



CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm
199 Upper, Currie Road, Dutton, ON,
West Elgin Dramatics Society (WEDS)

Present: Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz, Delany Leitch, Elaine Brown, Laurence Grant, Blair Ferguson and Tracey Pillon-Abbs, Planner.

Absent: Ron Ross, Angela Bobier and Kate Morreau, Executive Assistant

Laurence Grant chaired and called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm.

Adoption of the Minutes – July 15, 2020

The minutes were read to the Committee.

Motion to adopt the minutes of July 15, 2020 by Elaine and seconded by Blair. CARRIED.

Delegation

Mike Baker, Elgin County Museum provided a presentation to the Committee on a new sign and cycling trail project. A donation has been received with the request to promote local and regional trails with markers. Markers can be in the form of building murals, interpretive signs, etc., similar to barn quilts.

Feedback is required on ideas on where the best routes are located and what type of markers would the Committee like to see. Perhaps there could be a focus on history. The intent is to focus on family friends routes.

Mike offered to come back to a future Committee meeting to discuss feedback and ideas.

Heritage Designation Updates

13658 Dunborough Road, Crinan Community Centre

The evaluation of the Centre is in progress by the Committee. The Committee recommended a meeting with the Crinan Community Centre Committee. Delany agreed to contact the Committee to see if there is interest in a meeting.

31182 Celtic Line, Duncan McTavish

Mike provided an update and recommended that this may not be the best time to designate this property due to the health of the property owner. This item is to be removed from the agenda.

Heritage Committee Training

After a brief discussion, the Committee selected November 18, 2020 at 5pm for the date of the training with Bert Duclos.

The fee is \$380 for the entire Committee, regardless of the number in attendance. Council will also be invited to attend. The event will be 4 hours in total.

Tracey will contact Bert to confirm the details on how to provide the training while following Covid 19 requirements.

Dutton Dunwich Heritage Brochure

Tracey provided a draft brochure to the Committee, as revised, for feedback, which now included “testimonials” and pictures of each designated site. The only designated site that did not respond with a statement was Victoria Spencer.

The Committee discussed the draft document. It was the decision of the Committee to provide time to review the draft in more detail and to discuss at the next meeting. Tracey will contact Victoria again.

Once the final brochure is prepared, Kate will review for accessibility and post on the Municipal Website.

Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)

Tracey provided an update on the 2021 Doors Open application process. The Theme will be ‘Design’. Events must be held between April and October.

Application deadline is December 2020 for the 2021 event. Submission of a \$1,695 (estimate based on 2020 information) registration fee will be required to be submitted with the application and can be charged to the 2021 budget as the event will occur in that year.

Tracey requested direction from the Committee to complete the application in order to host a Dutton Dunwich event in 2021.

The Committee was very supportive of hosting. It was suggested that the event could be held outdoors in October 2021 with a focus on gardens and barns. Outdoors would also allow for physically distanced gatherings, in case the community is still under Covid 19 restrictions.

Motion to direct Administration to process the application and required fee in order to host the Dutton Dunwich 2021 Doors Open Event by Delany and seconded by Blair. CARRIED.

Heritage Week 2021

The Committee discussed ideas for Heritage Week 2021 which will be held February 15/21 to February 21/21.

Since the Backus-Page House Museum hosted an event this year (2020) the Committee recommended that they discuss with Angela at the next meeting.

Ongoing Matters

- Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park
No new information.
- 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
Delany provided quotes on the proposed hamlet interpretive signs. Tracey reported that the Municipal Treasurer confirmed the remaining budget balance for 2020 is \$2,700.

The Committee will review all quotes at the next meeting.

- Five Year Official Plan Review
Tracey explained that the next draft version of the Official Plan will be released in the October for public consultation. The Committee will be provided with the link when it is available.

New Business

New Designations

Blair asked how we promote existing designations and begin the designation process of new properties.

As a review of the process, Tracey explained that once the Committee completes an evaluation of a property which is on the Register (list of candidate sites), she will prepare a report and draft by-law to be presented to Council for consideration. If Council supports the recommendation of the Committee to designate, a notice of intent to designate is posted to the web, in the local newspaper, provided to the property owner and sent to the province. There is an appeal period of 30 days. If no appeals are received, the Tracey will bring adopting by-law back to Council for approval. Then the designation is registered on the title of the property and a sign is offered to the property owner.

The Heritage Committee brochure, social media, attendance at events, and web page are used to help promote existing and new designations.

The Committee agreed to review the Register to see if there are new sites that they could be working on.

Fundraisers

Elaine provided information on the Bingo fundraisers in St. Thomas. Ongoing slots are being offered.

Upcoming Events

- a) Life in the Talbot Settlement 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – September 26/20 to September 27/20 from 10 am to 4pm
- b) BBQ Fundraiser for the Wallacetown Fair – October 2/20 at the Dutton Dunwich Committee Centre
- c) Carolinian Forest Event, Backus-Page House Museum – October 24/20 from 10 am to 4pm
- d) Paranormal Investigation with Ontario Haunting and Paranormal Society Backus-Page House Museum – October 30/20 to October 31/20 from 7 pm to 11 pm
- e) Clean Up Day Fall 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – November 7/20 from 10 am to 2pm
- f) Heritage Committee Training – November 18/20 at 5pm to 9pm
- g) A Pioneer Christmas Feast 2020, Backus-Page House Museum – December 5/20 to December 6/20 from 4 pm to 8 pm
- h) A Very Victorian Christmas, Backus-Page House Museum – December 12/20 to December 31/20 from 10 am to 4 pm

- i) Heritage Week 2021 – February 15/21 to February 21/21
- j) Doors Open 2021, various locations - TBD
- k) Wallacetown Fair 2021 (161th Edition - Superheros Theme), Fairgrounds – October 1/21 to October 3/21

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., location to be determined.

Next Meeting Chair

TBD

Meeting Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.