



**National Association of Japanese Canadians**  
**National Executive Board**  
**ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**  
**8:30PM EST**  
**(NAJC-NEB-Agenda-Oct24-2017)**

**A G E N D A**

- A. Roll Call:
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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| David Mitsui, President             | Lorene Oikawa, Vice President         |
| Noreen Kuroyama, Treasurer          | Michiko Yano Shuttleworth, Secretary  |
| Bev Ohashi, Past President          | Susanne Tabata, Director              |
| Eiko Eby, Director                  | Lisa Uyeda, Director                  |
| Susan Matsumoto, Director-- regrets | Bryan Tomlinson                       |
| Ken Noma, Executive Director        | Karina Uehara, National Administrator |

**PLEASE NOTE: For ALL reports, do not repeat or summarize what is in your written report. We will assume that everyone has read them. Those giving reports will answer any questions arising from your report. If your report was not submitted as per the requested timeline, there will not be sufficient time for you to give a verbal report. Please present action items requiring direction or approval only.**

B. Minutes Recorder: Ken/Karina

C. Approval of the Agenda,

Moved by Lorene, seconded by Susanne, carried

D. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. NEB meeting: Sept 22, 2017 (ZOOM) Dave
- 2. NEB electronic motion: Village of New Denver – Approve Supporting Membership
- Mover: Eiko; Seconder: Michiko: Approved
- Susanne moved, Lorene seconded, carried

E. President's Report Dave

F. Treasurer's Report Noreen

G. Executive Director's Report Ken

H. National Administrator's Report Karina

I. Strategic and Financial Planning Dave

- i. 2017-18 Budget – Re-Prioritization – Website/Public Relations Firm

J. Business Arising from NEB Meetings/Minutes

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|-------|---|------------------|
| i.    | Charitable Status – Hastings Park Foundation (Update?)        | Ken              |
| ii.   | Bilingual Human Rights Guide for Japanese Canadians (Update?) | Lorene           |
| iii.  | Honourarium for Kevin Okabe (Tabled)                          | Dave             |
| iv.   | Contract for NAJC Webmaster (interim strategy)                | Susanne & Lorene |
| v.    | Branding and Marketing re website (update?)                   | Lisa & Susanne   |
| vi.   | Code of Conduct Policy-draft (Attachment 1)                   | Ken              |
| vii.  | LOI Update  | Dave/Lorene      |
| viii. | Policy and Procedures Manual                                  | Dave             |

K. NEB Standing Committee Follow-ups & Reports

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|-------|---|---------|
| i.    | Human Rights Committee                        | Lorene  |
| ii.   | Membership Committee                          | Eiko    |
| iii.  | Arts, Culture and Education Committee         | Susanne |
| iv.   | Heritage Committee                            | Lisa    |
| v.    | Community Development Committee               | Michiko |
| vi.   | Endowment Fund Committee                      | Dave    |
| vii.  | Constitution and Resolutions Committee        | Susan   |
| viii. | Nominations Committee                         | Dave    |
| ix.   | JC Young Leaders Committee                    | Bryan   |
| x.    | Future Directions Team (Separate Attachments) | Dave    |

L. National Council Meetings and Special Projects Reports (Updates)

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|-----|------------------------|--------|
| i.  | Community Renewal Fund | Dave   |
| ii. | Social Media Project   | Lorene |

M. New Business

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| i.   | Town of Stanstead, PQ: request (Attachment 3)-deferred  | Dave   |
| ii.  | Special Committee on BC Reconciliation/Redress (deferred)<br>-Draft Terms of Reference (Attachment 2) | Lorene |
| iii. | Appointed Director positions –term of appointment   | Dave   |
| iv.  | Special Advisor for New Immigrants<br>-Motion to Appoint Takashi Ohki                                 | Dave   |

N. Annual AGM's and Conferences

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|-----|---|------|
| i.  | 2017 Ottawa AGM and Conference Evaluation (Sept 22-24)  | Ken  |
| ii. | 2018 Winnipeg AGM and Conference<br>(Sept 21-23, 2018) -Joint NEB & Winnipeg planning committee meeting | Dave |

O. Adjournment

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

**Note: D.Mitsui out of the country Nov 15 to Dec 6, 2017 – no or limited access to email**

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| i. | ZOOM Video Conference | (All meetings: 8:30pm EST) |
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-Dec 11, 2017

Other ZOOM meeting dates for 2018

- ii. FACE TO FACE MEETINGS
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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| -Jan 19, 20, 21 2018   | Vancouver                  |
| -May 25, 26, 27, 2018  | Toronto (perhaps Winnipeg) |
| -Sept 21, 22, 13, 2018 | Winnipeg                   |

UPCOMING NATIONAL COUNCIL ZOOM meetings (All meetings: 8:30pm EST) TBD

## ATTACHMENTS

### Attachment 1:

Standing Committees and Special Advisors Code of Conduct  
Policy and Procedures Manual (Draft Proposal)

#### 1.1 Member

All members/volunteers of Standing Committees and Special Advisors shall be a member of a current member organization of the NAJC or an individual member of NAJC;

#### 1.1.2 The Committee Member/Special Advisor shall:

- support the principles of the NAJC Vision and Mission statements and the current policy and practices of the organization;
- abide by the NAJC Constitution and Bylaws;
- provide a complete and accurate disclosure of membership and/or affiliation in Japanese Canadian organizations
- will sign an agreement to the conditions noted

#### 1.1.3 Dismissal

- failure to comply with any or all conditions of 1.1 and 1.1.2 will mean the immediate termination from all Standing Committees or as a Special Advisor by the National Executive Board

### Attachment 2:

Terms of Reference (DRAFT)  
Reconciliation Committee  
with the Government of British Columbia  
(January 8, 2017)

#### 1. Purpose:

Whereas the National Association of Japanese Canadians believes that the unilateral apology made by the Government of British Columbia on May 7, 2012 did not acknowledge the active role played by the Provincial Government of the day in the instigation of the incarceration and subsequent diaspora of the Japanese Canadian community and given the current Government's refusal to meet with the Japanese Canadian community, the NAJC creates a Special Reconciliation Committee that will:

- Will work directly under the guidance the National Executive Board (NEB),
- Recommend to the NEB strategies to negotiate with the Government of British Columbia regarding the following:
  - Official acknowledgement of the direct role played by Government in the incarceration and exile of Japanese Canadians during and after World War II;
  - An official inquiry and public consultation into its role in the discrimination and racism towards Japanese Canadians;

- Specific reconciliation projects as part of the compensation to the community; and
- Assist/fund the Nikkei National Museum to identify and gather artifacts to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese Canadian incarceration.

3. Approval must be received from the National Executive Board to implement some or all of the recommended strategies.

**2. Committee Membership:**

2.1 The Committee will consist of:

- Chair of the NAJC Human Rights Committee
- A representative from member organizations from British Columbia: Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, Nikkei National Museum, Vernon and Kamloops
- One member organization outside the province of British Columbia

**3. Term of Service:**

3.1 One year at the time of the appointment date and may be extended at the pleasure of the National Executive Board (NEB).

**Meetings:**

Meetings between Committee members will be via email, teleconference, video-conference in most cases.

**Budget and Expenditures:**

Budget for the Committee will be at the discretion of the NEB  
(Bylaw: 15.5 of Administration and Responsibilities of the National Executive Board)

**Attachment 3:**

**From:** Bob Irvine [mailto:[wellspark@sympatico.ca](mailto:wellspark@sympatico.ca)] **Sent:** August-10-17 1:22 PM **To:** [National@najc.ca](mailto:National@najc.ca) **Subject:** Proposal (Currently Under Development) of Potential Interest to the NAJC

Dear Ms. Uehara,

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you at your earliest convenience a proposal that I am working on here near Stanstead, Quebec.

I have attached (and pasted below) a DRAFT of the proposal.

We would love to be able to say to Prime Minister Trudeau that “the National Association of Japanese Canadians is aware of this initiative and supports it.”

If the government could move fast enough, it would announce this initiative at the time of your annual meeting in Ottawa. Here are my coordinates:

Bob Irvine  
[wellspark@sympatico.ca](mailto:wellspark@sympatico.ca)  
819-847-4107

Best wishes. Bob

**DRAFT/BROUILLION**

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

With this letter, I am making a proposal to you and the Government of Canada on behalf of the Town of Stanstead, Quebec and its citizens. The Municipal Council of Stanstead and I firmly believe that you and members of your Cabinet will recognize the substantial merit of this proposal and its value to the Government of Canada and the Canadian people.

First some background.

Three years from now—in 2020—Japan will welcome the world at the Games of XXXII Olympiad. Sadly, 2020 will also mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Close to what was then ground-zero of the nuclear blast in Nagasaki is the Nagasaki Peace Park. This beautiful but understandably somber park commemorates the more than 60,000 men, women, and children of Nagasaki who were killed or injured as a direct result of the blast.

An important precinct within the Nagasaki Peace Park is the “Peace Symbol Zone.” The Zone is a garden featuring a variety of beautiful stone sculptures, which have been presented by some fifteen countries as gifts to the citizens of Nagasaki and the Japanese people as expressions of solidarity with them and in shared commemoration of the victims of the atomic blast. A full list of the countries represented in the park is included as Annex “A.” Importantly, as you will see from the list, some of the sculptures have been gifts of cities and towns on behalf of their countries. Most significantly, no sculpture has been given by Canada, a major combatant-nation in the Second World War, as you know.

For many years, the Town of Stanstead has played a preeminent role in Canada and globally in presenting and celebrating the artistic aspects of granite and other stone through a variety of means. In this context, we believe that the Town of Stanstead is well positioned to present to the citizens of Nagasaki the gift of a stone sculpture on behalf of the people of Canada. As you can appreciate, it is important that this gift be made well in advance of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The following are additional considerations in respect to the timing of this initiative. In advance of the 2018 G7 Summit in Charlevoix, you will be visiting and actively consulting with your G7 colleagues including the Japanese Prime Minister. In the same way that you have played a leadership role in building right relationships with Canada’s indigenous peoples, Prime Minister, you could now make an important gesture of solidarity with the Japanese people if you were to announce the gift of a monument, on behalf of the people of Canada, to the Nagasaki Peace Park.

In addition to representing a commemoration of Japanese victims of the atomic bomb and a renewed call for peace in the world, this initiative could also have forward-looking dimensions, focused on elements of future cooperation between Canada and Japan. For example, in the past, through its Minerals and Lands Sector, Natural Resources Canada has undertaken major efforts – in collaboration with the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo – to present Canadian granite and other dimension stone as materials of choice for the Japanese construction industry and consumers. Perhaps these highly successful activities could be renewed in this context. Other areas of related cooperation could be pursued under the leadership of Ambassador Burney.

The Town of Stanstead has thoroughly investigated the modalities of this initiative and is poised to do its part to make this vision a reality. I have had extensive discussions with the management of Rock of Ages Canada, Inc., a local business and globally recognized manufacturer of monuments of distinction. I have met and discussed the project at length with Mr. Satoshi Saito, R.C.A. and Ms. Louise Doucet, R.C.A., sculptors/artists of international renown, whom we are extremely proud to have as residents of our region. Mr. Saito and Ms. Doucet would be honoured to craft a sculpture for the Nagasaki Peace Park in partnership with Rock of Ages. Finally, my staff and I have been assisted on a *pro bono* basis by Mr. Robert Irvine, a former senior executive of Supply and Services Canada and Natural Resources Canada and now retired summer resident of our region. (During a recent visit to the Nagasaki Peace Park, Mr. Irvine and his wife have sadly found no Canadian monument.) A retired Japanese-Canadian business executive in Ottawa, Mr. Koichi Abe, is kindly helping us build rapport with and seek the guidance of authorities in Nagasaki on the project.

Prime Minister, you can thus see that we have a team, we have a plan, and we have momentum. But we need the active assistance and participation of the Government of Canada in order to fulfill this vision. We suggest that the best way to proceed in this matter would be as follows: Rock of Ages Canada, Inc. would make an unsolicited proposal to Public Services and Procurement Canada to construct, deliver, and install a Canadian commemorative monument in the Nagasaki Peace Park. In its proposal to PSPC, Rock of Ages would commit to engage Saito-Doucet to design and create the granite sculpture, which would be the focal point of this monument. Based on its preliminary estimates, Rock of Ages has determined that it could meet a statement of requirements by the Crown for this project—on time and in budget—at a cost of approximately \$362,000.

I bring two other points to your attention in respect to timing. First, with our strong endorsement, Mr. Saito and Ms. Doucet will carve their sculpture from the famous “Stanstead Grey” granite of our region. A beautifully crafted “piece of Canada” will thus remain in perpetuity in Nagasaki. Importantly, the quarry from which Mr. Saito and Ms. Doucet will draw their granite will close by the end of October. Second, as you know, the National Association of Japanese Canadians will hold its annual general meeting and conference in Ottawa on September 22-24, 2017.

We have brought this project to the attention of our Member of Parliament and Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau. The Council of the Town of Stanstead has unanimously passed a resolution supporting this plan of action. We now need a signal from the Government of Canada of its support for this project.

Prime Minister, I hope that you and your Ministers will recognize the substantial benefits of this proposed undertaking, both for the federal government and the Canadian people as a whole.

Yours sincerely,  
Philippe Dutil,  
Mayor of Stanstead

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