Strathroy ON July 30 2024

To the attention of council:

A small group of business owners (Chris Das, Dennis Duijsters, Dan Kiekens and Matt Laberge) in Strathroy Caradoc have banded together to re establish a Canada Day celebration. We have initiated discussions with several members of municipal staff for direction regarding safety and compliance to municipal policy, an entertainment company that would provide the show, and a lawyer to establish a non profit corporation - we now look to council for support.

In order to move forward with a professional company to provide the show we will need to pay a deposit of \$9000. Our difficulty is that we have been unable to commence any fundraising for the event until we have paid the deposit as we do not have any financial resources to draw upon. Our request to council is for the deposit so that we can move forward and make this long desired event happen. This will hold the date for us so that we can continue with our planning.

With thanks

Chris Das