



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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| Date: | June 14, 2011 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE |
| Title: | Pierre Berton Artifacts and Memorabilia Task Force |
| Submitted by: | Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase |

Whereas a steering committee was established in February 2006 to examine the opportunities for preserving artifacts and memorabilia from the life of the late Pierre Berton at a location in the Kleinburg community; and

Whereas the former steering committee held the following goals and objectives:

Goals:

1. To create a place to house artifacts (awards, honorary degrees, desk, books, photos and other memorabilia) collected by Mr. Berton during his 55 years of residence in Kleinburg;
2. To assist in the enhancement of visiting Kleinburg and develop a centre that would attract local tourism;
3. To provide a place where school children and the public can become acquainted with one of Vaughan's most prominent citizens and obtain an appreciation of his contribution to the understanding of Canadian history;
4. To showcase some of the Canadian historical events, people and places he wrote about in his books and articles during the span of his career; and,
5. To showcase his contribution to the evolution of Canadian media, journalism and television.

Objectives:

1. Determine an appropriate location/facility to establish and use for the purpose of preserving, displaying, and interpreting the "Pierre Berton Collection" (hereafter referred to as Centre);
2. Determine a proposed operation and governance model to adopt for the proposed Centre;
3. Investigate possible funding sources to sustain the Centre and determine how the Centre will be sustained and funded in the long-term; and,
4. Prepare a final report for Council's review that outlines findings and recommendations as it relates to the establishment of the Centre as mandated by the Committee; and

Whereas the City of Vaughan has acquired the Kleinburg United Church at 10418 Islington

Avenue with the intention of housing a future Berton museum; and

Whereas the former steering committee resolved to continue to work with staff to establish a foundation and other fund raising initiatives, and to assess options and opportunities for grants and an endowment fund; and

Whereas capital funding in the amount of \$92,700 was provided in the 2011 City of Vaughan budget to prepare preliminary drawings for a required new addition and the retrofitting of the Church to an interpretive museum, the determination of capital and operating costs for the retrofit, and for developing governance recommendations and models.

It is therefore recommended that:

1. A Task Force be constituted for the purpose preparing a report to Council on how the goals articulated for the former steering committee can be achieved by City of Vaughan Council, and in particular for preparing:
 - a) A proposed budget and funding plan for the establishment and ongoing operation of the facility;
 - b) A proposed operation model; and
 - c) Such other considerations necessary for the establishment and successful operation of the facility; and
2. The attached terms of reference for the Pierre Berton Artifacts and Memorabilia Task Force be approved.
3. That the names of persons interested in being appointed to the Task Force to represent the Kleinburg community and the Berton family be forwarded to the City Clerk by Wednesday June 22, 2011 for preparation of a compiled list for consideration by City Council at its meeting of June 28, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DiBiase

Attachments

Proposed Terms of Reference for the Pierre Berton Artifacts and Memorabilia Task Force

PIERRE BERTON ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate / Objectives

The Pierre Berton Artifacts and Memorabilia Task Force shall conduct research and consultations with the objective of submitting a comprehensive documented findings report on how the following goals might be achieved:

1. The creation of a place to house artifacts (awards, honorary degrees, desk, books, photos and other memorabilia) collected by Mr. Berton during his 55 years of residence in Kleinburg;
2. The development of a centre that would attract tourism in Kleinburg;
3. The provision of a place where school children and the public can become acquainted with one of Vaughan's most prominent citizens and obtain an appreciation of his contribution to the understanding of Canadian history;
4. Providing a showcase for some of the Canadian historical events, people and places Pierre Berton wrote about in his books and articles during the span of his career; and,
5. Providing a showcase for Pierre Berton's contribution to the evolution of Canadian media, journalism and television,

And further, that the report articulate:

- a) A proposed budget and funding plan for the establishment and ongoing operation of the museum;
- b) A proposed operation model; and
- c) Such other considerations necessary for the establishment and successful operation of the facility; and

Term

The Pierre Berton Artifacts and Memorabilia Task Force shall submit a Findings Report, with recommendations, by December 2012

Membership

The Pierre Berton Artifacts and Memorabilia Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Representing the Community:

- To be determined
- To be determined
- To be determined

Representing the Berton Family:

- To be determined
- To be determined
- To be determined

Representing City Council:

- Mayor Bevilacqua
- Regional Councillor DiBiase
- Ward 1 Councillor Iafrate

Members of City of Vaughan Council may not serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

Members are to be appointed by Council. Any changes to the membership will require Council approval.

Meeting Procedures

The proceedings of the Task Force are to be governed by the City's Procedural By-law.

Agendas and Reporting

Agendas shall be prepared by the City Clerk's Office in consultation with the Task Force Chair. Agendas shall be posted on the City's web site one week prior to the scheduled date of meeting. After each meeting of the Task Force, the City Clerk shall submit a report in the City's committee report format to the Committee of the Whole.

Meetings

Meeting dates will be determined at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force may meet on the schedule determined, or at the call of the Chair.

Meetings are to be open to the public in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Notice of Meetings

Meetings will be noted on the Schedule of Meetings calendar posted on the City's website.

Quorum

A majority of members, including the Chair, shall constitute quorum.

Staff Resources

The role of Staff is to act as a resource to the Task Force, but not to be members of the Task Force, or to deliberate or draft the findings of the Task Force. Staff will manage a feasibility study on the conversion of the Kleinburg United Church, including a review of interior and exterior retrofitting and a required new addition. Governance and marketing considerations will also form part of the feasibility study. Staff (and their consultants) will update the Task Force on feasibility study considerations and receive input as required. The Following Staff will provide advisory and technical support specific to the mandate and objectives of the Task Force: Commissioner of

Community Services, Director of Recreation and Culture, Manager of Cultural Services, and City Archivist.

The City Clerk's Office will be responsible for agenda production and distribution, the giving of procedural advice, the recording of the proceedings of the Task Force.

Authority

The Task Force may not exercise decision-making powers, or commit expenditures save for those specifically delegated by Council. The Task Force may not direct staff to undertake activities without authority from Council.

The Terms of Reference for the Task Force were established by Council's adoption of Item No. XX of Report No. XX on _____.

Amendment / Expansion of Terms of Reference

Only Council can initiate any amendment and/or expansion of the Terms of Reference.