

**Our Ramara Steering Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – 9:30**  
**Days Inn – Ramara Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

*Janet Banfield – CEO Ramara Public Library\*Chair*  
*Al Read – Washago & Ramara Seniors*  
*Richard Whitty – Ramara Community Policing / Scouts*  
*Janice McKinnon – Deputy Clerk Ramara Township*  
*Diane Bell – Our Ramara Scholarship Fund*  
*Dann Oliver – Ramara Chamber of Commerce*  
*Marion Davy –Community Member*  
*Don Barton – Soulvine Media*  
*Cathy MacDonald – Washago Community Centre*  
*Cheryl Thompson – Joyland Beach Community Centre*  
*Caroline Schiavone – Ramara Recreation Coordinator*

**Regrets**

*Barb Bissett – Days Inn*  
*Sherry Lawson – Casino Rama*  
*Leila Sherriff – Executive Director/Alzheimer’s Society*  
*Kevin Lehman – Ramara Library Volunteer*  
*Julie Scott – Innovative Perspectives*  
*Donna Hewitt – Community Development Coordinator*  
*Gail Seaward – Friends of the Library/North Mara Beach Residents Association*

**Additional Agenda Items**

Under New Business

1. Summer meetings

**Action Items from Last Meeting**

1. Janet/Julie – Certificates to Schools: Due to schedules this has not been planned as yet. Will be done before school ends.
2. Cheryl – FunFest licence fees, forms to be filled out: Misunderstanding. Vendors are to complete forms for vending.
3. Sabine – E-mail questionnaires to those who have not had the opportunity to complete as yet: Done

**Library Strategic Development Fund Update**

Sabine, & her partner, have been working on the back end development and have offered several suggestions to make it even better. The project is moving ahead.

## **Rural Community Capacity Building Update**

Sabine has entered all of the data collected. Kevin will now work that data into final reports.

## **Our Ramara FunFest '07 Planning Committee Update**

Plans are on schedule and nearing completion. Some of the details left are: volunteer schedules, talent recruitment, insurance (*has been sent to insurance carrier*), copying tour guides, etc. Food vendors have proven to be frustrating as there is no listing of those available. If we do not have one secured by the end of the week, we will skip it for this year as time is running out for Health Dept. permits. Caroline will talk to Duck Soup Productions about putting something in the talent show. Cathy will confirm soon if the hip-hop group will perform.

**Action: Cheryl will try to book Captain De Fries for next year's FunFest**

## **New Business**

Days Inn staff have asked about our summer meeting schedule. At least one date is required to discuss the takeover of FunFest. Two dates have been suggested, but are not confirmed at this point pending Julie's availability – July 11<sup>th</sup> and Aug 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: Janet to confirm a date with Julie.**

## **Group Updates**

**Dann** – The **Ramara Chamber of Commerce** is having their AGM on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Days Inn, Ramara Room. They have moved across the street from the Township to the front of Jolly Motors. The Big Bike Ride is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 in Couchiching Park. Anyone interested in being a part of this is asked to call Wendy at the Chamber. There will be a work party on June the 9<sup>th</sup> for the kiosk at Wild Wings.

**Diane** – The dance to benefit the **Our Ramara Scholarship Fund** will be held at the Ramara Centre on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. The Sensations will be performing.

**Al – Washago & Ramara Seniors.** No updates at this time.

**Caroline** – The **Ramara Township Recreation Department's** spring registration has been the most successful ever. There are still spaces available for the Safe Boating course on May the 16<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. It's a three-hour course. The defibrillator training has been completed and the defibrillator will be installed shortly. The planning of the summer camp and swim programs will be completed soon. Work on the joint use agreement between the schools and the recreation department is ongoing. The Mayors Walk was held last Wednesday and was a great success. 200 school children participated including St. Bernard's and Foley.

**Janice** – There is a fire ban on in **Ramara Township** at this time. The focus of the Council at this point is IGAP (*allocating growth*) and the Brechin Sewer Project. There is a meeting tomorrow night concerning the latter at the Brechin Legion. There is also a new Employee Assistance Program available to Township staff.

**Richard** – The **Ramara Community Policing Committee** will have a kiosk at the Orillia Square Mall on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will also be involved with the FunFest and Joyfest.

**Scouting** – There will be a sunset campfire in August marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Date to be confirmed.

**Cathy** – **Washago Community Centre** has had their most successful registration to-date. It has surpassed winter registration, which was very successful. They are working on summer camp, swimming and T-ball programs. Registration is June 9<sup>th</sup>. May 18<sup>th</sup> is still the target date for the completion of the centre. Move in date is scheduled for the beginning of June. They are still working on a contract with the Seniors for rental. **The Grand Opening Celebrations are scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark it on your calendar.**

**Janet** – **Friends of the Library** plant sale is this Saturday at the Atherley United Church beginning at 8am. The Historical Tour is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25.00 each 7 are available at the Library. At the recent AGM it was suggested that they begin an Author Reading Series. This is set to begin in the Fall. Tickets are now on sale for the quilt, \$50 cash prize and moose doll. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 & are also available at the Library.

**The Brechin Legion** is having a giant yard sale on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any donations please contact the Legion. The renovations funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation are under way.

The **Ramara Public Library** was approved for a Summer Career Placement. This student will run the TD Summer Reading Program. The Library will be sharing an E.C.E student on placement with the Mnjikaning Library. Barb (*Rama Mnjikaning Library*) reports that 30 new members from Ramara have joined since the partnership was announced. Brechin Library will need to look at expansion with the growth expected in the area.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Cheryl will try to book Captain De Fries for next year's FunFest
2. Caroline to talk to Duck Soup Productions about the talent stage.
3. Cathy to find out if the Hip Hop group can perform
4. Janet to confirm date of summer mtg. with Julie and announce to group.
5. Janet/Julie – Certificates to schools **Carried over from last minutes**

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> – 9:30AM**  
**LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED**