

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm  
Via Web conference

**Present:** Angela Bobier, Ron Ross, Elaine Brown, Delany Leitch, Blair Ferguson, Laurence Grant and Tracey Pillon-Abbs, Planner.

**Absent:** Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz and Kate Morreau, Executive Assistant.

Elaine chaired and called the meeting to order at 5:26 pm.

### **Adoption of the Minutes – December 15, 2020**

Elaine asked for a motion to adopt the minutes.

**Motion to adopt the minutes of December 15, 2020 by Angela and seconded by Ron. CARRIED.**

### **Delegation**

None.

### **Heritage Designation Updates**

- a) 13658 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre – evaluation in progress.

### **Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)**

Tracey provided an update on the 2021 Doors Open application process. Expression of interest has been sent on behalf of the Committee. There is a webinar scheduled for February 3, 2021, to learn more about event options. Laurence provided the Committee with a list of possible sites with a focus on the theme of classical revival. They included the following:

#### Coynes Corners

- McGugan Hotel

#### Tyrconnel

- Backus-Page House
- Littlejohn residences (2)
- Col. Patterson House

#### Iona

- Iona Community Hall
- Harris House
- 9007 Iona Road

#### Dutton

- Municipal Building (Edwardian Classicism)

## Other

- Site of Colonel Thomas Talbot's Residence
- Thomson Line residence

The Committee to discuss further at the next meeting.

## **Ongoing Matters**

- Virtual Heritage Week 2021  
Tracey summarized an email received from the Ontario Heritage Trust regarding opportunities to share digital Heritage Week Events. The Committee discussed options for content. It was the decision of the Committee to launch the new Dutton Dunwich Heritage Brochure as part of a digital event. The Committee directed Tracey to prepare a slideshow and forward to Angela and the Committee for editing. The slideshow will then be used on social media.
- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park  
Work continues on the project, naming of the park and possibly having a sign.
- Research for Hamlets Interpretive Signs  
The signs are in storage and ready for a spring installation. The Committee will continue to discuss new signs at the next meeting.
- Elgin County Cycling Trail Project  
The Committee will invite Mike Baker back to discuss ideas.
- Protocols on Recycling Materials from Demolished Buildings  
Tracey reported that research continues.
- Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement  
A letter was received in December 2020 to confirm community's interest and efforts. All plaques must be reviewed prior to replacement.
- Burwell Marker  
The Committee discussed the option of a hamlet sign in partnership with the Township of Southwold. The Committee to review further at an upcoming meeting.
- Scenic Heritage Roads Article  
Angela provided a summary of an article that was shared with the Committee. It was noted that designating roads may be a large project to undertake. The Committee will further review at an upcoming meeting.
- Dutton Dunwich Five Year Official Plan Review  
Tracey noted that the deadline for any comments was December 18, 2020. The next version of the Official Plan will be presented to Council on January 27, 2021. If adopted, notice of adoption will be placed in the local newspaper and the document will be forwarded to the County of Elgin for final approval. The County does have 120 days to review prior to making a decision. Once a decision is made, notice will be given to all those who have requested a copy. Tracey also provided an update on the County of Elgin Official Plan review. The Committee may wish to participate in the review as well.

- Dutton Dunwich Heritage Brochure  
Tracey confirmed that all testimonials have now been received. The document will be updated and forwarded to Kate to ensure AODA compliance. Once finalized the brochure will be posted to the Municipal Heritage website. In the future, hardcopies will also be made available at the Municipal Building and brought to local events.
- Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)  
The Community Heritage Ontario and ACO will present a virtual workshop on the recent changes to the Ontario planning legislation as it affects heritage on January 30, 2021. A panel composed of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and municipal heritage planning staff will review recent changes to Ontario planning legislation and discuss their impact on heritage conservation. Tracey will bring the Training Tool Kit to the Committee when released by the Ministry in 2021.
- Iona Hall  
Laurence provided an update on the discussion between the Municipality and the Iona Hall Committee. Item can be removed.

### **New Business**

Laurence provided an update on the new lights on the Iona Store and the plaster on his house has been completed.

The Committee discussed the negative press coverage that has been received from the London and Port Stanley proposal for heritage districts. It was concluded that the Committee shall focus on promoting the positive light of their work completed to date with the use of the new brochure, social media and the municipal website.

### **Upcoming Events**

- a) Heritage Committee Training – Postponed until Spring 2021
- b) A Very Victorian Christmas, Backus-Page House Museum – December 20 and 27 through to the 31, from 10 am to 4 pm
- c) Heritage Week - February 15, 2021 to February 21, 2021.
- d) Wallacetown Fair (161th Edition – Super Heroes Theme), Fairgrounds – October 1, 2021 to October 3, 2021.
- e) Doors Open 2021, various locations - TBD

### **Next Meeting**

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

### **Next Meeting Chair**

TBD

### **Meeting Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.