



**Public Meeting of Council  
Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street**

**Mayor Clifford Lee presiding**

**Present:**      **Deputy Mayor Mike Duffy**                      **Councillor Terry Bernard**  
                         **Councillor Jason Coady**                              **Councillor Terry MacLeod**  
                         **Councillor Edward Rice**                              **Councillor Kevin Ramsay**  
                         **Councillor Bob Doiron**                              **Councillor Melissa Hilton**  
                         **Councillor Greg Rivard**

**Also:**            **Peter Kelly, CAO**    **Wayne Long, EDO**  
                         **Christopher Drummond, PC**                              **Karen Lavers, EA**

**Regrets:**        **Councillor Mitchell Tweel**

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order

**1. Proposed Cultural Pavilion at Victoria Park**

Mayor Lee spoke briefly to the agenda item. He indicated that the City of Charlottetown has a vision to reinstate and construct a simple, bandstand-style cultural pavilion that would serve an infrastructure void that currently exists in Victoria Park. A similar structure was housed in the Park, built in 1973; however, the structure was never replaced after it was severely damaged during the mid-1980's. He noted that the City and community have continued to use this same structural footprint for arts and cultural-based celebrations through the use of temporary staging and tenting.

Mayor Lee introduced Wayne Long, Events Development Officer, and asked Mr. Long to provide further information with regard to the proposed cultural pavilion. A short video was played which showcased Charlottetown's diversity, multiculturalism, family and community oriented events. He noted that the number of at-large cultural and community celebrations that are held in Victoria Park annually, a cultural pavilion would focus on enhancing the needs of community-based social and cultural activities in Charlottetown, serving to enliven the space, adding richness and depth to the present programs in the park. Also, events will be non-gated, non-ticketed and non-alcoholic.

As Mr. Long spoke, a PowerPoint presentation displayed both the previous pavilion and the proposed Canada 150 pavilion conceptual. The proposed structure would be erected in the exact footprint of the 1973 structure, as the Victoria Park East Meadow provides a natural amphitheatre. The pavilion would support a multitude of uses such as: Canada Day, Natal Day, and Capital New Year in the Park celebrations, community gatherings and events, arts, culture, and multicultural related activities, special celebrations, etc.; as well as serving as a sheltered platform for inspiring individuals to play acoustic music in the park. Also the building will have amenities such as electrical, plumbing, accessibility ramp, sewer and water.

Mr. Long indicated the construction of a cultural pavilion in Victoria Park would leave a number of legacies and contribute to Charlottetown's evolving cultural infrastructure. Part of Canada's legacy is its environment - parks, green spaces, natural beauty. This multi-purpose gathering and performing space will sit in the heart of Charlottetown's natural crown jewel and would serve as encouragement for residents and visitors alike to get out and enjoy Victoria Park and its many assets. He further indicated the City has an opportunity to access funding through the ACOA Canada 150 Fund Community Infrastructure Program; under this program the project can access 50 cent dollars and the City has budgeted its portion as part of the 2016 Capital budget.

Mayor Lee thanked Mr. Long for his presentation and opened the floor for questions, comments and suggestions.

Rod Weatherbie: Mr. Weatherbie remarked that he is in favour of the proposal. He suggested that along with the other potential user groups mentioned earlier, dance should be considered as well.

Pam Stewart: Ms. Stewart noted that she does not care for the design of the pavilion. Mayor Lee indicated that if Council decides to move forward with a structure, Council would be working through the Heritage Board and the Design Review Board to ensure an appropriate design is developed.

Ken Mayhew: Mr. Mayhew felt the proposed pavilion would be an ideal place for his group, the Great George Street Brass Band, to occasionally perform.

Ann MacNevin: Ms. MacNevin had concerns with the structure's proposed location and positioning. She suggested an area more north closer to the treeline.

Rob Oakie: Mr. Oakie raised questions regarding the project. Mayor Lee indicated the budget is approximately \$160,000 but still in the preliminary stage and any electrical/water and sewer upgrades is included in that budget amount. Mr. Oakie suggested the City consider consultation with production companies since they are familiar with design for the intended use.

Unknown Commenter: The gentleman commented on the Victoria Park Comprehensive Master Plan; a gazebo was initially proposed for the park at the time but nothing was erected. Mayor Lee did note that the plan called for a structure in that general area; however, it was considerably larger than what is currently being proposed and the cost was extraordinary.

Grace Kimpinski: Ms. Kimpinski feels that the design of the pavilion is not aesthetically pleasing and acoustically flawed. She reiterated that consultation with a production company would be beneficial as to find the right design to properly amplify sound.

Stella Newman: Ms. Newman voiced several concerns with regard to the proposed pavilion such as noise, location, vandalism and usage. She suggested that Council review the Victoria Park Comprehensive Master Plan before any decisions are made.

Louise Polland: Ms. Polland suggested the design of the proposed pavilion be similar to the original bandstand and it be unamplified; more natural acoustics.

John MacDonald: Mr. MacDonald suggested that a sponsored concert series be considered which would bring in more notable performers.

Mayor Lee asked if there were any further questions or comments; there being none, he thanked everyone for attending.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM**