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Subject: Request to delegate - Arts & Culture Committee Feb 12th Meeting from Neil Orford "CanHist.ca"
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Hello Alice,

I believe you have been looped in by Denyse on a previous email regarding this request, but I will summarize below:

Executive Summary

- [CanHist.ca](#) is a Dufferin-based heritage commemoration organization with programs and tours that enhance learning and history-education for schools, communities and institutions. CanHist works closely with partners in Dufferin such as BookLore, the Shelburne Library, the Museum of Dufferin, the Canadian Federation of University Women, FM101 Orangeville and many more. We also are a member of the Dufferin Board of Trade, and conduct heritage commemorations for the Federal Government nationally, through our Not-for-Profit Division, [Defining Moments Canada, Ltd.](#)
- Over the last two years, CanHist.ca has initiated the program entitled "[Small Town Big Ideas](#)" (STBI) with the intention of delivering some of Canada's top Public Intellectuals, writers, artists and journalists to Dufferin County - principally to the Grace Tipling Hall and the Museum of Dufferin. These events are designed to welcome - in the spirit of debate and public discourse - significant public voices into Dufferin, who would ordinarily only visit larger communities.
- On April 30th/25, STBI has invited the Juno-Nominated traditional Folk Group - [the Fugitives](#) - to perform their nationally recognized 90- minute musical tribute to the Battle of Vimy Ridge - entitled "RIDGE" (promotional materials attached below)
- with the significant achievements accomplished by Centre Dufferin District High School, the Museum of Dufferin, Shelburne Legion and the Town itself, in commemorating soldiers from the First World War already well-documented, this show would serve as a fitting tribute to the servicemen & women who made those sacrifices in War, as well as those who have laboured in the years since, to honour their memory - and April is the anniversary-month of the 1917 Battle, of course.
- With this in mind, CanHist.ca (and our partner organizations) respectfully request municipal assistance in delivering this high-quality and appropriately-themed heritage performance at Grace Tipling Hall - especially in light of the historic surroundings of the Hall itself.
- For professional delivery of this one-night performance, CanHist.ca has allocated a budget of **\$11 000.00**. We have endeavoured to keep the ticket price (\$40) competitive and reasonable as cost-recovery is naturally a primary objective.
- CanHist.ca would gratefully request a **\$2000-\$2500** subsidy from the Town of Shelburne under the Arts & Culture remit, to support this event.
- The Town would be acknowledged as a full partner in this performance, and we are most grateful for the support already granted through 'use of facility.
- Further information can be obtained at: <https://canhist.ca/ridge>

Many thanks & I look forward to meeting with you on the 12th February at 6:45 pm

Cheers

Neil Orford
President

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