



Stratfords of the World (Ontario) Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratfords of the World (SOTW) Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

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

Staff Present: Vicky Trotter – Council Committee Coordinator, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Wayne Whitehorn, Barbara Finkelstein

1. Call to Order

Joan Ayton, Chair presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Reading of the Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silent Reflection

Reading of the Respectful Workplace Policy

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion by Linda Hawken

Seconded by Joyce Mohr

**THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meetings dated April 25, 2024 and May 30, 2024 be adopted as printed.
Carried**

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Update from Information Session – June 9, 2024

Joan Ayton reported that fifteen people attended the session on June 9, 2024. Attendees were provided information regarding deadlines for payments and for booking the extra tours. July 1, 2024 is the cut-off date to let Ms. Ayton know if anyone is interested in signing up for tours.

4.2 2025 Reunion Plans – New Zealand (January 8-15, 2025)

Joan Ayton provided the following updates on reunion plans:

- (11) people have submitted registrations for New Zealand;
- (9) people have registered and paid their deposit for the North Island tour;
- (4) people have registered and paid their deposit for the South Island tour. There is a chance that this tour may not proceed, as there is a minimum of (10) people required for each tour;
- the deadline for registration fees to be submitted is August 1, 2024. Ms. Ayton will convert the amount to Canadian funds the week before for delegates to send cheques in Canadian funds to the City of Stratford;
- registration fees will be sorted and deposited to the City of Stratford by September 1, 2024;
- registration fees will be sent as a lump sum payment by the City of Stratford to New Zealand;

4.3 Funding for SOTW Reunions

Vicky Trotter, Council Committee Coordinator, reported that she has met with the Director of Corporate Services and it is an option for the SOTW Advisory Committee to add a budget line in their future budget requests for funds to assist members with travel costs while attending reunions.

Joan Ayton inquired if funds could still be requested for the 2025 New Zealand reunion that is taking place in January 2025. Ms. Trotter will inquire with the Director of Corporate Services to find out if it is part of the 2025 budget request and members can then be re-imbursed, as the budget will not be passed prior to the reunion taking place.

If members would like to investigate the option of a subsidy program for delegates travelling to reunions who are not members of SOTW, Ms. Trotter explained that a detailed outline of the subsidy program would have to be drafted, including items such as who is eligible, selection of recipients, amounts, etc.

Members will confirm at their August meeting if they plan to add the funding to their 2025 budget request. Members will discuss drafting an outline for the possible subsidy program at and upcoming meeting.

Ms. Trotter has prepared a management report on behalf of the SOTW Committee requesting an additional \$500.00 be added to their 2024 budget to assist with costs related to hosting information sessions, a charitable donation to New Zealand for hosting and miscellaneous costs incurred before the end of 2024. The request will be going to the July 16, 2024 Finance and Labour Relations Sub-Committee meeting.

5. New Business

None noted.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SOTW Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ken Clarke

Seconded by Barbara Finkelstein

THAT the May 30, 2024 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 10:00 A.M.

End Time: 10:24 A.M.