

Canada Day 2011 Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 29th, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting took place at Cathy Balla-Boudreau's home in Mackay

In attendance were: Cathy, Marion Chaput, Linda Chartrand, and Melanie ("Mel") Theil

The team decided that the Head, Clara, and Maria (HCM) Canada Day 2011 festivities would take place at the Mackay Beach on July 1st, 2011 from 12 Noon until 4:00 p.m.

Marion provided the team with many great ideas for children's games, crafts, and activities. Marion suggested that we plan for approximately 50 children. The rest of the team also came up with more suggestions for activities. Ideas mentioned were:

- potato sack race,
- tug-of-war,
- 3-legged race,
- craft tables for both children and adults,
- balloons
- face-painting
- Canada Day snow-globe craft
- costume/Canada Day Parade
- clay pot craft
- hand-held sparklers
- horse-shoes
- bocce ball
- ring toss
- shuffle board
- local history trivial pursuit
- a dress-up theme for all (crazy hat and/or red & white)

Cathy mentioned that she would dress up as a clown.

The team is planning to contact local musical artists to invite them to participate in the HCM Canada Day 2011 activities; singing, fiddling, and step-dancing are a few ideas so far.

Cathy will look into borrowing a mic and amp. Mel will see about borrowing a generator.

Also, planned is a Sing-Song – the plan is to request that the local groups and anyone wishing to form a group, either pick a song or make-up a song and perform it at the Canada Day celebrations – groups to be asked to participate are:

- HCM Council
- HCM Library Board
- Missing Links group
- Anyone from Morning Mist wishing to form a group
- Anyone from Lakeview wishing to form a group
- Others

A children’s Sing-Song is also planned.

There will also be a point in the day when everyone will be asked to come together to sing “Oh Canada”.

The team agreed that a flag-raising ceremony at this time would be appropriate; Cathy will provide a letter to council regarding the purchase of a flag pole. It was also discussed that perhaps having three (3) generations, from HCM, as part of the flag-raising ceremony would make for a memorable event. It would also be great to have member(s) of council in attendance.

Food logistics were discussed; Linda is taking the lead on this, with Marion also checking on a possible supplier. Based on plans to feed 100 people, Linda will report back at next meeting with info on numbers and costs for the food. 2 bar-b-ques will be needed for this – Cathy will check in to this.

The team will review the notes from the last Canada Day celebrations and will discuss at the next meeting.

Marion and Mel will be contacting local groups for possible donations (either for prizes or as a contribution).

Mel will contact HCM Municipal Clerk to discuss picnic tables and posts.

The team will be looking for more volunteers to help out as Canada Day 2011 draws closer.

The team will be purchasing decorations – red and white streamers, flags, balloons.

This will be a BYOC (Bring Your Own Chairs) event.

Mel will arrange to borrow musical instruments for the parade; Cathy said that she will supply some as well.

The next meeting is planned for **Thursday, April 21st at 12 Noon** at Cathy’s.

There is much more to be discussed and planned, stay tuned!

Actions from March 29, 2011 Canada Day 2011 Team Meeting

Action 032911-1: The team will contact local musical artists to invite them to participate in the HCM Canada Day 2011 activities; singing, fiddling, and step-dancing.

Action 032911-2: Cathy will look into borrowing a mic and amp.

Action 032911-3: Mel will see about borrowing a generator.

- Action 032911-4: Cathy will provide a letter to council regarding the purchase of a flag pole.
- Action 032911-5 Linda will determine quantities and costs for the food.
- Action 032911-6: Marion checking on a possible food supplier.
- Action 032911-7: Cathy will check in borrowing 2 bar-b-ques.
- Action 032911-8: All team members will review the notes from the last Canada Day celebrations. (Mel will email copies if anyone needs them.)
- Action 032911-9: Marion and Mel will be contacting local groups for possible donations (either for prizes or as a contribution).
- Action 032911-10: Mel will contact HCM Municipal Clerk to discuss picnic tables and posts.
- Action 032911-11: All team members will be looking for more volunteers to help out as Canada Day 2011 draws closer.
- Action 032911-12: Mel will arrange to borrow musical instruments for the parade.