



CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 15, 2020 – via ZOOM – 5pm

Present: Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz, Delany Leitch, Elaine Brown, Angela Bobier, Laurence Grant, Blair Ferguson, Ron Ross

Staff Resources: Tracey Pillon-Abbs, Planner, Kate Morreau, Executive Assistant

Laurence chaired, and called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Adoption of the Minutes – January 16, 2020

Laurence asked if there were any errors or omissions in the minutes. None.

Motion to adopt the minutes by Angela and Seconded by Delaney CARRIED.

Heritage Designation Updates

- 29436 Talbot Line, Sifton House
Tracey sent a letter to thank the owners for wanting to designate their property and to determine if they were interested in a plaque for their property. Permission was granted and when appropriate Tracey will arrange the manufacturing of the plaque.
- 32272 Talbot Line, Nick Hubert
A report went to Council which supported the notice of withdrawal. Tracey will notify Ontario Heritage Trust. The notice has already been advertised in the newspaper. If the property owner wishes to pursue designation in the future they can. The property will remain on the Heritage Registry.

Heritage Committee Appointments – Update

As the last Heritage meeting was cancelled Tracey proceeded with a report to Council recommending the applications received to sit on the Heritage Committee be approved by proxy.

The committee members welcomed new members Blair Ferguson and Ron Ross. Both new member expressed their gratitude for being a part of the committee and are eager to start their new roles.

Heritage Committee New Member Orientation Package

Tracey stated the orientation package is forthcoming for both new members. The package will include the Heritage Registry, basic information on the Heritage Act and the toolbox the committee currently use to designate properties. Tracey will send electronically for now and will provide a paper copy at a later date.

Community Heritage Membership

Tracey stated the membership is paid for and active. Tracey will begin to receive monthly brochures which will provide to the members at the next meeting. Any electronic information Tracey receive will be forwarded to everyone.

Ongoing Matters

- **Iona Park Naming Recommendation – Lumley Park**
Deputy Mayor Hentz stated this recommendation did go to Councillor's Drouillard and Loveland who are working with the Iona community committee. Some feedback was received however this appears to be a contentious issue which was unknown. Deputy Mayor Hentz recommended reaching out the community and ask for their input.
- **Ontario Heritage Act**
Tracey stated the proposed changes come into effect effective date is July 1, 2020. As the new information is received Tracey will share with the committee members.

Laurence referred to a blog on the University of Waterloo's website which highlights the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act. Laurence stated if committee members are interested they can subscribe to the blog.

New Business

- **Committee Training and Proposed Dates**
Tracey circulated a flyer to committee members Bert Duclos. Bert is a former Ministry of Culture and Tourism employee who is now retired and now provides various kinds of heritage training. Tracey stated in light of the proposed training to the Ontario Heritage Act it would be helpful to invite Bert to a committee meeting to review the changes with committee members. The committee members agreed this would be beneficial and schedule for the fall. Tracey will reach out to Bert to enquire as to a time he can provide training. Angela requested this training be any other day but Wednesday as that his Backus-Page Museum's Board Meeting night.
- **Town of Ajax Designated Heritage Properties**
Elaine provided a copy of a Heritage brochure from the Town of Ajax. The committee discussed and review the content and determined information could be condensed and used by the committee. Elaine stated she felt it was a good source of information. Laurence stated the committee already has a brochure with typical questions and answers however, offered to review for Dutton Duwnich.
- **Backus-Page House Museum Events**
Angela stated the Board to cancel or postpone all museum events until June 14, 2020. Also, the entirety of John E. Pearce Provincial Park including Wetlands and Spicer trails, south side of Lakeview Line and the museum area are completely closed to the public. Grass cutting has also been postponed until May 12 at the earliest. Laurence enquired about the Battle of Culloden, Angela stated she had spoken with the group and they cannot see it is going to happen.

Any Other Business

Tracey asked if the members had any other business.

- Deputy Mayor Hentz stated this may be an ideal time to do research for the Largie, Cowal, Tyrconnell and Coynes Corner interpretive signs.
- Angela requested Delany forward the sign template to her. Angela stated she did not get any photos from residents during the current shutdown therefore will put out a request on lined to ask residents to go through their photos and see if they find anything suitable for these areas.
- Ron Ross stated Ron Sutton may have some interesting photos that could be used. Ron has also provided Delany with information.
- Blair stated he is looking forward to contributing to the committee. Blair stated he has a couple of Sifton photos for Coynes Corner. Blair suggested contacting Charlene Davidson whose husband is John Davidson (Jessie's Journey mother). Charlene is an official Sifton historian of the family and everyone sent all their photos to Charlene. Blair will try to make contact with Charlene to get a good photo of the Sifton house.
- Laurence stated someone in Iona has created a FaceBook page and a resident (Al Kirk) encouraged Laurence to post the Iona photos he owns.
- Delany confirmed Angela and herself are Administrators for the Municipal Heritage Committee FaceBook page. As the Iona Facebook page are a private group you cannot access the photos however Delany will capture them and post them with Laurence's approval. Delany had received a quote of \$240 to manufacture the interpretative signs. The signs would be a digitally printed decal attached to a 6mm aluminum panel.
- Deputy Mayor Hentz stated the Iona and Iona Station signs are same as the other four community installed last fall and stated those signs could be interpretive signs too. Laurence stated he can draft signs for these two areas. Delany will send the sign template to the committee members.

Upcoming Events

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20 (tentative) at 5:00p.m., in Dutton Dunwich Council Chambers or via Webconference.

Next Meeting Chair

TBD.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ron and Seconded by Delany. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.