



## **CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 16, 2020 – Council Chambers – 5pm

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz, Delany Leitch, Elaine Brown, Angela Bobier, Laurence Grant

**Staff Resources:** Tracey Pillon-Abbs, Planner, Kate Morreau, Executive Assistant

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

### **Adoption of the Minutes – November 20, 2019**

Angela asked if there were any errors or omissions in the minutes. None.

**Motion to adopt the minutes by Elaine and Seconded by Laurence CARRIED.**

### **Proposed Heritage Designation Evaluation for 29436 Talbot Line – Sifton Homestead**

Tracey confirmed Council approved the bylaw at their last Council meeting which was the final step of the designation. There will be a notice of passing of the designation in the newspaper. Tracey will send a letter to owners thanking them and ask if they would like to have a heritage plaque for their property.

### **Annual Activity Report**

Tracey confirmed the Annual Activity Report was received by Council at the December meeting. Council approved the Committee's request for two additional members to sit on the Heritage Committee. Tracey confirmed an advertisement for interested parties was recently published in the newspaper and is being advertised on the municipality's website and social media. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated if the Committee members know any good candidates to let them know and February 7, 2020 is the deadline to make application. Tracey stated she has not received any interest to date.

### **Ongoing Matters**

- **Community Road Signage Update**  
Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed residents are happy with the community signs. The addition of historical/interpretative signs was discussed. Delany has been drafting an interpretive sign for the Largie Community which will be installed under the community road sign. Delany will be seeking out a quote for the proposed signs in the near future. Delany will send the drafted sign templates to the Committee members.

Historical information (photos etc.,) for each community sign was discussed. Delany stated she was unable to find any photos for the Largie community but was able to find a map. Delany stated it may be a good idea to get the word out in the community that the Committee is seeking historical material/photos from residents for Largie,

Coynes Corner, Tyrconnell and Cowal. Angela stated she can take the stories for each community that were written for the "The Early History of Dunwich Township" book.

Angela will submit some editorial to the newspaper next week seeking the public's assistance in locating any historical material/photos that residents may have for the community signs. Angela will also post the request on the Heritage Facebook page.

- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park  
Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed he had mentioned the Committee's suggestion to name the Park, Lumley Park to Councillor's Drouillard and Loveland as they are working with the Iona residential group. Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed he had not received a response back as of yet. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated he believes the park will be started this year. Angela asked if a historical interpretative sign will be installed at the park. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated not to his knowledge, however the Committee agreed it was great idea.
- Buttermilk Bog Interpretive Sign Update  
Kate confirmed the signs are made and will be installed by Public Works staff in accordance with AODA technical specifications.

## **New Business**

### Community Heritage Ontario Membership

The Committee discussed the value of being a member of the Community Heritage Ontario and determined that it would be beneficial as it would keep them informed on what is happening around the province.

**Moved by Laurence and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hentz that staff be directed to make application for a membership with Community Heritage Ontario. CARRIED.**

### Ontario Heritage Act – New Regulations

Deputy Mayor Hentz and Tracey attended the conference call, hosted by the Province. Tracey confirmed there was a lot of new information and a lot of "to be determined" items. The proposed changes will be posted on the Environmental Registry and will be open for comment up to July 1, 2020. Tracey suggested closer to that date the Committee may want to consider bringing in a keynote speaker to a meeting and later at a public meeting to address the changes.

Tracey stated some of the proposals may end up creating more work for heritage committees as there will be a 90 day appeal for demolitions or alterations instead of only the current demolition. There were some exceptions i.e., a roof can be repaired with no approval from the Committee however more significant items may change the designation which would then need to come back to the Committee for consideration. The Committee can reject or amend the designation bylaws. Decisions made by the Committee will then need to go to Council for approval.

The demolition of barns was discussed. Some barns in the area were built circa 1850. Laurence stated the McGugan's barn is pre-1850 but it wasn't included in the heritage designation. Deputy Mike Hentz will talk to the owner to see if they would like to have their barn designated and if they agreed the designation bylaw will need to be amended.

### Designation - 32272 Talbot Line

The Huber property was discussed. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated that the notice of intent to designate needs to be finalized either way. The Huber's will notify Deputy Mayor Hentz if they decide to continue with the designation. If they decide not to pursue the heritage designation, then the "intent to designate" needs to be rescinded by Council. Once Deputy Mayor Hentz receives an email confirmation of the Huber's decision the Committee will proceed from there.

**Moved by Laurence and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hentz that staff be directed to bring the required report to Council, once the property owners decide on the pending designation. CARRIED.**

### Upcoming Events

#### Heritage Week – February 17-23, 2020

Angela confirmed Backus Page is open on Family Day between noon and 4pm. Set up starts at 10am. Angela will put up the Heritage Committee's display and have the various heritage brochures out for visitors.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at 5:00p.m., in Dutton Dunwich Council Chambers

### Next Meeting Chair

Laurence will chair the next meeting.

### Meeting Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Delany and Seconded by Elaine. CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 5.55pm