

Portland: Canada 150 Events

Present:

Doug/Chris Good

Larry/Connie Cochran

Brian/Sandy Preston

Bob/Mary Jane Leblanc

Purpose:

In light of the unsuccessful Rideau Lakes Township (RLT) submission to the federal government for a grant to support Canada 150 celebrations, Portland is 'regrouping' to assess what events we might be able to launch with the participation and support of the Portland community.

Meeting:

Doug Good opened the meeting suggesting that we review the RLT Canada 150 Grant Application and identify those projects/events that were distinct to Portland, and their costs. It was also noted that some of them were revenue generating and cost considerations and fund-raising will need to be discussed and considered before decisions are made.

From the RLT Canada 150 submission the following were identified as Portland specific events/projects:

- Portland Then & Now \$5000
 - on water \$1400
 - on land \$19,000 - commemorative walkway stones (1053 sq. ft.)
- Kids derby \$80
- Sail Past & Salute \$40 - tropies
- Music in Hanna Park \$1200
- Food Services \$1000
- Promotion/Marketing \$2500
- Tea Room \$5720 - property clean up and decking

New Ideas:

- Obstacle course on land and water
- Wine Tour of Prince Edward County

- Wine and cheese tasting
- Winemaker's Supper at The Cove
- Music with Cliff Edwards
- Fish Fry at the Legion
- Steak & Ribs BBQ Supper
- Pulled Pork Sandwich & Cob Corn Lunch or Supper
- A Breakfast at the Hall or Church
- Quebec Boaters - check 2 weeks in July when construction shuts down
- Dragon Boat Races (Buzz)
- Ironman
- Kids Soccer Tournament (Anders)
- Car Rally & Scavenger Hunt
- Boating Scavenger Hunt

We discussed the need to scout out event dates next year sponsored by other organizations and communities when we schedule our events. It was suggested that events be varied enough to keep people for at least 4 hours making it worthwhile for them to come. It was suggested that we involve RDHS student volunteers as they must complete 40 hrs community service. We will also have to canvass and secure other adult community participants to volunteer and help make these events a success. It was suggested that in conjunction with Skate The Lake used Christmas trees be used to line the track and set up a kids/family decorating contest using only combustible materials such as home-made paper ribbons, etc. Another event could be a maple syrup taffy on a stick in the snow.

Many events could be revenue generating and serve as fundraisers too.

Next meeting will be called by Doug Good and others that could not attend this meeting will be contacted (Jan Bonhomme, George German, Tom Sled). Note that this list is open to other interested parties.

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