

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm - 29357 Talbot Line (Pearce Homestead Tour) and Backus-Page Museum immediately following.

Present (Tour): Laurence Grant, Elaine Brown, Delany Leitch and Tracey Pillon-Abbs – Planner

Present (Meeting): Angela Bobier, Laurence Grant, Elaine Brown, Delany Leitch and Tracey Pillon-Abbs – Planner.

Regrets: Ron Ross, Blair Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Hentz and Kate Morreau - Executive Assistant.

After the tour, Laurence chaired and called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Adoption of the Minutes – May 19, 2021

Laurence asked if there were any errors or omissions. Elaine noted that the minutes of the last meeting should be corrected to indicate that the 4H event was still pending.

Motion to adopt the amended minutes of May 19, 2021 by Elaine seconded by Angela. CARRIED.

Delegation - NONE

Heritage Designation/Register Updates

- a) 13658 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre - Designation will resume once stay at home order is rescinded. The next meeting will be held at the Centre and a tour will be provided.
- b) 27401 Celtic Line, Tait - Designation will resume once stay at home order is rescinded.
- c) 29519 Talbot Line, St Helens Catholic Church - Designation will resume once stay at home order is rescinded.
- d) 13240 Largie Road, Largie Cemetery - Designation will resume once stay at home order is rescinded.
- e) 29357 Talbot Line, Pearce Homestead - The Tour confirmed that there were heritage features to the home and property. The Committee (Deputy Mayor Hentz or Blair) will contact the new owners to inquire if there is any interest in designation.

Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)

The Committee reviewed a sample brochure template provided by Delany and the list of cemeteries provided by Angela. The following cemeteries have been identified for the event.

	CEMETERY SITE	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT
1	Iona	Laurence
2	Tyrconnell	Elaine
3	St. Peters	Angela
4	Fairview	Delany
5	St Helens	Blair
6	St Stevens	Angela
7	Cowal-McBride	Ron and Delany
8	Lumley	Laurence
9	McKillop	Delany
10	Blacks	Angela

The Committee will work on completing research with a focus on design of unique headstones and feature of key people.

A map will be required for each cemetery and the possible use of QR codes, signs or flags to help people locate each grave site on the day of the event.

The goal is to have content ready for July, review content with Committee for August, upload content to the doors open website for September and hold the event in October.

Ongoing Matters

- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park
Nothing to update.
- Hamlets Interpretive Signs
New sign research in progress.
- Elgin County Cycling Trail Project
Nothing to update.
- Protocols on Recycling Materials from Demolished Buildings
Tracey confirmed that she has received some samples from other municipality and is currently reviewing.
- Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement
Nothing to update.
- Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)
Effective July 1, 2021 the new regulations will commence. Tracey provided a brief summary of the key changes to the Ontario Heritage Act. The Environmental Registry of Ontario is reviewing the Draft Tool Kits and indicate that they will be ready in the fall.
- Wood Windows Preservation - Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Working Group
Laurence provide an update. Item to stay on the agenda.

New Business

Angela explained that CTV London had reported a new Virtual Reality St Thomas. It is a new augmented reality app launched in St. Thomas which is bringing history and culture to life in the city. It is located at the cenotaph in St. Thomas. The app brings up virtual poppies and users can click on profiles of local soldiers. There are five experiences in the city, with others in London. Port Stanley will be added later this year. In a partnership with Elgin County Museum, and funded by the Donna Evans Bushell Estate, the app will allow people to get history and culture on their smartphone. The Thames Valley District School board (TVDSB) has approved the use of the app on all devices.

An error was noted regarding where Mr. Sifton was from, which Angela has contacted the Elgin County Museum to see if it can be updated.

Upcoming Events

- a) Backus Page Museum, 8 weeks of Podcasts, starting the week of June 16, 2021.
- b) Col. Talbot 250 Anniversary, July 17 and July 18, 2021, event at Backus Page Museum.
- c) Merchant at the Museum, August 21 and August 21, 2021, event at Backus Page Museum.
- d) Heritage Committee Training – TBD.
- e) Wallacetown Fair 2021 - Driving Tour (161th Edition – Superheroes Theme), October 2, 21 to October 3, 21 pre-registration required.
- f) Doors Open 2021, various locations – Sunday, October 24, 2021 (Time TBD).

Meeting Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at the Crinan Community Centre.

Next Meeting Chair – Angela will chair the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned 6:52 pm.