

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

June 17, 2020 – via Web Conference – 5pm

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz, Delany Leitch, Elaine Brown, Angela Bobier, Laurence Grant, Ron Ross (joining at 5:10pm), Tracey Pillon-Abbs, Planner, Kate Morreau, Executive Assistant

**Absent:** Blair Ferguson

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

### **Adoption of the Minutes – May 20, 2020**

**Motion to adopt the minutes of May 20, 2020 by Angela and seconded by Laurence. CARRIED.**

### **Heritage Designation Updates**

- 29436 Talbot Line, Sifton House  
Tracey confirmed the plaque has been ordered and will be mailed to the Municipal Office. Deputy Mayor Hentz volunteered to deliver the sign and take a picture once received at the Municipal Office.
- SS School House  
Tracey asked the committee if they were interested in revisiting this property for designation. Laurence confirmed the owner did not want to proceed with a designation as Council did not approve the tax relief program for heritage properties, however Laurence offered to talk to the owner again.

Other properties were discussed for possible designation. The property owned by Duncan McTavish was discussed. Deputy Mayor Hentz will reach out to the owners to determine if they are interested in pursuing a heritage designation.

The Crinan Community Centre was discussed. Delany stated this property has not formally been considered for designation, but it was a notable destination during the Open Doors event. Ron offered to gather some historical information and pass along to Delany to start the process.

### **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. Laurence asked if the training can focus on Heritage Districts as they are a more complicated process than individual designations. Tracey will pass that request along to the Trainer

## Dutton Dunwich Heritage Brochure

Tracey stated the brochures are still being populated and would like to include “testimonials” which Laurence is going to compile.

### 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  
Committee members provided updates on the four hamlet interpretive signs. Delany agreed to provide a template that can be used to complete the content. Proposed layout was discussed and approved. Photos for each hamlet were slowly coming together from local residents.

Ron is interesting in co-sharing this project. Ron sourced a great deal of information from a book titled “Vanishing Villages of Elgin County.” Ron started Blair was also interested in populating this project. Elaine stated Joyce Sutton has photos for the Largie hamlet interpretive sign.

Ron asked about the status of the Campbellton hamlet sign. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated the committee has budget dollars so if the committee agreed this sign can be completed.

**Motion by Delany and seconded by Elaine that Kate proceed in getting the sign drafted and manufactured. CARRIED.**

Ron will talk to Campbellton hamlet residents to see who is interested in hosting the sign.

- Five Year Official Plan Review  
Tracey stated the deadline for public comment was May 29<sup>th</sup>. Laurence provided the Heritage Committee’s comments to Tracey today. Tracey confirmed there is a special council meeting tomorrow. Council can decide how they wish to proceed with the next version of the Official Plan and provide direction.
- Restoration of Pilasters at 8947 Iona Road  
Laurence shared photos of the restoration of the pilasters at this property. Laurence stated there is a great deal of rot in the pilaster. The rotten wood has been removed and this area will be treated with a sealant that ensures any remaining rotting wood becomes solid again, then the replacement pilasters, which are being recreated will be installed.

## **New Business**

- **Meetings**

Deputy Mayor Hentz stated he attended a meeting this week with the fire department while observing social distancing. Deputy Mayor Hentz stated it was great to see everyone in person after 3 months. Deputy Mayor Hentz would like the heritage committee to hold its next meeting in an appropriate open setting, and requested members to consider where i.e., Backus Page ground or the new pavilion in Wallacetown fairgrounds.

- Tracey shared correspondence received from Salvage Kings TV show. This is a new series which demolishes buildings. The show has approached the Municipality to enquire if there are any heritage buildings slated for demolition. The committee will let Tracey know if they hear of a property fitting that description.

## **Upcoming Events**

- a) Farm Show – Labour Day Weekend – may be held later in the season
- b) Wallacetown Fair –officially postponed for 2020.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15 at 5:00 p.m., outside location to be determined.

## **Next Meeting Chair**

TBD

## **Meeting Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.