



CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 17, 2020 – Backus-Page House Museum – 5pm

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

Absent: Kate Morreau, Executive Assistant

Ron chaired and called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Adoption of the Minutes – June 17, 2020

The minutes were read to the Committee.

Motion to adopt the minutes of June 17, 2020 by Angela and seconded by Elaine. CARRIED.

Heritage Designation Updates

29436 Talbot Line, Sifton House

Mike confirmed the sign has been delivered and photos taken. The item can be removed from the agenda.

9468 Willey Road, SS 4 School House

Laurence confirmed the owner did not want to proceed with a designation as Council did not approve the tax relief program for heritage properties. The item can be removed from the agenda.

13658 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre

The Committee agreed that this would be an appropriate time to begin the evaluation process. Tracey was asked to send Ron the Evaluation Form Template and a sample of a past Form.

31182 Celtic Line, Duncan McTavis

Mike provided an update on the possible designation of this property and is waiting to confirm if the owner is interested.

Heritage Committee Training

This training is on hold until after the Emergency Order is lifted as it is preferred that the training is done in person as the quality of the discussions is much better.

Dutton Dunwich Heritage Brochure

Tracey stated the brochure is still being prepared. Some “testimonials” has been received however she is waiting for 3 more to be submitted. Kate will also review for accessibility. She hopes to have a revised draft for the Committee to review at the September meeting.

Ongoing Matters

- **Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park**
Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed all park committee meetings are presently on hold due to Covid-19.
- **Ontario Heritage Act**
Tracey stated the proposed changes that were to come into effect on July 1, 2020 have now been postponed due to Covid-19.
- **Interpretive Hamlet Signage**
Delany provided drafts to the Committee members on the proposed hamlet interpretive signs.

The Committee supported the drafts and noted that more information could be posted on the Town Website.

Ron agreed to assemble quotes to prepare the signs and will review with the Committee at the next meeting.

Tracey will confirm with the Town Treasurer on Committee budget balance for 2020.

Mike will review requirements for installation.

- **Five Year Official Plan Review**
Tracey explained that the next draft version of the Official Plan will be released in the Fall of 2020 for public consultation. The Committee will be provided with the link when it is available.

Laurence did ask if noise pollution was something Council would consider as part of the next version.

New Business

- **Meetings**
Mike stated that by the next meeting, the Heritage Committee may be able to meet at the Municipal Building, in the WEDS Theatre with physical distancing. Meeting location will be confirmed prior to the next agenda going out.

Upcoming Events

- a) Teddy Bear Picnic, Backus-Page House Museum – August 3/20 from 10 am to 4pm
- b) Heritage Farm Show 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – September 5/20 to September 6/20 from 10 am to 4pm

- a. Life in the Talbot Settlement 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – September 26/20 to September 27/20 from 10 am to 4pm
- b. Carolinian Forest Event, Backus-Page House Museum – October 24/20 from 10 am to 4pm
- c. Paranormal Investigation with Ontario Haunting and Paranormal Society Backus-Page House Museum – October 30/20 to October 31/20 from 7 pm to 11 pm
- d. Clean Up Day Fall 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – November 7/20 from 10 am to 2pm
- e. A Pioneer Christmas Feast 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – December 5/20 to December 6/20 from 4 pm to 8 pm
- f. A Very Victorian Christmas, Backus-Page House Museum – December 12/20 to December 31/20 from 10 am to 4 pm
- g. Heritage Week 2021 – February 15/21 to February 21/21
- h. Doors Open 2021, various locations - TBD
- i. Wallacetown Fair 2021 (161th Edition - Superheros Theme), Fairgrounds – October 1/21 to October 3/21

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 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 5:54 pm.