

The Chairperson  
Canada Day Committee:

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Att. Councillor Usman:-

Re 2006 Events:-

The following are my comments for the above:-

(A) Vendors:- Food-

strict adherence to the procedure that all vendors I  
be dealt with by me solely <sup>in respect of the source of food</sup>. This will avoid  
any misunderstanding as to the nature and  
kind of foods that would be made available.  
and to lessen the tension between vendors of  
the foods available and limit the numbers.

This was particularly true with  
(i) the Tamils Assoc. who did not seem to know  
what was expected of them, although I made  
it clear what kind of food I expected them  
to have available.

In addition I went to the scene at 10:05 am.  
only to see a tent installed and roped  
off with two tables and a banner. Tables  
belonging to the Municipality for the visitors'  
use.

(ii) Dreams although I made 4 t/p calls to them  
none was returned. At the last minute  
they phoned the Municipality and I was told  
they were taking a booth. The price of their  
hot-dogs was \$1.00 each as against two other  
vendors @ 2.50 each. Admittedly their hot dogs were  
smaller.

one of the Vendors was about to walk out but  
for my intervention

Problem of Location. Although a plan locating the  
Vendors' spots ~~was~~ made available the person  
in charge started to use the Vendors' list,  
causing some confusion as to placement. This  
was immediately corrected by Rob's intervention  
and I personally took over.  
On the whole everything went smoothly  
and a feed back revealed every Vendor was  
satisfied.

B:

speech.

The singing or playing? of the National Anthem  
was an abomination. From where I was  
sitting no one could have heard anything,  
until Councillor Usman took control.

The organisers of this event had  
ample time to test the microphones by.

C:

The audience between the time - say from 12.00 noon  
to the arrival of the parade was treated with two  
Chinese entertainment - Not even any recorded  
music or any other form of entertainment -

We need some mixing of entertainment  
for the benefit of Markham's ethnic population.

D:

I am prepared to work with Rob as to site  
and location of all Vendors, to avoid any confusion.

E:

I was subjected to a harangue of invectives  
by some group that was to perform but  
who could not find any one to assist them.

(F.)

Seniors' Luncheon - From what I have heard - this was  
a disaster. Complaints were: Is it fish - Is this chicken. May  
be we should consider changing the caterer. How do we  
decide abt. a caterer. Do we ask for quotes?

July 9 - 2006

Again this year, I want to thank you all for making the children's "Canada Day" such a success! All of you on the committee helped in so many ways to make it run so smoothly. The only minor hitch was the failure of the "Bumping Tent's" generator (for about 15 minutes) which James Bush kept in order. Melissa from the "Bell" called me in advance + I had expected to see her - but they had their own area - gave out plastic hats + balls - and we had no confusion.

All my "entertaining" guests arrived on time this year, avoiding the parade tie up and all were outstanding! New this year was the "Map of the World" (Bob had mounted) and with the use of pins, a person's country of origin was noted. It was unbelievable to see Markham's population's beginnings - we truly must have 65 languages spoken!

No need to say, having 17 volunteers (who I have phoned + thanked, July 3<sup>rd</sup>) made it the success. I even have 2 volunteers for next year !!

Starting the plans in February made programming so much easier. My still not having a computer did not seem to be a great inconvenience, I hope, to anyone.

And as John Webster said, over + over, as we greeted the 800 seniors luncheon guests —

"It's the best Canada Day this year !!"

Jeanne Bowman

## **SUMMARY re Canada Day – B. Walter**

### **Seniors Luncheon:**

1. We need to have a co-coordinator from the various Community/Seniors centres, (not Canada Day Committee members) at each pickup point, who would be responsible for assuring the number of attendees so we may manage the transportation of the seniors, their numbers are correct and which bus they come in, and which they also leave in.
2. Ensure a mobility bus is available for transportation to and from the event, ie: Art Underwood (vet).
3. Entertainment, although the two dancers did a terrific presentation, I do believe that many seniors would have enjoyed a sing-a-long with the opportunity to join in the festivities.
4. Signage for the parking at the rear, although the signage was in-place, Charlene was correct, it needed to be larger, which I will do next year, just keep it within the interior road system, away from Kennedy.
5. Food was good, many positive complements.
6. Volunteer boards worked well, good idea Joanne.

### **Parade**

1. We need greater involvement from the corporate sector to possibly compete for awards, ie: Mayor's Trophy etc.
2. Increase advertisement of this portion of the day's events so we may have more involvement.
3. Set the order of the participants and find a way to mark and maintain it. Possibly close the road at 3:00 p.m. providing a longer set up time.
4. Look at a different route, possibly inside the park??

### **Milne Park**

1. Arrange and finalize the stage now to eliminate debates on it at a later date, same as fireworks, thought they were terrific, let's sign them up now!!
2. Note: I understand from Samuel Carr that the stage as it sat is close to \$250,000
3. Electricity, we need to upgrade to a 200 volt system, presently 100 volts, single phase.
4. VIP tent, a full understanding of who is expected in the tent and who's not, so we can set out the food in a proper presentation.
5. Sponsorship, earlier, and chase corporations for larger donations to increase activities, and the fireworks show. Have Strategic Service play a larger role in obtaining sponsors or services from the many corporation throughout the Town. I understand that Richmond Hill spends between \$75k to \$90k on fireworks alone. Possibly we could have a larger corporation sponsor the fireworks alone, and add it to the Mayor and Councils portion?
6. Find a way to entice Markhamites to come to the park throughout the day, instead of just as the fireworks are about to go off.

7. Greater involvement in the committee from the community, so staff are not spread so thin for the 18 hour day. Is there a way to increase community involvement on different committees.
8. Entertainment, ensure all stick to their timetables, this should not be left to Joanne to ensure, but to the members who brought the parties forward.
9. Advertising-involvement from Corp-Com from hour one

All in all I thought the day went well, thanks to all those that helped out, many hands make light work.

Bob

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## **From: Samuel Carr (Stage & Sound) –Canada Day**

### Tech Summary

#### **MILNE DAM**

The staging was a success both guest and performers enjoyed using it

The audience could see the performances taking place both in front and from surrounding area.

The sound system was clear and people attending the event could hear the speeches and performances

Access to park was good for crew and equipment

We added a separate sound system for the flag rising which helped people hear the ceremonies, this system was also used for the fireworks allowing the audience close to the firework display to hear music and the performers.

There were several problems due to power issues at the location; lack of power caused some audio and lighting problems. The location had only single phase and not three phase which are required to drive some of our system. We had moving lights and other effects that would have enhanced the performances. The power we were using was also used by a vendor for their booth as well as the air conditioning for the washrooms, this decreased the draw on the power we needed. The resulting power problems cause a system failure during the opening ceremonies.

We suggest that a 200 AMP three phase service be place at the location or a production generator be brought in for the event. This should be separate for the stage and AV use only during the event.

Can a lighting system be set up for AV strike as once we shut down are system there is no lighting except for car headlights, it makes the tear down hard and sometimes dangerous for crew.

#### **MILIKIN**

The set up of the sound system was smooth as was the operation of the equipment

There were some questions regard volume and the sound at the arena. The sound system was fine for the venue; volume was not the issue from the equipment. The problems with many of the guests not hearing properly was the result of the room, it is a hockey arena and not a room that is built for audio.

It is suggested that a change of venue, such as a banquet hall or possible Angus Glen Community Centre may help the problem. We can add extra speakers for next year but you will still get extra bounce off of the walls and ceiling.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards

Samuel Carr