

## Canadian Fair Trade Network – March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Board Decision

On 2015-03-30 10:48 AM pacific time, Sean McHugh wrote to all board members, except Zack, Kyra and Dustin:

Hello again CFTN Board Members

I hope you have all been well!

Zack, Kyra and Dustin have been left off this email, as it has to do with deciding on the location of our next national conference, and the three of them are involved with the Winnipeg and Halifax bids.

I would like to go ahead and make this decision as soon as possible, as both cities are awaiting a response from me.

In the end, we received two bids, one from Winnipeg and one from Halifax. However, with that said, the Winnipeg bid is 38 pages long and comes with considerable commitment, including money, while the Halifax bid was a one page email; both are attached for review.

I therefore believe that Winnipeg should be named the next host city!

Please send a quick note back to me on this today, and if you feel that further discussion is needed, or you have comments or questions about the process, the bid and the decision, please do share your thoughts!

I would like to communicate this back to the organizing team and out through our newsletter as soon as possible, so a prompt reply would be welcomed : )

Talk with everyone soon

Cheers

Sean McHugh

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 11:34 AM, Sasha Caldera wrote

Wow, this is a substantial bid! It looks quite exciting overall!

Best,

Sasha

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 12:30 PM, Avery Gottfried wrote

Hello,

I agree that Winnipeg has already brought on the most partners and will likely get the most publicity for the conference. The look like they have a team ready to go and my vote goes to Winnipeg.

The committed funds from Tourism Manitoba are excellent. Note that Winnipeg needs to be **Awarded the conference by April 1st** to qualify for the tourism Manitoba funding.

Without either bid having a clear draft budget it is hard to compare in that sense, perhaps if we scope out what we are asking for in a bid in the future it will help the teams prepare more comparable bids.

Cheers.

Avery

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 12:33 PM, Bruce Morton wrote

Sean:

I vote for Winnipeg.

Bruce

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 1:09 PM, Lia Walsh wrote

Winnipeg sounds good to me.

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 1:49 PM, Kaan Williams wrote

Winnipeg is the clear winner to me.

Kaan

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 1:57 PM, Sean McHugh wrote

Hello again everyone

Thank you so much for the prompt review and reply, I really appreciate it!

I have tracked and added responses to the attached document, it covers yes-Winnipeg votes from Kaan, Avery, Bruce, Sasha, Lia and myself.

Bev remains out of the country, Krista and Eric, please do send comment back as soon as you can!

As soon as we're able to move forward, I will loop Zack, Kyra and Dustin in, and inform them of our decision. From there, I will contact both Halifax and Winnipeg, both ideally done today!! (especially as there is an April 1 deadline on Winnipeg funding, as Avery pointed out)

Finally, Avery, as to your point on budget, I did provide a rough sketch based on this year's budget and planning, please see attached. That said, we should definitely strive to provide greater detail the next time around!

Talk with everyone soon

Cheers

Sean McHugh

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 2:37 PM, Eric St Pierre wrote

Hello Sean and the team at the CFTN,

The Winnipeg proposal with its letters of commitment, financial contribution and 36 pages presentation is hard to beat and makes quite an impression. Unfortunately, the one pager from Halifax just doesn't show the same commitment!

I therefore also cast my vote to Winnipeg.

However, we would need a bit more info on the process and needs to actually analyse this a bit more next time! How does the 19 500\$ cost for meeting room rentals and food compare to Mtl or Toronto? 7955\$ on financial support sounds good but that also depends on the cost of the whole thing!!! Getting 50% rebate on a 2000\$ pair of skis is still paying way to much for those skis!!!

All this being said, I have a strong feeling for that Winnipeg bid and I trust you Sean to manage the details!!!

Éric

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 4:28 PM, Krista Pineau wrote

Sorry folks! Mondays are a busy day at school and I generally leave my laptop at home!

I've very quickly skimmed through everything and I'll put my vote down for Winnipeg too! I'll continue going over their proposal now but feel free to contact the different parties involved :)

Krista Pineau

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 4:33 PM, Sean McHugh wrote

Hello again Krista and everyone

Thanks again for the quick review and response today, I have now heard from everyone. I will follow this email with an email to the entire board, with our decision.

Talk with everyone again momentarily

Cheers

Sean

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 4:41 PM, Sean McHugh wrote to all board members

Hello again CFTN Board of Directors

Today, we successfully completed a review of the submitted bid documents, and we have come to a decision on who will host the next national fair trade conference. This decision was reached via email. The attached document covers our discussion and decision. This decision was made without Zack, Kyrá and Dustin, as all three of you are involved with the bids.

After review, we have decided that Winnipeg Manitoba will be host to our next national conference, in February of 2016!!

I will follow up this email with emails to Halifax, as well as to Tourism Winnipeg, and the wider Winnipeg team; letting them know of our decision. I also hope to get an announcement written up, and formally launched through our newsletter scheduled for next Wednesday, April the 8<sup>th</sup>

Thanks again and talk with everyone soon

Cheers