

Rotary Club of Fonthill meeting notes, January 6th, following the Board meeting, January 4th

Zooming: Ann Harrison, Dave Schulz, Hugh Graham, Mike Taylor, Jan Cripps, Pat Duncan, Annie Holtby, Frank Adamson, Troy Killick, Paul Snack, Keith McConkey, Mel Groom.

Ann. January meetings will be virtual.

January Skate is postponed. We've booked February 20th because it's the later of two dates and on the Family Day Weekend.

Food4Kids Niagara. This Sunday Nancie and Mike will be at Kwik Fit from noon to 3 pm to collect food items.

President Elect. We're still looking for one.

Family FunFest Lead. We may have a lead.

The Arches was a major topic at our board meeting. On December 20th, the Town voted to support the Arches unanimously less one. We have to order the steel by January midmonth to meet both the 10th Anniversary of Summerfest on July 16th and the start of the Canada Summer Games Torch Run that same weekend. We have gone from a 4 to a 3 Arch project and the costs have increased. The reality is that we still need to raise \$58,000 by the end of December 2022. We are at \$116,000 of present cost \$175,000. The town of Pelham has put in a proposal for a grant. We hope of course that the Arches will be up for the Canada Summer Games. They will cover the cost of shade sails. The Town is also applying for \$20,000 to cover more lighting.

There are opportunities for fundraising. Check with Paul and Frank before sending out your request to contacts. We have from Bronze to Platinum giving levels. The Town is behind us now. The Rotary Club of Fonthill will be inviting the community 'to gather under the Arches before you go to the Market, the Bandshell, etc.' as part of the Campaign.

There was a question about insurance. **Frank** said that once the project is finished, it will be turned over to the town, under Teresa Quinlan's watch. The main maintenance will be the sails and lighting so that's not our responsibility. Money is set aside each year by the Summerfest Committee and that would probably be tapped if maintenance funds were needed. Ann. It's a fantastic thing for community organisations to participate. Forward any donors you think of to Paul and Frank. Thanks.

Ann had an observation that the Bronze and Silver didn't seem to differ from each other. **Frank** noted that the money given under each classification was different. Our members can help by selling t-shirts – anyone running with the torch bearers has to buy a t-shirt. It's a 60/49 split with Rotary Clubs getting the 60%. There are also the Bar sales from which we will receive 100%. Also, there will be paving stones for beneath the Arches. There's another way to donate. See Ann's notes that came out for the value of each of the donor levels. **Hugh** wondered if we can keep the price of the pavers to a reasonable amount. What about \$100 and we keep \$75? **Dave** commented that perhaps we could have two sizes. **Frank** said that Fenwick sold large ones for \$250 and smaller ones for \$100. We'll probably get a break from

Kirkpatrick's. **Dave** said he could send out attachments which should cover any questions. **Ann** already has a letter to go and was going to attach a few to the letter.

Ann. July 16th is the 10th Anniversary of Summerfest so we want to be ready by then. The steel needs to be order by middle of January to make that deadline. December 20th the project was approved by the town and we needed to meet to officially support the new costs and timelines. July 16th is the same day as the Bike Run for Canada Summer Games IN FONTHILL! Ann will also send out a summary sheet without the names of donors.

Hugh had a suggestion about Sunday's Food 4Kids delivery of items – perhaps Mike could send out suggestions about what to buy so appropriate. **Mike.** Will do!

Paul S. Maybe we should send out the list and see if there's someone in the club more closely associated. **Frank** is sending to present donors already and the top five are doubling their initial gift. It'll be good if the club can sell the t-shirts, work Summerfest weekend, etc. Those who have contacts in the community can coordinate between Paul and Frank.

Ann noted there were opportunities for townspeople to get involved.

Jan. Maybe we can set up a Google doc with Tabs for all our fundraisers so we don't lose track of our donors. We have them for good! **Ann.** Good idea. **Hugh.** Lyle is doing that for our Auction. We have the history going back as well. **Dave.** Kris would be good person to take this on since he'll be depositing donations and Paul as Fundraising chair could be a good conduit.

Ann. Many thanks to Frank for his passion and taking a lead on this!

Paul asked Mike if he'd still like to do the Food 4Kids at the Rotary skate on February 20th. **Mike.** Yes!

Relevant links:

Website Story

<https://www.rotarycluboffonthill.ca/289/Page/Show?ClassCode=StoryDetails&Slug=pelham-raise-the-arches-construction-approved-fundraising-campaign-continues>

Media Release

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/ae8a8119-df49-4d1e-a7f9-ad9a19f79fce/1/>

Campaign Pledge Document

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/a3b93ccf-85ae-45fa-9a6e-3838d0e0843f/1/>

Design Drawings

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/f511cfa4-9ae6-4559-801f-c7ef18dd77dd/1/>

Town of Pelham Arches Replacement Update and Resolution

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/ca170744-f84b-452d-a05a-18262f00838a/1/>