



OLD HOME WEEK 2025 TASK FORCE

JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING

MINUTES

5:00 PM

Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre

Co-chairs Christa Dales Donnelly, Shelly Bradley

Members Present: Christa Dales Donnelly, Shelly Bradley, Laura Newans, Catie Newans, David White, Mary Louise Kociecka, Barry Hart, Arlene Hart, Wendy Alford, Peter McKenna

Regrets: Karen Burns

Staff Present: Julia Crowder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Shelly read the Land Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Change requested to by Peter McKenna
add i. Priority issues – budget discussion.**

All members in favour. Change adopted.

Moved by: Wendy

Seconded by: Christa

THAT the Old Home Week 2025 Planning Committee Agenda be approved with changes. With all committee members present in favor, motion CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Date Old Home Week 2025 Planning Committee Minutes

Change requested by Christa - change note at Disclosure of Monetary Interest to none declared. All members in favour. Change adopted

Moved by: Christa

Seconded by: Dave

THAT Old Home Week 2025 Planning Committee Minutes from December 19, 2023, adopted with amendments. With all committee members present in favor, motion CARRIED.

4. DELEGATION: none

5. DISCLOSURE OF MONETARY INTEREST: none declared

6. **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:** none

7. **PRIORITY ISSUES –**

- i. Peter requested revisiting the 2024 budget requesting to decrease the request by a min. of 10K. All departments are going back to budgets to try and reduce costs.

After discussion, the Committee agreed with a 20% reduction in the ask, to \$40,000.00 and the budget won't change just the amount requested, The committee agrees the current outlined budget will be necessary for 2024 and will continue to fundraise to meet that number.

Julia added when Experience Ontario Grant is open, event needs to take place within the calendar year to apply for the grant. Julia provided commitment to the committee that that the application for the Experience Ontario grant will be completed for OHW in 2025.

- ii. **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: VISION/OUTLINE OF FESTIVAL:** The committee had a brainstorm session outlining many ideas for potential events to be held during Old Home Week that align with festival goals and priorities. All ideas recorded to be provided in a document for future use.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre on February 20, 2024, committee members are encouraged to bring a friend that may be interested in volunteering to shadow our meeting. Catie and Dave provide their regrets to the upcoming meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Christa Donnelly

Seconded by: Peter McKenna

THAT the Old Home Week 2025 Planning committee meeting be adjourned at 6:32 PM. With all members present in favor, motion CARRIED.

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