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Motions:

1. Scarborough Community Council requests Parks, Forestry and Recreation to provide a presentation to the October 6, 2015 Scarborough Community Council meeting on the activities and successes of the Canada Day events around Scarborough, especially at Thomson Memorial Park.
2. Scarborough Community Council request the Chair to work with the Chair of Economic Development Committee, Tourism Toronto, the Scarborough Business Association and other partners to fulfill the recommendations in the 'Scarborough Community Renewal Campaign'.

Background:

At the February 18, 2015 Scarborough Community Council Meeting (item SC4.3), the Rotary Clubs made a presentation on their report, 'Scarborough Community Renewal Campaign', with 14 recommendations. This presentation and report were referred to the City Manager for consideration. The above motions are follow-ups to the referral motion.

I believe the members of Scarborough Community Council should take the lead on some of these recommendations, especially the ones under the headings of Social Development and Arts and Culture. This will benefit and help build the Scarborough Community. Census data indicates that the majority of residents in Scarborough are relatively new-comers of very diverse backgrounds, and there are many local Canada Day celebrations happening around Scarborough.

These celebrations include PFR hosting breakfast and a festival at Thomson Park, the longest running municipal Canada Day Parade at 48 years young, and a fireworks display at Milliken Park. There is an opportunity to co-ordinate these with other local community celebrations to build the community spirit and sense of belonging in Scarborough.

There is also a Sunday Serenade series that has been running for a long time at the Scarborough Civic Centre Rotunda. There are also opportunities to act on all the recommendations in the report, and the civic leaders on Scarborough Community Council hopefully will take the lead on these initiatives.

There is much to be done on this long term campaign, starting with exploring the Canada Day events in Scarborough with a goal of rebranding Canada Day and promote Scarborough as a multicultural hub.

For your kind consideration at the September 8, 2015 meeting of Scarborough Community Council.

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Scarborough Community Council Chair