

CANADA DAY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes of Meeting
Held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees Present: Marie Buscomb (Chairperson); Wayne Fraser (Council Representative); Jean Libbey; Ruth Thomas; Marilyn Warnock; Anne Hutchinson; Robert Lavallée; Denise Lavallée (Secretary).

Attendees Absent: Bonnie Wellman

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Calabogie Community Centre.

2. Welcome and sign sheet

Marie welcomed everyone and introduced Council Representative, Wayne Fraser, and new committee members Marilyn Warnock, Anne Hutchinson, Robert and Denise Lavallée. Members provided their names and email address on the sign sheet.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jean to add "Ideas for Canada Day 2017" to the Agenda and seconded by all.

4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion not made. There were no minutes taken at the last meeting.

5. Review of last meeting

Members reviewed the Canada Day Activity Matrix for 2016 that contains all of the activities for 2016. Denise has volunteered to keep the Matrix document up-to-date.

In addition to the activities listed in the Matrix, the following items were discussed.

- Kids, games will be free.
- Signage – Marie to check with Chuck Rigelhof.
- Food venues is in progress. Looking at having a Chip truck.
- Marie to contact Allison regarding building a stage with three sides.
- Face Painting: Shirley Corneau will do face painting from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Jean Libbey will do face painting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Race Track Car – Jean Libbey to email Jane Blynn.

6. Ideas for Canada Day 2016

The following ideas were discussed for Canada Day 2016:

- Official Opening at 4:00 p.m. followed by kids singing the National Anthem.
- Talent Show to follow after singing of O'Canada.
- Bike decoration contest was discussed – no decision made on this yet.
- Vendors - Marie to contact Lorraine Manley who sells jewelry. Lorraine has many contacts who sell various items. Sharon Ladouceur of the Catholic Church to be contacted regarding garage sale, bake sale.
- Marie to contact Gilks Signs & Trophies regarding T-Shirt Sale (red with white printing)
- Marie to contact retired Mounted Police, Constable Leroux, to invite him to the celebration to have his picture taken with folks.

Secretariat Note: Barry Thomas said that you can't get a retired Mountie in uniform unless you have a police with a gun guarding him. This new rule came about because of the soldier that was shot in Ottawa while guarding the unknown soldier.

The other choice is to get a working RCMP to wear his uniform and he has a gun. John Pratt's son is an RCMP. His name is Mike Pratt. They live in Barryvale.

- Invite newspaper photographers (Heritage Radio, 96.1 Renfrew) to our celebration.
- Marie to distribute posters 3 weeks in advance to businesses and lodges.
- Marie to place ads in non-profit sections of newspapers and have Heritage Radio and 96.1 Renfrew inform radio listeners.
- Marilyn Warnock to ask Marilyn Misener about borrowing mesh vests for the volunteers so they can be easily recognized as Canada Day volunteers. If this is not possible, there was discussion about buying T-Shirts for the volunteers – at the end of the event, the volunteers would give back the T-Shirts so they can be used again for future Canada Day events.

Secretariat Note: Marilyn sent Marilyn Misener an e mail request and Marilyn Misener will table with the CDSC Executive at their next meeting later this month.

7. Volunteers for Each Venue

A Head volunteer is required to coordinate the volunteer schedule and activities. Several volunteers are also required for the games and entrance points. Suggest having multiples volunteers that take shifts. Denise Lavallée will try to recruit volunteers from the Calabogie 55+ Club (formerly known as Calabogie Seniors Club).

- Minnow Race -- Need 2 volunteers
- Fish Pond -- Need 2 volunteers
- Prize Table -- Need 8 to 10 volunteers
- Crown and Anchor -- Need 4 volunteers
- Scavenger Hunt -- Need 2 volunteers
- Entrance Points -- Need 4 volunteers

8. Discussions on Ideas for Canada Day 2017

Jean handed out to members copies of the Canada Day 2017 document. Members quickly reviewed and discussed the document. The following suggestions were made:

- Having an Opening Ceremony
- Ruth expressed the idea of having an Aboriginal presence with a display of teepees, canoes and cooking bannock. Marie mentioned having a Pow Wow.
- Ruth suggested having a 150th Song.
- Motion made by Denise to have a two day event instead of a three day event. Seconded by all members.

Members will review the document at length at a later date.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Calabogie Community Centre on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion made by Marie and seconded by all.