



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm - Via Web conference

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

Angela chaired and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Adoption of the Minutes – March 17, 2021

Angela asked if there were any errors or omissions – none. Angela asked for a motion to adopt the minutes.

Motion to adopt the minutes of March 17, 2021 by Blair and 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The stay at home order is affecting progress of this designation but will resume once the stay at home order is rescinded
- 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This property is also on hold until the stay at home order is rescinded.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.
- c) 29519 Talbot Line, St Helens Catholic Church
Blair did speak with Ron Wilkins who is head of the committee and the committee are in favour of designating the property; however Ron still needs to speak with the Bishops office. Blair has sent photographs to the Church to get designation going once the stay at home order has ceases to be in effect.
- d) 13240 Largie Road, Largie Cemetery
The committee decided to include Largie Cemetery on the heritage register. This Cemetery ties in with the Crinan Community Centre which is being designated. Angela stated she would take photos and populate the history and get draft back to the committee to review once the stay at home order is rescinded.

Motion to add 27401 Celtic Line (Tait) and 13240 Largie Road (Largie Cemetery) to the heritage registry by Blair and seconded by Ron. CARRIED.

Doors Open (2021 Theme - Design)

Angela stated the City of St. Thomas purchased an App called "Goose Chase" which was used to hold a Scavenger Hunt around the City. Angela reached out to the company who created the App but it is very expensive. Angela will look into more affordable alternatives.

The Doors Open event format options were discussed. The event would not be restricted to one day if a virtual tour was done. Angela stated one option is to not do any properties but do all the cemeteries which could be in person as it is outside. However the Ontario COVID response framework "colour codes" would need to be observed.

The committee agreed to defer the list of properties selected for this years' Doors Open until 2022 and do the cemeteries instead. Committee members could be available for one day at a cemetery location and talk about the history with visitors etc. Angela has the transcripts for all the cemeteries in the municipality. Angela offered to share the list of cemeteries and the map which she has at the museum.

Cemeteries will be assigned to committee members at the next meeting. The date of October 24 was agreed upon for this event.

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.
- **Research for Hamlets Interpretive Signs**
 - a) Angela found photos of Burwell's Corners. Angela needs to get permission for them to used.
 - b) Laurence circulated the first draft of the Iona interpretive sign for the committee to review.
 - c) Blair has plenty of information and photos for the Wallacetown interpretive sign. Blair will get a draft together for the next meeting.
- **Elgin County Cycling Trail Project**
Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed Mike Baker did provide a presentation to members of Council. The County is inviting Dutton Dunwich, through the use of the library building, to participate in a mural project celebrating local history using the themes of cycling and transportation to draw attention to the cycling trails in the area and add to visitor and resident enjoyment of the library.
- **Protocols on Recycling Materials from Demolished Buildings**
A discussion ensued regarding a century house and barn being demolished and if it is possible to connect the property owner with an architectural salvager. The committee would like to document the property before it is demolished.
- **Port Talbot Bronze Federal Plaque Replacement**
Deputy Mayor Hentz reported that the replacement plaque will be completed this year. Tracey will follow up to establish an installation timeline.
- **Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)**
Nothing new to report.
- **Cemeteries Walking Tour**
This tour will now be part of the Doors Open event. It was suggested the committee try to identify 3 to 4 notable people who are resting in the various cemeteries.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Hentz confirmed the Baptist Church located at 30504 Talbot Line has been sold and the new owners are going to convert the church into a residence.

Upcoming Events

- a) Heritage Committee Training –TBD
- b) Wallacetown Fair (161th Edition – Super Heroes Theme), Fairgrounds – October 1, 2021 to October 3, 2021 – still on hold
- 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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (tentative), at 5:00 p.m., location TBD.

Next Meeting Chair – Ron will chair the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned 5:56 pm.