



Stratfords of the World (Ontario) Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratfords of the World (SOTW) Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., electronically.

Committee Members Present: Joan Ayton – Chair Presiding, Ken Clarke, June Wells, Councillor Tom Clifford, Linda Hawken, Kathy Hill, Susan Kummer, Mary-Anne Krutila, Virginia Burrows

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Wayne Whitehorn, Joyce Mohr

Absent: Tatiana Dafoe – Clerk

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1.0 Call to Order

Joan Ayton, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

3.0 Welcome New Committee Members

Joan Ayton welcomed new members Mary-Anne Krutila and Virginia Burrows to the Committee.

4.0 Election of 2022 Chair and Vice-Chair

Staff declared nominations open for the 2022 Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Kathy Hill nominated Joan Ayton.

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

Motion by Ken Clarke
Seconded by Kathy Hill

THAT the nominations for the 2022 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee Chair be closed. Carried

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

Motion by Linda Hawken
Seconded by Ken Clarke

THAT Joan Ayton be elected as the 2022 Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Carried

Staff declared nominations for the 2022 Vice-Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee open. Linda Hawken nominated Susan Kummer.

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

Motion by Virginia Burrows
Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT nominations for the 2022 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee Vice-Chair be closed. Carried

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

Motion by Kathy Hill
Seconded by Virginia Burrows

THAT Susan Kummer be elected as the 2022 Vice-Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Carried

5.0 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion by Kathy Hill
Seconded by Linda Hawken

THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting dated December 9, 2021 be adopted as printed. Carried

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Reunion Update – Joan Ayton

Joan Ayton requested members feedback regarding holding the reunion this year or postponing until 2023. Councillor Tom Clifford noted that the City of Stratford has some concerns about holding it this August. Councillor Clifford has discussed this with the CAO, and she would like to see the Committee postpone it. Stratford is still currently in a state of emergency and cases are up all over the world.

Members raised concerns about holding the reunion, as others raised concerns about postponing it again. Ms. Ayton inquired with Councillor Clifford if the City would still provide funding if a decision was made to host the reunion in 2022,. Councillor Clifford advised that would be a decision of Council. Gatherings and renting City facilities may still be restricted with staffing and the number of people permitted.

Mary-Anne Krutila inquired if Stratford, Ontario chooses not to host this year, is it possible for another Stratford to host. Joan Ayton stated that no, it is too late for another country to plan a reunion for 2022. Ms. Krutila inquired if the City of Stratford is still not supportive of hosting in 2023, at what point does the Stratford, Ontario Committee open it up to the other Stratford's that they may want to consider planning for 2023. Joan Ayton stated that this committee will decide by the end of the summer if they are going to proceed in 2023 and if the decision is not to host, they could open it up for someone else to host.

Motion by Kathy Hill

Seconded by Mary-Anne Krutila

THAT due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and health concerns raised by the City of Stratford, the 2022 Stratfords of the World Reunion be cancelled;

AND THAT a decision on whether to hold the reunion in 2023 be made in 2022. Carried.

Kathy Hill inquired if the Committee should consider refunding the remaining registration fees, due to increased costs that will raise some of the prices if the reunion takes place in 2023. Joan Ayton advised she would contact the Finance Department to inquire about the steps to begin the refund process and start fresh in 2023. Ms. Ayton also advised the Festival Theatre will refund 100% of the deposit. She will also contact the representatives for the other deposit and inquire.

Councillor Tom Clifford departed the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Motion by Linda Hawken

Seconded by Ken Clarke

THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee requests all remaining registration fees to delegates be refunded;

AND THAT all deposits for events be requested to be returned to the City. Carried.

7.0 New Business

(a) SOTW Flower Bed – Susan Kummer

Susan Kummer has been in contact with the Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemetery to discuss the planting and maintenance of the SOTW flower bed. He noted that he has not ordered flowers for the bed. Ms. Kummer will contact him and request if flowers for the SOTW bed could be included in his budget. She will also inquire if staff will be looking after the bed or if SOTW volunteers will be required this summer.

8.0 Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 3:00 p.m., electronically.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion by Ken Clarke

Seconded by Virginia Burrows

THAT the January 27, 2022 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 3:05 P.M.

End Time: 3:53 P.M.