



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m - Via Web conference

Present: Deputy Mayor Hentz, Laurence Grant, Elaine Brown, Delany Leitch, Ron Ross
Tracey Pillon-Abbs – Planner, Kate Morreau - Executive Assistant.
Regrets: Angela Bobier, Blair Ferguson

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

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Deputy Mayor Hentz and seconded by Elaine. CARRIED.

Adoption of the Minutes – April 21, 2021

Ron asked if there were any errors or omissions – none.

Motion to adopt the minutes of April 21, 2021 by Laurence seconded by Deputy Mayor Hentz. CARRIED.

Delegation - NONE

Heritage Designation/Register Updates

- a) 13658 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre
The stay at home order is affecting progress of this designation but will resume once the stay at home order is rescinded. The board have not been able to hold their annual meeting. Ron circulated to the committee the Crinan school history.
- b) 27401 Celtic Line, Tait
This property is also on hold until the stay at home order is rescinded. In the meantime the property will be listed on the Heritage Register. Blair was assigned this designation, however as Blair is unable to attend the next couple of meetings it was agreed, with Blair's approval, that the committee continue to move forward with this.
- c) 29519 Talbot Line, St Helens Catholic Church
Blair has sent photographs to the Church to get designation going once the stay at home order has ceased to be in effect. Laurence stated he has been assisting Blair with this designation and had forwarded photos to Laurence illustrating the changes that have been made over time inside the property. Laurence will continue with this designation.
- d) 13240 Largie Road, Largie Cemetery
Ron did forward a very informative write up on the "history of Largie cemetery" to the committee which he received from Norman McWilliam. Ron confirmed there was nothing to report on at this time and activities will resume once the stay at home order is rescinded.

Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)

Laurence stated he has been to the Iona Cemetery to take some photos to perhaps include in a powerpoint presentation to capture the history and grave markers.

Tracey provided an update on what other municipalities were doing and stated that events are mainly virtual this year. Many participants are doing a January to December event and not picked one date. The participants are focusing on mapping, guided tours etc., so when the committee embarks on the virtual event we could do the same mapping, photos and a description.

Delany tried to find copies of the Woodland Cemetery tours. The tours are more about telling a story. The interested person could download from the web which provided brief information. The document was basically a map of the cemetery which also included text boxes with an overview of a notable person, stone or a theme of its history. Delany said she had a few ideas on finding relevant points of interest which could lead to "telling a story."

Elaine stated the Tyrconnel Cemetery has Meredith Conn Sr. and his wife Catherine are buried there. Elaine may be able to locate a booklet about the St. Peters Cemetery for research purposes.

Other cemeteries and proposed formats were discussed i.e., virtual or restricted in person tours. The other cemeteries will be assigned to members at the next meeting.

Ongoing Matters

- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park
Deputy Mayor Hentz stated this project is on hold but is hoping to have park opening event when it is permitted.
- Hamlets Interpretive Signs
Elaine stated the signs are installed at Tyrconnel, Cowal and Coynes Corner. Already getting excellent feedback. Remove the installed signs from the agenda, however the outstanding Hamlets Interpretive signs are still under development.
- Elgin County Cycling Trail Project
Deputy Mayor Hentz stated he has not received any updates as of yet. The mural will tie in with the history and cycling in the County not just Dutton Dunwich.

Ron asked if there had been any further discussion regarding the trail west of Elgin Manor (the old rail line). Laurence understood this trail is going to continue to be extended and it is funded by the Donna Bushell estate.

- Protocols on Recycling Materials from Demolished Buildings
Tracey stated this is ongoing.
- Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement
Deputy Mayor Hentz reported that the replacement plaque will be completed this year.
- Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)
Nothing new to report. Still on stand-by no tool kits available yet.
- Cemeteries Walking Tour
This tour will now be part of the Doors Open event as previously discussed. It was suggested the committee try to identify 3 to 4 notable people who are resting in the various cemeteries.

New Business

Laurence shared information to members (after a recent zoom meeting he attended) the benefits of advocating for wood window preservation. Laurence suggested the benefits of putting together a powerpoint presentation to convey information to the public on how to preserve original windows and not replace them with new. This presentation would demonstrate how to preserve them and that these heritage windows can be refurbished and be efficient and good as new ones. Facebook would be the perfect platform and make this information accessible to everyone.

The committee will review the information provided by Laurence with any comments they may have.

Upcoming Events

- a) Heritage Committee Training –TBD
- b) Elaine stated Wallacetown Fair will not be held this year. They will be having another chicken dinner on October 2. Craft kits will be sent out to the junior fair members in an effort to keep these members interested in the fair. The 4H club also put on a display for residents.
- c) Doors Open 2021 – October 24, 2021 (Time TBD)
- d) Backus-Page Museum - annual general meeting will be held May 5 with virtual attendance.

Next Meeting

Deputy Mayor Hentz had offered to set up a tour of the Pearce House in Wallacetown. It was suggested this location would be perfect for the next committee meeting depending on where the Provincial order is at. The Committee could also go to the Backus-Page Museum after the Tour.

Ross suggested the Cirnan Community Centre for the July meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 (tentative), at 5:00 p.m., location TBD.

Next Meeting Chair – Laurence will chair the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Laurence and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hentz. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned 5:58 pm.