

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm
Via Web conference

Present: Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz, Angela Bobier, Elaine Brown, Blair Ferguson, Laurence Grant, Tracey Pillon-Abbs - Planner, and Kate Morreau - Executive Assistant.

Regrets: Delany Leitch, Ron Ross.

Laurence chaired and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Elaine and seconded by Angela. CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes – January 20, 2021

Laurence asked if there were any errors or omissions. NONE
Laurence asked for a motion to adopt the minutes.

Motion to adopt the minutes of January 20, 2021 by Deputy Mayor Hentz and seconded by Angela. CARRIED.

Delegation

None.

Heritage Designation Updates

- a) 13658 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre – evaluation in progress. Delany is overseeing this project, however was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update.
- b) 30734 Silver Clay Line. Angela provided photos of the property in question for possible designation. It was determined that the only original outside feature was the roof line. Over time many updates (i.e., windows, an addition where the original porch was etc.,) were made to the property. The property isn't listed on the heritage register and the Committee agreed this may be the preferred option. Angela stated there must be other properties on Silver Clay Line that could also be considered for inclusion on the Heritage Register and will investigate further.

Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)

Tracey provided an updated on the proposed format of this years' event in light of COVID and current restrictions. The webinar presented the Doors Open event as more of a staycation or staytrips and focus on the digital experience for the most part.

The following are ideas for the Committee to consider:

- Hybrid approach i.e., 5 people in person and 5 digital
- Pre-booking a family bubble to attend at a reserved time (Eventbrite)
- Virtual showcasing i.e., escape rooms, looking for clues etc.

- Internet, Social Media, Postcards
- Drones
- 3D software to create interactive little doll houses
- Update digital content seasonally

Tracey stated the message was to lower expectations from the past event and focus on the residents in the immediate community as opposed to people traveling from further away. However the benefits of digital marketing is the ability to reach an international audience.

The Doors Open received a large federal grant to sponsor the event and the website will be available to the Committee to populate content.

The Committee will focus on ideas etc., in preparation of the event and discuss further at the next meeting.

Ongoing Matters

- Virtual Heritage Week 2021
Tracey stated now that the brochure is complete it will be shared digitally for this event. Tracey and Angela created a PowerPoint which will be uploaded to the Municipality's Heritage social media.
- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park
No meetings have taken place.
- Research for Hamlets Interpretive Signs
The current manufactured signs are in storage and ready for a spring installation. Other local hamlets and site installation options were discussed. Hamlets include Wallacetown, Iona, Burwell's Corner, Duttona and Plum Point. Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed the Campbellton interpretative sign is slated to be completed this year.
- Elgin County Cycling Trail Project
Unfortunately Blair has been unable to reach Mike Baker at the time of this meeting. Deputy Mike Hentz will follow up with Mike on this proposed project.
- Protocols on Recycling Materials from Demolished Buildings
Tracey reported that research continues. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated it would be beneficial if we could locate a recycling contact (for when a home is being demolished) so we can connect them to the homeowner. Blair confirmed he would investigate options and follow up at the next meeting.
- Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement
A letter was received in December 2020 confirming this plaque will be replaced this year.
- Burwell Marker
Angela confirmed the Elgin Historical Society are not planning on replacing the Marker. It would be up to the Heritage Committee to pursue if they chose to. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated he would like to see an interpretive sign installed at this location this year. Content and site installation location was discussed.
- Dutton Dunwich Heritage Brochure
Kate provided the final draft (AODA compliant) copy of the brochure to the Committee. The brochure will be available digitally at this time on the Town Website. In the future, hardcopies will also be made available at the Municipal office and brought to local events.

- Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)

Tracey attended the virtual training workshop on the recent changes to the Ontario planning legislation as it affects heritage on January 30, 2021. The training was technical in nature. The emphasis is mainly to list a property whenever you can. Even if there is there is an interest i.e., a relevant story and not just architectural etc. Currently you need the homeowners support therefore it is important to list now before it changes hands in the future. Tracey confirmed views can be designated if it identifies relevance i.e., a sunset over water where battles were fought. Backus Page was a good example of a view designation for traditional agricultural reasons.

- Dutton Dunwich Five Year Official Plan Review

The Official Plan was adopted by Council on January 27, 2021 and has been forwarded to the County of Elgin for final approval. The County has 120 days to review prior to making a decision, then there is an appeal process. The item can be removed from the agenda at this time.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Hentz stated he is concerned for the small cemeteries in the Municipality which are extremely neglected and forgotten about, particularly the one located off Coynes road. Nobody knows it is even there and they need to be properly signed to indicate where they are. Head stones do not even mark the graves, they are lost or have been poured into concrete sidewalks. Restorations are desperately needed as it is important to preserve and protect them.

Angela stated all the cemetery master transcripts are at the museum and will look into the cemetery located off Coynes Road.

Upcoming Events

- a) Heritage Week - February 15, 2021 to February 21, 2021 – Heritage designation video has been posted
- b) Heritage Committee Training – postponed date TBD
- c) Wallacetown Fair (161th Edition – Super Heroes Theme), Fairgrounds – October 1, 2021 to October 3, 2021 – still on hold – Elaine confirmed they did receive a grant from Elgin County.
- d) Doors Open 2021 – options being reviewed

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (tentative), at 5:00 p.m., location to be determined.

Next Meeting Chair

TBD

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Blair and Seconded by Angela. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.