

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Chair: Angela Bobier

Location: Iona Hall

- a) Adoption of the minutes from Wednesday, February 16, 2022, held virtually
- b) Delegation – Mike Baker, Elgin County Heritage Centre.
- c) Heritage Designations:
 - 13568 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre
 - 27401 Celtic Line, Tait
 - 13240 Largie Road, Largie Cemetery
- d) Doors Open, 2023
- e) Heritage Committee Recruitment – closed Friday, March 4th, 2022 – one letter of interest received and circulated to members.
- f) On-Going Matters:
 - Iona Park Naming Recommendation (Lumley Park and Iona Hall)
 - Hamlet Interpretive Signs – Wallacetown attached
 - Elgin County Cycling Mural Trail Project
 - Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Preplacement – correspondence attached
 - New Ontario Heritage Tool Kit
 - Dedication and memory tribute for Elaine Brown
- g) Upcoming Event(s):
 - Heritage Committee Training – May 31, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - Backus Page Museum - Podcast - Life in the Talbot Settlement – every other Wednesday
 - Doors Open 2023 – TBD
- h) New Business
- i) Meeting adjournment.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. (Location TBD).



CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

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<p>Present: Deputy Mayor Hentz, Angela Bobier, Blair Ferguson, Laurence Grant, and Tracey Pillon-Abbs – Planner, Kate Morreau - Executive Assistant.</p> <p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p>Angela asked if the agenda can be approved. No comments were received.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Agenda by Blair and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hentz. CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Adoption of the Minutes – January 19, 2022</u></p> <p>Angela asked if there were any errors or omissions. No comments were received.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the amended minutes of January 19, 2022 by Mike seconded by Blair. CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Delegation</u> – NONE</p> <p><u>Heritage Designation/Register Updates</u></p>	
<p>a) <u>13568 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre</u> – research on-going. Angela will send an email see when the board is holding their next AGM to discuss this designation.</p>	ANGELA
<p>b) <u>27401 Celtic Line, Tait</u> – research on-going. Laurence received information just needs photographs.</p>	LAURENCE
<p>c) <u>13240 Largie Road, Largie Cemetery</u> – research on-going. Deputy Mike Hentz will reach out to Ron Ross who was initially working on this Cemetery.</p>	MIKE
<p>Photos for these properties will be scheduled in April. It is hopeful these properties will receive designation by the summer.</p>	LAURENCE/ BLAIR

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<p>d) <u>Municipal Building Renovation</u> The Committee discussed the renovations and demolition and had no concerns with the items the Municipality was proposing.</p> <p>Motion by Blair Ferguson that the Heritage Committee supports the demolition of the old Ambulance Bay as proposed by the Municipality as it is not part of the original building, seconded by Laurence Grant. CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by Blair Ferguson to recognize and support the proposed exterior repairs (pointing) and replacement or repair of the windows for energy efficiency purposes; and further the Committee to stay engaged with the Municipality as the project progresses to provide input on items such as proposed materials/designs in order to retain the building's original character, seconded by Laurence Grant. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>e) <u>Elgin County Archival pictures for the Burwell's Corner sign</u> Blair called the County but has not received a reply as of yet. This item is ongoing. Angela, as the Chair, signed and returned the County's consent form to get permission to use the photos on this interpretive sign. Once Angela has received permission and high resolution photos she will update the draft sign and send back to the Committee for review.</p>	<p>ANGELA</p>
<p>f) <u>Doors Open, 2023</u> No updates at this time. A Sub-Committee Chair will be assigned once the recruitment of new members has been completed. The idea of a Natural Heritage Theme for this event was unanimously agreed upon by the members.</p>	
<p>g) <u>Heritage Committee Recruitment</u> The request for applications closes March 4. As of today the Municipality has not received any letters of interest. Kate and Angela will repost to respective social media platforms.</p>	<p>ANGELA/ KATE</p>
<p>Tracey stated that Heritage Week runs from February 21-27, 2022. This may be a great opportunity to do a combined promo on the Heritage Committee Facebook page. Angela will create a Heritage Week promotion which will include the Committee's new member recruitment details.</p>	<p>ANGELA</p>

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<p>h) <u>On-Going Matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Iona Park Naming Recommendation (Lumley Park and Iona Hall) – nothing to report at this time. ii. Hamlet Interpretive Signs – updated template will be brought back to the next meeting. iii. Elgin County Cycling Mural Trail Project - nothing to report at this time. iv. Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement - nothing to report at this time. Deputy Mayor Hentz will follow up with Jessica. v. New Ontario Heritage Tool Kit - nothing to report at this time. vi. Dedication and memory tribute for Elaine Brown – a Butternut tree was suggested as an ideal complement to the established forest area. Location was determined. Deputy Mayor Hentz will reach out to Marg Hulls who is currently overseeing the Memorial Tree project etc., at Buttermilk Bog. Angela has a couple of events scheduled for May and June which may be an opportune time for a dedication ceremony to Elaine (Pearce) Brown. The Brown family will be kept informed of all items. 	<p>MIKE</p> <p>MIKE</p> <p>ANGELA</p>
<p>i) <u>Upcoming Event(s):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Heritage Committee Training – May 31, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Southwold and Central Elgin have expressed interest in this event. Tracey will email the details to them. ii. Backus Page Museum - Podcast - Life in the Talbot Settlement – every other Wednesday – ongoing. iii. Angela is working on a new event to be held on March 26, 2022 for a combined volunteer thank you and a Maple syrup day. Angela will provide more details, dates, time etc., once they are confirmed. iv. Doors Open 2023 – TBD – previously discussed. On a side note Laurence suggested that the remaining brochures for each cemetery used for the 2021 event be placed in a waterproof mailbox and installed at each cemetery. There appears to be a lot of interest by cemetery boards. Permission has already been received from St. Peter’s and Tyrconnell Cemeteries. Angela stated that all the cemeteries showcased last year will be recorded and available via podcasts in the near future. 	<p>TRACEY</p> <p>ANGELA</p> <p>MIKE</p> <p>ANGELA</p>
<p><u>Next Meeting</u> The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. currently scheduled in person at Iona Hall.</p>	

	ACTION
Meeting Adjournment Motion to Adjourn by Laurence and seconded by Blair at 3:59pm. CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.	



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October 20, 2021

Ms. Jessica Small
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Dear Ms. Small:

Thank you for your email message of September 17, 2021, and follow-up messages, regarding the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque for Port Talbot National Historic Site of Canada.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Parks Canada are working towards addressing concerns related to national historic designations and plaques. The Framework for History and Commemoration (www.parksCanada.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/plan/cadre-framework) outlines a comprehensive approach to sharing Canada's history through diverse, wide-ranging and sometimes complex perspectives. The framework outlines the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada's approach for the careful review of existing national historic designations and plaque texts. A review may result in new or revised reasons for designation, which reflect contemporary knowledge and current public understanding of the subject.

Parks Canada was notified in 2018 of the theft of the plaque for this national historic site. Prior to replacement, all plaque texts require review to ensure that they reflect contemporary knowledge of the subject, as indicated in the Framework for History and Commemoration. Preliminary research revealed that the reasons for designation of national significance for this site required a thorough review, as there may be a significant layer of history absent, especially in relation to Indigenous lands and people in the region. Once this research is completed, a new plaque text can be drafted, after which the new plaque will be installed. The research has tentatively been scheduled to begin in 2022, with development of a new plaque text to follow immediately.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Ron Hallman

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Wallacetown



- Donald Currie, from Scotland, settled in 1813 with three sons and one daughter. The area was known locally as Frogtown owing to the large swamp that was to the east of the four corners. The swamp was home to a great many frogs and at night, it is said one was serenaded to sleep by their songs.
- The area attracted other Scots and in 1852 a post office was established at the four corners. A proper name was sought, so locals settled on naming it after Scotland's national hero Sir William Wallace.
- Attracting a steady stream of Irish and Scottish immigrants, some coming from Lord Selkirk's Red River Settlement, Currie Road intersected what would become Highway 3 and now Talbot Line, which at the time was the route of stagecoaches and individual travellers between Niagara Falls and Windsor. It was also a short cut for Americans travelling from Detroit to Buffalo.
- The town soon sported two hotels, a livery stable, grist mills, saw mills, a wagon factory, tailors, blacksmiths, a shoe maker, a cheese factory, basically anything that was required to live a comfortable life was either made or was available in the bustling little community. In 1860 there were 24 businesses listed in Wallacetown.
- Wallacetown is also home to one of the oldest fairs in the Province, starting in 1860. Five churches covered all of the major faiths of the time (we could list the churches)
- Rail soon became the favoured mode of transportation. Traffic and business began migrating north to Dutton and Wallacetown quickly became what it has remained since, a quaint, pleasant, and friendly residential community.



Talbot Line looking west. *Courtesy of Elgin County Archives*



Cheese Factory or School House