

FINAL MINUTES

CANADA COMMITTEE

July 20, 2014

ATTENDING: Marion & Gerald, Laurel & Carl, Mel & Mike, Linda & Winston, Cathy & Dave

Overall feedback from event was positive. Suggestion made that if weather is terrible, fall-back plan might be to host event at Municipal Hall. Needs to be advertised.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- A) Need more **tents** for weather protection. Chartrand tent was not picked up but available. Need to clarify beforehand on task list.
Children's area could have used a shelter for make-up, freeing up the craft area.
Omer needed extra coverage due to weather.

Perhaps 2 sources for tents might be used (Lemay and Waito).

- B) Perhaps a special committee of people with some expertise could be set up to find a solution to the problem of **sound** (Gerald, Todd, Mike Pennock)...
Gerald suggested the possibility of purchasing all weather speakers to mount on the flag pole.
Another solution would be to use grant money to purchase cable to extend to tents, Children's and OPP areas.
- C) **Flag-Raising** event needs more focus. Many were talking during singing and raising of flag.
Oldest and youngest volunteers need more attention for their efforts.
Perhaps use this time for a welcome from reeve or designate, with introductions.
Draw people to flag area before starting.
- D) A **larger flag** needs to be purchased since the pole is now permanent and tall.
- E) Cupcakes could be used in lieu of a **cake** if no speech is made at this time. Distribution of cupcakes could follow the Children's Parade if time slot remains later in the afternoon. Pinata could follow.
- F) **Piñata** is difficult for younger kids. Suggestion: to divide 2 pinatas with 2 age groups and provide a stronger bat for younger ones. Perhaps organize line-ups according to height.
- G) **Welcome Table** should be nearer entrance so everyone passes through with schedule of events and displays. An arch could be made with helium balloons. Another suggestion was to make a permanent *Welcome* sign made from wood (Carl or Omer?) or a banner (Chalk River) which could be used at a number of municipal events.

- H) **Tattoos:** Take note that tattoos may cause rash. Preferable to apply to other parts of the body.
- I) **Exhibition tents** may be better accessed, and therefore more frequented, if placed along the curve of the road beginning just beyond the parking area.
The tents might be numbered and listed individually on the schedule of events handed out to attendees.
- J) A **thank you note** should be sent to the volunteers as well as to donors.
- K) Canada Day Committee should also include **youth** – even if for a couple of meetings (due to exam time, etc.)
- L) A **permanent photo display of Old Mackey** might be set up (weather protected similar to municipal bulletin boards to show orientation from Park. Earl and Minnie might be contacted for a description and/or photos of Old Mackey.
- M) A **go-for person** would be a real asset to send messages, etc., as well as to distribute water. A person needs to be designated beforehand – perhaps dressed in costume and therefore easily identifiable.

Adjourned for feast!