

Board Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, January 4th, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Zooming: Ann Harrison, David Schulz, Frank Adamson, Mike Taylor, Mel Groom, Bob Eamer, Troy Killick, Paul Snack, Annie Holtby, Hugh Graham.

1. **Meetings for January** – Back to virtual for the time being. MCC is closed. Paul Snack and John Cappa are POD leaders for January. Still need speaker for January 12.
2. **Skate on January 7th – how to arrange a food drive still.** Mike. Right now we have 500 gift cards from Sobeys. Very cool. For now we'll shut down food drive and pick a time that people can drop off what they already have at Kwik Fit. Thanks, Frank, for use of your location. We could also put messaging together with Dave once we know. **Dave** will put note that the skate will be cancelled or postponed. He can update the article on the food drive so people can pick up what they need. **Ann.** Perhaps when MCC reopens, we hope we can re-run this 'free skate/food drive. Best to put that we've postponed it till further notice. **Paul.** Yes, Vicki said we can do it again down the road. It'd be great to still get the Food 4 Kids together. **Mike.** We can call it FoodDrive 2.0 = need another name as it IS FoodDrive1.0 right now, this Sunday 12 noon to 3 pm. **Frank** is fine with those times. **Nancy and Mike** would be the only ones going in and out with Frank there. People can open their trunks and items will be carried in by N&M.
3. **President Elect and Funfest Lead** – still need people to step up to these positions. Start encouraging people to consider the President Elect for next Rotary year –July 2022-June 2023. Their presidency wouldn't be till the following Rotary year July 2023-June 2024. With regards to the Family FunFest Lead, **Paul** commented that Dick Good is keen to do more. Maybe get **Dick** to shadow Bob's overseeing, perhaps joining with Paul and Jan in their business plan. **Bob** mentioned with Covid as is, the only way he can meet is by Zoom, I'll support it but maybe Dick could lead. Bob won't be shy about asking people for help. **Paul** will speak to Dick. **Ann** has seen Dick volunteer in a number of spots. Great to include him in Family Funfest!
Note from **Dave** re Lindsey Hendricks. Lindsey didn't pay for the next half but would still like to volunteer. **Bob** read her bio about her work in Grimsby. She seems to be well organised.
Mike. Maybe bring Lindsey in here!
4. **District Grant** – looking for proposals by mid-January. **Ann.** By mid-January, we should have a sense of what our priorities are. Mel and I met with Marcella Blanchard of the Indigenous Community and Carolyn Ranieri at EL Crossley about possible projects. We wanted to look at environmental or indigenous for our focus this year. I do need to check with Kris about payment of the Cluster Grant. Dave confirmed that Kris was back and at work tomorrow (Wednesday).
5. **Arches Update and next steps.** **Ann** said the Arches have been approved by the Town, Frank met with them. It's a question of timing and finances. Back in February, Randy had annotated in red a spreadsheet of donations and costs. We have \$58,800 in the bank re Arches. Summerfest's \$36,000 is being watched by Teresa Quinlan. Federico has confirmed \$1163.50 is his total commitment as contractor. Total cost is \$175,000. What needs to be made up us \$58,700.

Additional Funding Costs:

Loan from Town to Summerfest is \$30,000 (to be paid back by December 31, 2022.)

Town is applying for a grant of \$30,000 for the arches and \$20,000 for upgraded lighting (above and beyond current quote) - additional lighting costs of \$20,000 are Town's costs.

Proposed Timelines – Summerfest – July 16, 2022, Canadian Summer Games – August, 2022 (Canada Games would allocate \$10,000 for shade sale and lighting above and beyond current quote)

Steel must be ordered by Jan 22, 2022 to meet July deadline.

Bob wondered about a spreadsheet from Federico. Frank said that Federico did the original budgeting. **Bob.** Are the prices up to date as of December 2021? **Frank.** Yes. Ann asked that these be sent to her and she will share out.

Frank. Anything we raise beyond the \$30,000 loan can be used. We need to pay some bills. The act of putting up the Arches is basically two days. The timeline of GETTING the steel done is paramount. The original 4 Arches are now 3 Arches. Part of the rationale for that is a better turn cycle for fire vehicles, etc. These three arches will be higher as well.

Dave. We're looking at revision of a plan to be approved by board. **Ann.** Selling of arches and Gala were the only 2 fundraising activities. Now that the budget is short \$58,000, we need to have a motion. Worry about getting that money. Frank was good about sending a letter to donors already in place about different levels of giving and other opportunities for recognition. More businesses have closed due to Covid so we also need new donors out there.

Bob. Timing for Family Funfest is June 18, Canada Day is July 1 and Summerfest is July 16, and Canada Games is August 2022.

Frank. GGS will be providing the Sails. If we get the grant, we get brand new lighting too. \$30,000 to \$58,000, Lighting may be old or new. If \$20,000 is received, it'll be new.

Bob. Will town pay for installation of lighting? **Frank.** Yes. Sails and Lighting aren't part of the \$175,000. Our job is to out up the Arches. Sails are there if money is available. FunFest Money is included as part of our operating budget. **Bob.** If there's a shortfall, is the Club on the hook? Money is already there in the bank. The question to the donors is 'are you willing to double you initial donation?'

Mel. I have a concern about shortfall with the pandemic. What kind of Fundraising can we do between now and then? We need to raise a lot of money. Don't count on a lot of money from Family FunFest. It was the sponsors not sale of tickets that brought the money in. Frank spoke with Boggios and we're not asking them this year because Pharma Serve is supporting the Arches. Boggios could be a Family FunFest supporter. **Dave.** Arches' donors will get acknowledge at Family FunFest. **Bob.** We don't know where Covid is going. There will be a lot of struggling.

Ann. We talked about the messaging that can go out. I agree the community is struggling – emotionally around well- being and mental health. The fact that this Town Council voted for it but one is different. If we want whole club to vote, do we develop a motion to be sent to the club. If board votes on it, it gets sent to club for decision.

Mike. We should vote here and then messaging can take place with us understanding there are nuances. **Mel.** I think we need to decide today. Then need to let club know and answer questions.

Motion: The Rotary Club of Fonthill approves revised project costs and timelines for Pelham Arches. **M/S/C** Paul Snack /Dave Schulz/ All

Mel. It's a comfort knowing town council was short one for unanimous support. Ann will invite members to a meeting Thursday evening. WE do want everyone to be calling their contacts. We need everyone to reach out. **Dave.** When delegating to club, ask if anyone has a contact and to let us know and someone could go with member for 'the ask.' **Ann.** Connect to the organisations that we connect with! Or, if a number of people suggest someone, choose the 'best' person in that circumstance to make the approach.

Frank, The Voice want to report on it because of council's positive vote/ Frank told them we had to talk first. They wanted a Thursday interview. We can meet alter OUR meeting with the Voice on Friday.

Ann. We know the Arches have been approved. I'll share the summary document, not the detailed one. Frank, let The Voice know that the club as a whole has approved the changes in costs and timelines.

6. Club Meeting called for Thursday January 6.