



Stratfords of the World (Ontario) Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratfords of the World (SOTW) Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 24, 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, Councillor Geza Wordofa, Susan Kummer, Kathy Hill, Barbara Finkelstein

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

Regrets: Linda Hawken

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 Joyce Mohr

Seconded by Kathy Hill

THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting dated August 8, 2024 be adopted as printed. Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 2025 Reunion Plans – New Zealand (January 8-15, 2025)

Joan Ayton provided the following updates on the upcoming Reunion in New Zealand:

- There are currently (14) people registered from Ontario, (9) from Connecticut, (3) from P.E.I, (4) from the UK and (4) from Australia;
- There are (13) people registered for the North Island tour – (10) from Ontario, (2) from the UK and (1) from P.E.I.;
- There are (6) people registered for the South Island tour;
- Organizers hope to notify who the hosts will be and who people will be staying with by November 2024;
- The itinerary will be as it was initially planned, with some minor adjustments and additions;
- There no expectation for groups to put on a performance. If any group want to sing a song at the final dinner, there will be an opportunity provided;
- Delegates will arrive in Stratford, NZ between 4:00-5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2025;
- The final breakfast will be held in the same place, and delegates will be picked up by the tour guide at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2025 after breakfast and farewells;
- There is an information session on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rotary Complex (Tim Taylor Lounge) for all the Ontario delegates who are registered for the Reunion, as well as SOTW Committee members;

Motion by Barbara Finkelstein

Seconded by Kathy Hill

THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee spends \$339.00 from their 2024 budget for catering services for the September 29, 2024 Reunion information session. Carried

4.2 Update on Request to Council for Financial Assistance for Committee Members Travelling to SOTW Reunions

Vicky Trotter updated Committee members on the request for funding for members travelling to SOTW Reunions. The report went to the Finance Committee last night, September 23, 2024. Once Ms. Trotter has the details of the motion, she will forward the information to SOTW members.

5. New Business

5.1 Applications for Advisory Committees

Vicky Trotter updated committee members that the City will be advertising for open positions on all the Advisory Committees this week. Staff has provided SOTW members whose terms are up for renewal with applications. The deadline to submit an application to seek re-appointment is October 18, 2024.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SOTW Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ken Clarke

Seconded by June Wells

THAT the September 24, 2024 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 10:00 A.M.

End Time: 10:21 A.M.