



Stratfords of the World (Ontario) Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratfords of the World (SOTW) Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

Committee Members Present: Joan Ayton – Chair Presiding, June Wells, Ken Clarke, Susan Kummer, Linda Hawken, Wayne Whitehorn, Joyce Mohr, Barbara Finkelstein, Kathy Hill, Councillor Geza Wordofa

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Virginia Burrow

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Joan Ayton, Chair presiding, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes – January 25, 2023

Motion by Susan Kummer

Seconded by Linda Hawken

THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting dated January 25, 2023, be adopted as printed. Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Update on Reunion Plans – Joan Ayton

Joan Ayton, Chair, provided the following updates:

- 49 registrations have been received along with the necessary payments and 28 host homes (43 actual hosts);

- with 10 committee members, there could be approximately 110 people at some of the organized reunion functions;
- an e-mail was sent to all delegates for them to indicate their meal choices for the Perth County trip;
- Kathy Hill and Susan Kummer prepared a list to send to delegates regarding transportation options from Toronto to Stratford and then their return to Toronto;
- the most inexpensive travel option is the Theatre bus that they are eligible to use, as they are attending a production in Stratford;
- it being noted that delegates are responsible for their own transportation arrangements;
- Joyce Mohr reported that currently all delegates are matched with hosts and they will continue to secure extra hosts if additional delegates register;
- the information session for hosts will be held at the Rotary Complex on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.;
- Linda Hawken has received the lanyard design which will include yellow wording on a blue background and $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide;
- volunteer and host badges have also been completed and they will be available to hand out at the host event; and
- Linda Hawken is working on the handbook and the printer is sending her a template to use for the setup.

The Chair reviewed the draft itinerary with members noting:

- that Susan Kummer has inquired with Barb Hacking if she would be available to do the bus tour;
- the time of the bus tour has been moved up to accommodate the costume warehouse tour that begins at 11:00 a.m.;
- that the Mayor's Office has invited a Mountie to attend the reception in the Auditorium at City Hall;
- Ken Clarke has arranged for a bag piper from the Army, Navy & Airforce and will arrange for flags to be used on this day;
- flags for Australia and New Zealand may have to be purchased and Ken Clarke and Councillor Wordofa will work together to review what flags are available;
- Tom Clifford will be the MC for the civic reception;
- Ken Clarke will contact some local pubs regarding hosting approximately 60 people for the pub night;

- the ghost tour begins the night of the pub night at 8:00 p.m. outside Edison's;
- Wayne Whitehorn and Ken Clarke will be doing a run through of the Perth County tour in early April to introduce themselves to the host farms ahead of time;
- invoices to be submitted to Joan Ayton and final numbers for the meals to be phoned into Anna Mae's two days prior to visit;
- Murray Schlotzhauer will be the guide for the Perth County tour;
- Susan Kummer reported that there are 25 delegates registered for the Niagara Falls bus tour and that this is a free day for anyone not going to Niagara Falls;
- Only the bandshell is available for Monday, August 7th for the garden dedication ceremony as a back-up option if there is inclement weather;
- Barbara Finkelstein reported that Councillor Wordofa will be the MC for the garden dedication ceremony;
- Barbara Finkelstein will be arranging for cotton material and natural twine and arrangements have been made for Barb Hacking to release butterflies;
- Susan Kummer will contact the pastor's wife to confirm availability to sing at the event;
- Joan Ayton stated that there will not be a dress code for the banquet at the Country Club;
- Ms. Ayton and Susan Kummer are organizing the banquet, and Linda Hawken volunteered to assist with room set up;
- Joan Ayton will be meeting with representatives from the Stratford-Perth Museum to finalize arrangements for the vendors, reenactments, BBQ and concert;
- Ms. Ayton will suggest that delegates bring re-usable water bottles with them for their time at the reunion;
- Susan Kummer is working on catering quotes for the BBQ; and
- Linda Hawken reported that performers are confirmed for the concert and she will also confirm the MC.

5. New Business

5.1 SOTW Proclamation and Flag – Joan Ayton

Motion by Linda Hawken
Seconded by Joyce Mohr

THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee requests that Stratford City Council hereby proclaims Thursday, August 3, 2023 as Stratfords of the World Day;

AND THAT Stratford City Council proclaim the week of August 2-9, 2023 as Stratfords of the World Week in the City of Stratford in celebration of all attending Stratford delegates from around the world;

AND THAT Stratford City Council authorizes flying of the Stratfords of the World flag at City Hall from August 1-10, 2023. Carried

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SOTW Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room of the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ken Clarke

Seconded by Wayne Whitehorn

THAT the March 22, 2023 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 2:00 P.M.

End Time: 3:23 P.M.