

Tuesday April 4, 2017

RVA General Meeting Minutes

Topic: Richmond 200 Bicentennial Plans A to Z!

Location: Richmond Arena

David Proulx - President of the RVA

Cydney Green - Chair of the Richmond 200 Committee

1. **Financial** - The RVA has applied for Heritage Canada funding and is still waiting to see if that comes through and in what amount. Rental fees for City of Ottawa locations for the events are estimated at over \$13,000 (arena, parks etc) so a request has gone in to the city to reconsider these costs for us. At present there is \$23,000 banked and the goal is to get up to or over \$50,000 with this year's fund raising activities. The extent of what we can do for the Richmond 200 will be limited by how much we are able to raise in total but planning is in place for activities so we book eg. bands for the parade, although in reality we still have an unknown budget.

2. Fund Raising Planned: Details at www.richmondvillage.ca or on Facebook "Richmond Village Association" community page, or contact events@richmondvillage.ca

- A. One fabulous garage sale. **Saturday May 13th 2017**. It will be held in conjunction with the community garage sale with all proceeds going to the Richmond 200. Cydney's office at Royal Lepage will be sponsoring the location (Agricultural Hall) with treats and sweets and the goal is to raise in excess of \$2000 that day. The Royal Lepage office is accepting donations of items for the garage sale **in advance**. Items should be "ready to sell" and clothing should be in wearable condition and in good shape. Please no outdated electronics.
- B. Richmond Village Dental Office (over by Tim Horton's) opens **May 13th 2017** - it is a branch of the existing office in town. It will have a free BBQ and any donated money will go to the Richmond 200.
- C. Car-tastrophe - **Saturday May 20th 2017 11-1:00**. CC's Corners behind Royal's Restaurant will be hosting this event. Cameron with the big beard is going to shave his beard and Tino will shave his hair. Half the proceeds will go to the Richmond 200 and half to Ottawa Hair Donation (Cancer Research). They are looking for sponsors. Food, coffee and craft beer will be offered for purchase with antique cars for viewing and music for listening.
- D. Taste of Richmond - **Thursday May 25th 2017** at Jabulani. \$75/person. Local restaurants with full course meal, includes 3 glasses of wine or beer with silent auction. Stand up tables but reserved tables for those who need seating eg. walker or pregnant. 210 tickets only and 25% have already been sold. Available online or at Royal Lepage. The Jabulani owners are very hospitable. Premier wine with specialty label for Richmond 200 will be available. Silent auction items still welcome.
- E. Swim Around the Clock - 24 Hour Swim-A-Thon Relay at TLC Bed and Breakfast, 103 Fowler Street. From noon **Friday May 26th 2017 right through to noon Saturday May 27th**, swimmers will register for 15 minute time periods, maximum two at a time, to walk or swim laps in the pool. All ages and abilities welcome. \$10 registration at TLC B&B on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you wish to sponsor a swimmer instead of participate, contact justyna@richmondvillage.ca and a swimmer will be given your contact information. Funds raised for this event will go to a GPS Passport Tour of Richmond - see 2018 events for details.
- F. **June 24th 2017** - Best Damn Barn Dance - Pam and Doug Champagne, tickets \$15 in advance at back of fairgrounds with camping available. Good venue and fun fundraiser.
- G. **August 14 2017** - Community member Gille Dallaire and wife Louise have graciously offered to organize a fundraising Golf Tournament. 144 golfers will bring in \$6,000! Sponsors - Tony Graham will sponsor hole in one with \$25,000 towards lease or purchase and second sponsor (RBC Bank) will also sponsor a \$10,000 for hole in one. More sponsors are needed for each hole. It will be held at Glen Mar Golf Course. Carts,

lunch with hamburgers and then buffet dinner. \$125 per person which is a very good price! They are also looking for silent auction items such as gift baskets or gift certificates.

- H. **Sunday December 31st 2017** - Charlotte's Ball. In the arena, glamorous evening - you will NOT recognize the upstairs room!. A live Band, the Cougar Chips will be there playing a mix of country and rock type of music. For this New Year's Eve event Bradley's is sponsoring a bus to transport people to and from the party. Cash bar, champagne at midnight. \$100 per ticket. Cocktails and a 3 course meal with party favours, and a photo booth.

3. The Richmond 200 Bicentennial Year 2018 Events:

- A. January 3-6 2018 Richmond Curling Club Bonspiel 2 six end games with up to 6 person teams encouraging change ups of teams. Rules are 2 regular curlers plus 2 inexperienced curlers. Snack available and supper planned for Saturday 6th. Looking for 32 teams. Entry forms ready by October 1 2017, and closed by end of October 2017. Save the January date!!! Entry \$100 per team. Junior bonspiel on Jan 4th during the day \$40/team and they will be fed (off school that week). Top 6 teams will play off 1:00-3:00 with medals with "200 logo" on them. History of Richmond on tables with help from Mr. Curry. (Shirley gave the talk from curling club). Logo can be in the ice from a Jpeg.
- B. February -3 2018 "Family Fun Day Skating Party and community supper"
- C. Feb. 26 2018- Margarita-ville night with tacos and the "Blues" here in Arena with things to bid on.
- D. Historical re-enactment in schools in February 2018 are being planned,
- E. March 2018 historical display at library? The Library is considering their involvement and not sure who "volunteered" them for this or if someone is planning to do this. If someone did, they are welcome to let the library know! The library will likely do some historically related themes in 2018.
- F. March 31 2018- Richmond's got talent details to follow, held at St. Philip's
- G. April 2018, Jock River Canoe race
- H. April 2018, also John Curry's book launch. They have been working on a movie outlining the history of Richmond... complete history, and invited the Prime Minister (lol). and his book is about the history of Richmond.
- I. April 2018 - Clean our Village in preparation for summer events
- J. May 2018 - road race, fashion show (Judy) - old fashioned costumes and well as new at St. Philip's Hall with an old fashioned tea as well. 200 guests at \$40 won't be a fundraiser because of the cost of renting the costumes, but informative. Kids activities on Friday, craft show and chicken BBQ
- K. Alison - quilted documentation.... This has been done in some other towns and we are not sure if we can fund it yet. The cost to put on events is substantial so we don't know yet what we can do.... This project is a Document of any quilts that are "living" in Richmond at the moment, from grandparents or wherever they have come from. You would bring them to a location and sit with someone and fill out as much info as possible... who made it, where they lived, etc. and then a picture is taken to make a record of it. As a historian a quilt often tells the story of the village or the person who lives here. Done already in Stittsville. Fabric tells when probably made. Some fabrics can be from early 1800's for example. United Church during "Quilts in the garden" at the Quilt store, often hang quilts in the yard of the church and look like they would be a project all on their own. Alison belongs to the Richmond quilt guild.
- L. June 16th 2018 Weekend is THE PARTY. See below for some of the things planned. It is traditionally our Family Fun Day weekend and will be that plus much more.
- M. July, August to December 2018 there are other "undecided on events". eg. Silver Stick have been contacted and may come to do a competition perhaps in December as part of our history.
- N. Car rally scavenger hunt in fall 2018???
- O. Baseball tournament 2018 perhaps as well????
- P. **Launching June 2018 and continuing several years:** GPS Passport Tour of Richmond. It will feature Parks and Landmarks in Richmond with educational information at each location about the reason the site was chosen (historical, ecological, special features). The walks will be self guided and be launched for the

Richmond 200. Passports will be available at The Village Shoppe and then walkers will use Smart Phones to guide them to GPS coordinates (Geocaching). At each location the passport can be filled out. Completed passports can then be submitted to receive a commemorative Richmond 200 token. Depending on the funds raised the token may simply be wooden engraved disks or they may be trackable, collectable Geocaching coins. The containers at each location will be painted by local artists. A unique embossed rubbing will be on the interior lid of each container to be used with a pencil to fill out the passport. A laminated card will be in each container - one side for the artist to fill out about themselves and the theme they chose for decorating the box - and the other side for the description of the location (written with help by the Rideau Conservation Authority, the Goulbourn Historical Society, The Rideau Trail Association and local residents). The tour will be maintained for a minimum of five years then assessed for future use.

- Q. **All year: Street Banners** - 16 sold so far, planned to be raised this fall and in conjunction with children's banners. More are available to purchase.
- R. **June 16 weekend** - Assistance is needed: At the curling club, the ice surface this summer will be the location of historical displays. Sheila Neuman is looking for **historical items to display** eg. old train sets, antique dolls, historical items of all kinds.
- S. **June 16 weekend** - By the Jock River - 18th Century encampment will set something up. They have asked us to provide them with firewood, parking etc. so it sounds like it is going to happen. People will be able to walk through the encampment and see what life would have been like in the early 1800's.
- T. **All summer** - Keith Hobbs Goulbourn museum - standing exhibit themed around the 200 will be set up at the museum, with details still to be worked out.
- U. **June 16th weekend** Historical society is planning a guided tour of village focusing on historic buildings, interesting stories and bus type trolley will be available to take people around the village with brief stops at places of interest. Historical interpreters in costume at the sites. Self guided tour as well with interpreters on McBean throughout the weekend. Pamphlet with information on the sites to be available in the future for self guided tours. Shaun Peppy presented this information and says they are looking for **volunteers** still to be in costume at each historical building to talk to tourists.
- V. **June 16 2018 Saturday**: Parade - similar to fair parade starting from South Carleton. Historical in theme, military, bands unknown for costs. \$800 per band. RCMP musical band??? Pipe bands, sons of Scotland, Shriners, South Carleton High School, Not to advertise companies - sorry, but people in period costume can join in.
- W. Food vendors for June 16th 2018 - **planning meeting next week**. CALL CYDNEY if interested.
- X. June 16th 2018 Fireworks - will have to wait for \$\$\$\$ budget.
- Y. June 16th 2018 Opening ceremonies. Advertisements for this would be fine if people wish to sponsor it. (many have already, thank you)
- Z. RVA Mural commissioned. Unveiling of mural will be at some time for June 16 2018.

Other 2018 Activities: Pancake breakfast

Ecumenical service

Games

Closing ceremonies

Military presence - showing off historical weapons, uniforms. 100th Regiment fife and drum band - William Sinka and V.P Ken... Ellen student with St. Lawrence. Veterans plaque for soldiers of 1812. Descendants can come to graves. Already done in Beachwood and Perth. Military ceremony project website with history of soldiers. Recreate the colours of the regiment but \$\$\$\$ (4-5,000 each) and bring in summer students. Musket firing demonstrations in past... so looking at some summer students here for 30 hours a week for 8 weeks but main focus is Ottawa locks. Officer's uniforms \$3-3,500 each and need 2 sets. 100thregiment.org

NCC -with refurbishing downtown Ottawa and restoration will focus more on the Richmond Landing below Parliament Buildings which is exciting with our connection to the plaque as the first settlement in the area. Settlers arrived there by canoe and then built the road to Richmond while their families camped out waiting. ... and finally moved here in

1818. Maybe someone wants to organize the first annual walk from the Richmond Landing to Richmond Jock River Park following along the Rideau Trail?

Legacy - not planned until funding is set. It would be nice to commemorate the original people who lived here.

Dana works with New Country radio and is a sponsor for the music end of the events. They will be advertising various events for us.

Scott Moffat has taken down the G.Lyon signs which were at the entrances to town and will be replaced with Richmond 200 signs.

There are many small Grass roots activities raising money for the Richmond 200 as well to be applauded: Sheila Payne of the Richmond Walking Club has been collecting small donations from participants for Richmond 200. Thank you!

David closed. 9:12 pm.