

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm
New Agricultural Centre at the Backus Page Museum, Dutton

ACTION

Present: Deputy Mayor Hentz, Angela Bobier and Kate Morreau - Executive Assistant.

Regrets: Tracey Pillon-Abbs – Planner, Blair Ferguson, Laurence Grant, Ron Ross

Approval of the Agenda

Angela asked if the agenda can be approved. No comments were received.

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

Adoption of the Minutes – October 20, 2021

Angela asked if there were any errors or omissions. No comments were received.

Motion to adopt the amended minutes of October 10, 2021 by Deputy Mayor Hentz and seconded by Angela. CARRIED.

Delegation - NONE

Heritage Designation/Register Updates

There were no updates for the following properties due to COVID impeding progress.

- 13568 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre – On the Register.
- 27401 Celtic Line, Tait – To be added to the Register
- 13240 Largie Road, Largie Cemetery - To be added to the Register.

Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)

Discuss outcomes

- Overall the event was a success, well attended with very positive feedback from attendees and volunteers at each site.
- Angela stated there was a couple of tours at Backus Page and it was good they were open for washroom access for visitors.

Ways to improve the process

- Angela felt the Doors Open Event could benefit from having a Chair Person to navigate future participation.
- Deputy Mayor Hentz stated he would like to have a thorough debrief when all members are in attendance to indentify ways to improve the process.

Identify Event Sub Chair

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Pre-Planning Template for 2023

- The committee felt they scrambled somewhat at the end and that future planning must be prioritized more effectively. Kate stated she has a planning event matrix she could share with the commitee which may assist in items to be done and who is to do them. Kate will forward this document to the committee to review.

KATE

Heritage Committee Annual Report

Members have reviewed the draft that Kate forwarded. This report will go to the December meeting of Council.

KATE

Heritage Training

A date will be secured at the next meeting once all members are present however March or April in 2022 would be the most suitable time of the year.

Terms of Reference

It was determined it would be beneficial if the Terms of Reference were amended to have a chair nominated annually at the committee's first meeting of each year as opposed to rotating chairs each month.

Ongoing Matters

- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park
Nothing new to report.
- Hamlets Interpretive Signs
Nothing new to report
- Elgin County Cycling Trail Project
Nothing new to report.
- Protocols on Recycling Materials from Demolished Buildings
Tracey provided a revised Guideline on Recycling Buildings and Materials. The committee agreed this format is preferred. Private company contact information will be added to the form for residents to contact.
- Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement
Staff are currently working on the replacement with the federal contacts.
- Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)
Tool Kits still pending.
- Wood Windows Preservation - Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Working Group
Nothing new to report.

TRACEY

New Business

- Past Committee Member Elaine Brown

The committee wanted to honour Elaine Brown in some way for her dedication and passion serving on not only the heritage committee but for all her incredible contributions within the community. Elaine is remembered as a wonderful, kind and inspirational lady who will be truly missed by so many.

ACTION

Kate had suggested a bench dedicated to Elaine placed next to the Interpretive Sign located in the Hamlet of Tyrconnell. Elaine’s favourite tree would also be planted there to offer shade to those who visit this site.

MIKE

Angela shared a conversation she had with Elaine. Elaine had a dream that she was at the museum teaching quill pen writing. Angela reached out to the Diocese of the St. Henry’s Church to enquire if this 1870 building could be relocated and preserved on Backus Page property as the Diocese were seeking assistance to preserve it in some manner. The idea is to have the church fully restored with heating and cooling to hold meetings or other events but also, with the Brown’s family permission, have an exhibit located inside the church dedicated to Elaine and her school teaching legacy.

ANGELA

Upcoming Events

- Backus Page Museum – Podcasts – Life in the Talbot Settlement are being aired regularly.
- Backus Page Museum – a Very Victorian Christmas Tours – on select day starting from December 1 to December 30, 2021.
- Heritage Committee Training – Spring 2022

Meeting Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Location to be determined.

Next Meeting Chair – If the revised Terms of Reference are approved by Council on December 15th, a Chair will be nominated for a 12 month term.

Motion to adjourn by Deputy Mayor Hentz and seconded by Angela. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned 5.50 pm.