

Authors looking for submissions for citywide book

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EMC Entertainment — In an attempt to dispel the mundane and boring labels imposed on the tourist perspective of Ottawa, authors/illustrators Peter Evanchuck and Helene Lacelle are asking the public for submissions about unique anecdotes or stories regarding our great city.

“What we hope to do is to give all interested people a better idea of what real people think about the real Ottawa as opposed to the tourist line of what Ottawa is about or what people may think it’s about,” explained Mr. Evanchuck.

“People who have lived here a long time, like ourselves, see the town represented in events the capital is famous for and I’m hoping the book will show a different side.”

Submissions can be in the form of a story, poem, or picture for the book and will be accepted from all over Ottawa.

The book’s working title is Ottawa – Good, Bad, Ugly and Beautiful.

“I think it’s important that everyone see the real truth as opposed to seeing what other people want us to see,” added Mr. Evanchuck.

The effort is also in part to celebrate their first year in business as Bookshandmade; a green publishing company using recycled paper and hand-sewn binding techniques.

When someone purchases a book, they deliver it to the post office by foot or bicycle to reduce their carbon footprint.

Volunteering and being active members of the community are important to the couple and they hope their actions will spread throughout the many communities of Ottawa.

“You don’t realize how much fun it is to actually help people and give your talents and abilities, until you start doing it,” explained Mr. Evanchuck. “It’s really quite amazing that it feels so good despite the work. It’s also amazing how many people will come and join in and help.”

As a cancer survivor, he added that at a certain age, one realizes the importance of life and sharing talents and abilities with others.

“The world right now is so greedy, people are ripping off people and destroying the economy,” said Mr. Evanchuck.

“So, why not give up your time and experience for free because it’s fun and good and takes the notion of greed and puts it on the back burner where it

should be.”

For more information on submissions or to purchase

other titles, please visit www.bookshandmade.com or call 613-565-4817.



Helene Lacelle and Peter Evanchuck of Bookshandmade are looking for public submissions for a new book about Ottawa from the alternative perspective of residents, instead of the tourist image.

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