



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** **Members of the Committee of the Whole**

**From:** **Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services**

**Meeting Date:** **June 22, 2015**

**Subject:** **Report CSD15-016**  
**Pan Am Torch Relay Community Celebration Post Project Report**

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## **Purpose**

A report to receive a presentation as a post project report on the local Pan Am Torch Relay Community Celebration.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD15-016, dated June 22, 2015, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That a presentation from the Director of Community Services be received for information.
- b) That an official Pan Am Games Torch be presented to Alec Denys, as the Community Torchbearer.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There is no budget or financial implications in receiving this report. The City established a budget of \$67,500 for the Community Celebration. Revenues included: \$50,000 from the City, \$10,000 from the Federal Government and \$7,500 from the Province. It is expected that the project will come in well under budget.

## Background

In early May 2014, the City was approached by the Pan Am Games organizers to see if the City would be interested in hosting a Community Celebration as part of the Torch Relay. A Committee was quickly formed under the leadership of the Director of Community Services. They held their first of many meetings on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Committee Chair, Ken Doherty, will provide a brief overview of the event.

The Committee was charged with the responsibility of:

- Coordinating local logistics and rolling road closures for the Torch Relay on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- Assisting with the selection of the community Torchbearer
- Organizing/ hosting the community component of the Community Celebration and coordinating activities with the TORONTO 2015 Torch Relay team
- Maximizing community involvement
- Securing resources for the events

**Committee members** included:

### **City Staff:**

Ken Doherty, Chair  
Jennifer Guerin, Coordinator  
Rob Anderson, Vice-chair  
John Kennedy, City Clerk  
Brian Jobbitt, Public Works  
Jeff Chartier, Police  
Sharron Hayton, Customer Service Coordinator  
Sue Warrington, Arenas  
Fiona Dawson, Tourism PED  
Jodi DeNoble, Emergency Man.

### **Community Members:**

Wendy Phillips, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre  
Greg Flynn, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre  
Meaghan McCowan, Selwyn Township  
Tracey Randal, Peterborough Music Fest  
Ray Marshall, Showplace Peterborough  
Jessica Devlin, New Canadians Centre  
Scott Cherwaty, Sport Kawartha  
Melanie Bergeron, Ecole Monseigneur-Jamot  
Sean Clark, OLG  
Terry Guiel, DBIA  
Peter Sullivan, Village BIA

**Sub-Committees** included:

### **Water-Relay**

Bev Quirt, Peterborough Rowing Club  
John Gullick, Trent Severn Antique and Classic Boat Association  
Murray Parnell, Trent Severn Antique and Classic Boat Association  
Carol Mutton, Survivors Abreast Dragonboat Festival  
Karen Stillman, Survivors Abreast Dragonboat Festival  
Richard Tucker, Canadian Canoe Museum  
Chad Buchner, Parks Canada/ Trent Severn Waterway  
Greg Stencell, Parks Canada/ Trent Severn Waterway

### **Community Celebration**

Ray Marshall, Chair: Showplace Performance Centre  
Tracey Randall, Vice-Chair: Peterborough Music Fest  
Rob Anderson, Recreation Division  
Ellen Stewart, Recreation Division  
Scott Cherwaty, Peterborough Sportsxpress  
Michele Hamel, Ecole Monseigneur-Jamot  
Sherri Anne Medema, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre  
Wendy Phillips, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre

### **Advertizing and Marketing**

Jennifer Guerin, Chair: Community Services  
Sharron Hayton, Vice Chair: City Customer Services  
Stephanie Fraser, Recreation Division  
Scott Cherwaty, Peterborough Sportsxpress

### **Peterborough's Torch Relay, June 4, 2015**

In typical Peterborough fashion, the Committee convinced the Pan Am Torch Relay Organizers to allow Peterborough to add a unique water component to the relay. At approximately 5:00 p.m., the first local Pan Am Torch was lit at the Peterborough Rowing Club. The flame was carried down the Trent Severn Waterway in a rowing shell powered by 8 masters women. It was led by Torchbearer, Chris Leach, a two time member of Canada's rowing team and founder of the Peterborough Rowing Club and the annual Head of the Trent Regatta.

In the second leg, the Torch was transported by the Trent Severn Antique and Classic Boat Association, in two classic boats made in the region. Jim Watt, an active community member, Past-President and Director was their Torchbearer. Third leg honours went to the Peterborough Dragon Boat Festival with two local dragon boat teams. Karen Stillman had the honour of carrying the flame on behalf of Survivors Abreast.

Two replica Voyageur canoes from the Canadian Canoe Museum paddled the rest of the way to the top of the Peterborough Lift Lock. Museum board member, local businessman, and member of the Curve Lake First Nation, Ron Whetung, carried the Torch on its final water leg. The regatta entered the upper tub of the Lift Lock and descended to an awaiting crowd, where the final transition from the water route to the more traditional land relay began.

From the Lift Lock, the Torch Relay caravan and its many Torchbearers walked, ran, and wheeled along Hunter Street to Aylmer, up to McDonnell, and thence down George to Del Cray Park.

## **Community Torchbearer**

The community Torchbearer, Alec Denys, arrived at the park at 7:00 p.m. to officially light the Pan Am Games cauldron. This Warsaw Ontario native has represented Canada at 5 Paralympic Games and 30 international tournaments, including four world championships in archery.

## **Community Celebrations at Del Crary Park**

The Community Celebration Committee was responsible for organizing and hosting the community component of the evening festivities in Del Crary Park. Local entertainment included: Beau Dixon acting as local MC, First Nations drumming on the Conundrum; Nimkii Osawamik, The Unity Singers, Strutt Models Caribbean Dancers, Brock Stonefish, Rob Philips Trio with special guests, Ecole Monseigneur- Jamot Choir, and Jackson Delta.

Following the official arrival of the Torch, the lighting of the cauldron, official greetings from Pam Am Games dignitaries, sponsors, and local dignitaries, OLG headliner, Crystal Shawanda, closed the event.

## **Peterborough's Torch Relay, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The Pan Am Torch Relay processed out of Peterborough the following day, starting at Queen Mary School; along Monaghan; a stop at Prince of Wales; proceeding along Monaghan to Romaine; to Keith Wightman Public School and St. Alphonsus Separate School; and finally, Goodfellow to Lansdowne, where the caravan left the City for its next venue.

## **Summary**

The success of the arrival of the Torch in Peterborough on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is a testament to the committee and to the community's partnership approach in organizing unique events that reflect the culture and heritage of the community. It was a great way to engage residents from the City and County in the preamble to the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A: Pan Am Torch Relay Community Celebration Program