

The RIDEAU LAKES MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE held a Meeting at the Municipal Office in Chantry on Thursday, **May 16, 2019**.

Doug Bond, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following Members were in attendance: Council Representative Cathy Livingston; Doug Bond, Chair; Don Cooke, George German, Diane Haskins, Betty James, Neil Patterson, Sue Warren and Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary.

Linda Carr was absent with prior notice.

Chair Bond asked if there were any additions to the Agenda and none were noted.

Moved By: George German

Seconded By: Betty James

To Pass a Resolution that;

The agenda be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

Chair Bond asked if anyone had a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof and none were heard.

DELEGATION:

Brittany Mulhern, Manager of Development Services, was in attendance at the request of the Committee to discuss possible uses of the ACCESS Database and the place of Heritage in the Official Plan.

Possible Uses of ACCESS Database:

Ms. Mulhern announced the imminent rollout out of a Public-Facing GIS Viewer where individuals will be able to access information on properties within the Township of Rideau Lakes including Zoning, Official Plan Designation, and Active Planning Applications.

Chair Bond asked Cathy Livingston to provide a short demonstration of the ACCESS Database and the breadth of information recorded there. Chair Bond commended the Committee on the amount of work and research already completed on almost 1,000 sites of heritage significance within the Township.

Ms. Mulhern advised that a Cultural Heritage section could be added to the GIS Viewer where the reports and photos related to Designated and Listed Properties stored in the ACCESS database could be available for public viewing. This would require pdf reports on individual

properties to be provided to Ms. Mulhern for upload to the program, as well as periodic updating of said reports. Cemeteries could also be added to the GIS.

RECOMMENDATION #17-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Diane Haskins

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee reviewed the Public-Facing GIS Viewer as proposed by the Planning Department of the Township of Rideau Lakes;

NOW THEREFORE the MHAC recommends that the ACCESS Database be used to include Designated and Listed Properties information on the GIS Viewer.

Carried.

Cathy Livingston will coordinate the transfer of reports and information from the ACCESS Database to the Planning Department.

Place of Heritage in the Official Plan:

The Township is in the process of updating its Official Plan, and held a Public Consultation focusing on Tourism and Recreation. Don Cooke advised that he attended the session, but found very little relating to Heritage.

Ms. Mulhern advised that Cultural Heritage is a component of the existing Official Plan and provided copies of the relevant sections.

Committee members decided to review the material and prepare comments for discussion at the next MHAC Meeting.

A discussion was held regarding possible impacts of changes to the *Heritage Act* by Bill 108, particularly the requirement to notify property owners of the Municipality's intent to List on the Heritage Registry, and the opportunity for the owner to appeal through LPAT.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous Meeting held April 18, 2019 were read as distributed to Committee. Chair Bond asked for errors or omissions and none were noted.

RECOMMENDATION #18-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Don Cooke

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee approves and adopts the Minutes of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held April 18, 2019.

Carried.

Minutes of the Cemetery Sub-Committee Meeting held May 7, 2019 were read as distributed to Committee. Chair Bond asked for errors or omissions and none were noted.

RECOMMENDATION #19-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Betty James

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommends the approval and adoption of the Minutes of the Cemetery Sub-Committee Meeting held May 7, 2019.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Cemetery Sub-Committee Minutes May 7, 2019: Recommendation #3-2019 Appointments to Cemetery Sub-Committee:

RECOMMENDATION #20-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By:

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS at the Cemetery Sub-Committee Meeting held May 7, 2019, Recommendation #3-2019 was passed regarding appointments to the Cemetery Sub-Committee:

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Recommends that Council appoint the following individuals to the Cemetery Sub-Committee:

Doug Bond (ex officio), Betty James (MHAC), Bill Murray (Chaffey), Tiffany Thomas

(Knowlton), Brian Preston (Scovil), Brodie Burt (Clear Lake), Eldon Polk (Polk), Kim Proud (Ripley/Sly), Joan Wright (Royal Sappers & Miners), Luanne Furzer (Stevens) and Tony Humphrey (Wood Mausoleum & Cemetery).

Carried.

REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Financial Update:

Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary, provided Committee with a verbal and written 2019 Financial Update.

RECOMMENDATION #21-2019

Moved By: Cathy Livingston
Seconded By: Diane Haskins

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee acknowledges the verbal and written Financial Update as provided by Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cemetery Sub-Committee/Symposium Update:

Neil advised that plans for the Symposium are well underway with letters of invitation being mailed to all area cemetery boards. He encouraged all members of MHAC to attend, particularly the afternoon sessions, to gain needed knowledge about cemetery regulations. Council members will also be invited to attend free of charge.

1st Annual Rideau Lakes Heritage Symposium Debrief:

-well-received, excellent lunch, great speakers - more like Ken Watson with historical information, good advertising for Heritage Network members, too bad no wagon tour, hats were fun, value in Wendy's emphasis on young people, tour & milling demonstration was very interesting - connection between grinding and flour and bread served for lunch, should end by 3pm, should try to involve participants in discussion,
-next year will be at Chaffeys with Sue taking the lead
-continue yearly as long as possible, can bring in outside speakers

- consider online payment for registration, increased advertising, invitations to other area heritage groups

RECOMMENDATION #22-2019

Moved By: George German
Seconded By: Diane Haskins

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee congratulates the organizers on the success of the 1st Annual Heritage Symposium.

Carried.

Neil Patterson left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

RDHS Heritage Fair and Tour:

George advised that the work done by the students for the Heritage Fair was impressive. Each student in Grades 7 and 8 prepared an individual visual presentation on some topic in history. The resulting projects were displayed for other RDHS students and the public. Many area students portrayed something from their home community. George brought an excellent example highlighting Furnace Falls (Lyndhurst) to show the Committee. A letter has been prepared commending teacher William French, Rideau District High School, and the Grade 7 & 8 students.

The student Heritage Tour is planned for May 29 beginning in Newboro with Gerry LaPointe and then proceeding to divide into two groups at the Isthmus to take turns taking the ferry and hearing Joan Delaney on Fettercairn. The students will then travel to Chaffeys to hear Neil Patterson and visit the museum followed by lunch on the patio and ice cream at The Opinicon.

Betty James left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Since the Chair of the UCDSB in his speech at the Heritage Symposium asked for input regarding a strategy for teaching heritage in schools, it was suggested that a document be prepared at the next meeting with suggestions to forward to Mr. McAllister.

Delta Community Development Status:

Cathy advised that the former *Bob's Diner* section of the Jubilee Block has been sold (closes May 23). The new owners plan to restore the building and then facilitate a business fitting for

Delta (perhaps a café or bakery). Meanwhile, they plan to set up Victorian window displays to enhance the streetscape.

The Delta Improvement Committee is now a sub-committee of the Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee

Portland Community Development Status:

Cathy advised that the Gallagher property has been cleaned up, and a tour is planned for Council. The new owner of the former *Moroni's* building plans to open a pharmacy.

Diane advised that research is taking place in preparation for the construction of the Passenger Shelter at the Portland Dock.

Newboro – Drummond Streetscape Status:

Members noted that the falling down blinds have been straightened, but no further action has been taken by the Municipality.

RECOMMENDATION #23-2019

Moved By: Don Cooke
Seconded By: Diane Haskins

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS this Committee identified the deterioration of the Newboro streetscape;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes has taken some initial action;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee encourages the Newboro & Area Community Enhancement Committee to continue to monitor and follow-up on efforts to improve the Newboro streetscape.

Carried.

Diane shared that during research at Parks Canada, she discovered the story of a house in Newboro that was moved across the canal by barge and to its present location by horses and rolling logs.

Leeds Heritage Day – May 25,2019:

Diane and Sue advised that the Chaffeys Lock Museum, the Delta Old Stone Mill and the Elgin Red Brick School are participating in the Heritage Day, along with a number of sites throughout Leeds County.

Selection of Photos for Framing:

Chair Bond provided the South Elmsley photos to Councillor Maxwell for input into the selection. He also was successful in finally tracking down a framed photo presentation related to Ferris Bolton and his sons, which he has digitized for future printing. Committee will make the selection of photos to be printed and framed at the next MHAC Meeting.

Walking/Driving Tour Reprints (Crosby to Salem):

Chair Bond circulated the proposed description for the McCann House (replacing the Stepping Stone Inn) as a stop on the Crosby to Salem Driving Tour.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Committee members received the summary of proposed legislative changes to *Ontario Heritage Act* as provided by Bert Duclos, Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport for information purposes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Following upcoming events were brought to the attention of the Committee:

- Perth & District Historical Society: One Room to Multi-Room Schools – May 16
- Elgin & Area Heritage Society: Susie's Stories – May 22
- Emmanuel Anglican Church Cemetery Work Bee: May 25
- Ripley/Sly Cemetery Work Bee: May 25
- 2019 Ontario Heritage Conference: May 30-June 1, Bluewater/Goderich
- Re-Imagining Places of Faith: June 1, Kingston
- Polk Cemetery Work Bee: June 15
- Rideau Lakes Cemetery Symposium (Forfar Hall/Cemetery) – June 22

LETTERS TO OWNERS WITH HERITAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Diane suggested the antique store near the corner of Hwy 15 and Rideau Ferry Road. Members will investigate and discuss at their next meeting.

OTHER:

Next Meeting: June 20th at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office in Chantry.

Moved By: Cathy Livingston
Seconded By: George German

To Pass a Resolution that;

The meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Carried.

Doug Bond, Chairperson

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk