



Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable

November 19th 2009 Minutes

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Present: Dianne Penrice, Chris Macewan, Carolyn Martin, Kay Matthews, Wayne Pries, Alice Rice, Beatrice Sharkey, Jamie Smith, Tom Bentley, Laurent Thibault (chair)

Regrets: Jane Fogal, Ken Hall

1. **Welcome, Minutes Review & Agenda Approval** – minutes approved as circulated.

1. Financial Update (Beatrice)

- Bank Balance as of October, 2009 – Update not available, but all expenses are generally well in line.
- Incorporation Next Steps
 - There was a discussion about the year-end date. **Motion – A motion was made by Jamie Smith, seconded by Laurent Thibault “THAT THE YEAR END FOR THE HALTON HILLS CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE WILL BE MARCH 31st YEARLY” – CARRIED**
 - Now that incorporation has been made we will need to work on developing a set of bylaws. *Laurent and Diane agreed to assist Beatrice in the creation of the Bylaws.* We need to set up a bank account as well. Suggested the RBC be the bank of choice.
- A Grants Overview Summary Sheet was reviewed and can be used as a quick reference by HHCR. Several application results are due in January.

2. Community Outreach, Partnerships & Communications

- **CVHS** – Group interested in purchasing the Mill led by Peter Orphanus. The deadline for the current owners is up at the end of the year. From there, there will be potential for this site to take a new direction. Beatrice met with chair and committee during the past month and will be facilitating a half-day planning session for the group in January.
- **Light Up the Hills** - Diane Penrice is involved with this group. Beatrice assisted in the writing an OTF Grant. The tree display has gone up from 12 trees up to 116 trees, plus the other decorations they have purchased. The official lighting will be on December 1, 2009 at 7pm. They have rented a stage and will have a number of musical entertainers – school choirs and the Salvation Army. They planted a second tree in Acton, so they have begun to expand to the whole of Halton Hills. Acton links to volunteers will be needed for next year.
- **Halton Hills Sport Museum** – Wayne Pries - OTF provided \$119,000. It is located at the MoldMaster Arena. They hold awards yearly. There may be an opportunity to use this room

for the Cultural Roundtable events. The room can hold approximately 300 people and can be rented through THH.

- **Rotary Accessibility Park** – Tom Bentley - The Rotary Club is raising funds for an accessible playground, anticipated to cost up to \$600,000, with potential THH contribution of \$250,000. Location and design is to be determined. The group suggested that an integrated design accessible to seniors would be another aspect to consider.
- **THH** – Beatrice Sharkey - Frank Prospero and Beatrice met to discuss the HHCR range of roles and activities HHCR and Frank's role is involved with. Encouraging partnerships is a theme/practice he would like us to encourage. Laurent & Beatrice met with Bruce McLean, Terry Alyman and Jane Diamanti to discuss the Sustainability exercise and to discuss the festival and the idea of adding an event to the festival every year (following the Wonderland model).
- **Sustainability** – Chris Macewan - There was a vast number of groups/issues represented which made it quite unwieldy to get everyone's thoughts and opinions out; however the group were very engaged. Visioning was discussed as either an 8-stage approach (top down) based on the already developed RFP or an internal visioning done by the community. *Laurent, Chris and Beatrice will work on presenting the pros and cons of a possible community-based approach to the Sustainability Committee. Consideration will also be given to inviting this group to the Friday evening of the Symposium to participate in the first step of the community-wide branding exercise.*
- **Acton Town Hall** - Beatrice Sharkey – This is a gem, 'a key part of a potential Acton hub'. How can we help? *We will hold our February, 2010 HHCR meeting here* and hope to have a discussion with the current leaders of the renovation project to see if a collaborative approach can be developed. We will also see if we can hold a Symposium there in 2011.
- **Tourism Committee** – Laurent Thibault – This committee is still developing its direction and terms of reference. Sue and Beatrice met to discuss a Halton Hills family adventure passport. There could also be a partnership developed between the restaurants and Theatre events. N.B. The Theatre will close as of April 2011; no permanent alternate location has been confirmed/ THH has negotiated CTK's use for GLT and Globe shows.

3. Working Group/Project Updates

- **Festival** – The Big Daddy Festival working group is ferreting away on aspects of the planning e.g. concert, logistics, activities etc. Some caution seems to be required regarding the Classics partnership especially financial aspects.
- **Culture Matters** – The basic agreement re the page may need to be re-visited as under the present category of "special features" the advertising costs are almost double those of other pages which is a barrier for many groups which we anticipated advertising on the feature. *Laurent/Ken/Roscoe/Beatrice are working on resolving this.*

4. January 2010 Symposium Planning

- The Symposium planning and pre-work has begun. After feedback from last year's session the timing for this year will be Friday evening and Saturday full day. The Gallery has been booked which holds a capacity of 80 people in round tables. Beatrice circulated a draft agenda for the event. The four main topic areas are:
 - a) Branding Step #1
 - b) Partnership Development

- c) Community Website/Online Box Office and Big DADDY Festival Volunteering
- d) Cultural Mapping Step #2
- The suggested Cultural Moments theme is literacy and topics could include: library plans, Robert Weston, Richard Ruggles (linked to new concert band?), Kate Murray (Freckled Lion), Gloria Hildebrant (Escarpment Views).
- Potential partnership speakers: Tay Township (Perth area, down Hwy 7), Oakville (new Cultural Plan), and Orangeville. Tom also offered to create a presentation on Sustainability.
- *Kay, Diane, Chris and Laurent will help Beatrice with the preliminary planning for the event and other members will join in at the December meeting for other tasks.*

5. Other Business

- David Hadskis has completed a draft Letterhead & Business Card; *Beatrice will print two sets of cards, some with her name and some blank. The group's Mission will be printed on the back. Creation of new logo can come forward once we know where the branding exercise is at.*

Focuses for Next Month

- a) Symposium Planning and Pre-Work
- b) Project Work Continues
- c) Culture Page Month #4
- d) Celebrate Ontario Grant Application

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