vice-Chair be closed. Carried

Susan Kummer indicated that she would allow her name to stand.

Motion by Wayne Whitehorn

Seconded by Joyce Mohr

THAT Susan Kummer be elected as the 2023 Vice-Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Carried

5. Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion by June Wells

Seconded by Barbara Finkelstein

THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting dated August 25, 2022, be adopted as printed. Carried

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 Update on Reunion Plans – Joan Ayton

Joan Ayton, Chair, provided the following updates:

- there having been 47 registrations received along with the necessary payment; and,

- it being recommended that the registration fee remain at \$375.00 for any other delegates who may register, in lieu of raising it as it gets closer to the Reunion.

The Chair advised she would notify all the other SOTW chairs so they are aware the price is remaining the same.

Motion by Linda Hawken

Seconded by June Wells

THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee keeps the registration fee for the 2023 Reunion at \$375.00 for any future delegates who register. Carried

The Chair reviewed the draft itinerary with members noting:

- final arrangements for registration and the meet and greet at the Country Club will be made for checking in and if delegates cannot make the time;
- final timing of tours to be confirmed;
- pub night details being finalized for August 3;
- delegates having the choice to either do the warehouse tour or the ghost walking tour and there possibly being an opportunity to participate in both;
- Wayne Whitehorn reported the meals for the Perth County Bus Tour (August 4) will be approximately \$1,362.50 total for 50 people (\$27.25 each for small portion) or \$1,500.00 total for 50 people (\$30.00 each for large portion), including gratuities and taxes;
- meal selection being included in the registration package ahead of time;
- timing for the Perth County Bus tour being finalized;
- evening of August 4th (after Perth County Tour) being a free evening with hosts;
- Ginny Burrow suggested delegates not attending the theatre could visit the Stratford Farmer's Market, Art in the Park or a distillery tour for \$10.00 on Saturday, August 5th;
- Susan Kummer is working on the cost and a link for delegates to arrange their own trip to Niagara Falls on Sunday, August 6;

- delegates not visiting Niagara Falls being able to spend the day with hosts, enjoying a guided walk through the TJ Dolan, a musical performance at Avondale, free music in the park, World in a Weekend performance or visit the theatre again;
- Ginny Burrow suggested each country bring a small flag to put in the SOTW garden at the dedication ceremony (flags can be removed after);
- Finalizing details on a representative to perform the garden dedication (Susan Kummer/Ginny Burrow) and it being suggested the Mayor be asked to complete the dedication;
- Joyce Mohr working on details for the pipe band or a single piper;
- Ken Clarke contacting downtown business to inquire if flags can be flown for all the countries visiting during the reunion;
- Joan Ayton will follow up with previous volunteers to inquire if they are still available to help out at various events;
- many activities being available on Tuesday, August 8, at the Museum such as exhibits, re-enactments, and Wildwood staff being available for hikes/talks; and
- delegates, hosts and volunteers being invited to the event at the Museum.

Members discussed the previous plan for the visiting countries to make a donation to the Stratford-Perth Museum in lieu of bringing the customary gift for the hosting Stratford. Members advised they supported this idea and would prefer a donation to the Museum as they are helping immensely with the final event.

Motion by Ken Clarke

Seconded by Ginny Burrow

THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee recommend the visiting Stratfords donate to the Stratford-Perth Museum in lieu of a gift. Carried

Discussion continued with respect to:

- the SOTW BBQ request being on the Ag Society agenda for discussion;
- the approximate cost for the BBQ being \$25/person, not including drinks;

- if the Ag Society is unable to run the BBQ on August 8th, Susan Kummer will look into another caterer;
- Linda Hawken is coordinating a show for the evening at the Museum (in lieu of the usual concert where each country participates);
- the show at the Museum consisting of performances from a singer/guitarist, a band, and a step dancer;
- an emcee looking after the program for the evening at the Museum with the band offering to play past 9:00 p.m. and will go on last to accommodate a later performance if requested;
- the announcement of the next Stratford hosting the Reunion taking place at the beginning of the concert and additional announcements being completed the evening prior at the Banquet;
- Ag Society overseeing the farewell breakfast at the Rotary Complex for delegates and hosts;
- Linda Hawken having contacted a company to make the lanyards and badge holders (blue & yellow) for the delegates (\$308.00) and the booklets (\$773.00);
- Susan Kummer having been in contact with the Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemetery to design the 2023 SOTW garden, with the majority of the flowers being provided by the City; and,
- Joyce Mohr reviewing the previous host list and providing an update at the next meeting.

6.2 Update on Reunion Budget – Joan Ayton

Members were advised there is \$17,913.00 in reserves, which includes the carry-over of the 2022 budget amount of approximately \$10,000.00. The current total in the budget, including registrations, is \$35,438.00. The 2023 City Budget has not been approved; however the Committee has asked for an additional \$10,000.00 for their 2023 budget amount. That would give SOTW a total of approximately \$45,438.00 for the Reunion. The original amount SOTW submitted to the Finance Department for the 2023 Reunion budget was \$42,500.00.

Motion by Susan Kummer

Seconded by Ginny Burrow

THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee approves the itinerary as presented and all costs associated with hosting the 2023 Reunion up to a maximum of \$42,500.00. Carried

6.3 Facility Bookings for the Reunion

Staff will confirm the following bookings for reunion events:

- February 8 – Games Room at Rotary Complex from 2-4 p.m. for planning
- March 8 – Games Room at Rotary Complex from 2-4 p.m. for planning
- April 23 – Tim Taylor Lounge from 1-5 p.m. for information session with hosts
- August 3 - City Hall Auditorium – 12-5 p.m. (tentatively booked for the week with Danielle Clayton)
- August 7 – Bandshell & Pavilion at Upper Queen’s Park from 1-4 p.m.

7. New Business

None noted.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SOTW Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room of the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ken Clarke

Seconded by Joyce Mohr

THAT the January 25, 2023 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 2:02 P.M.

End Time: 3:41 P.M.