

The RIDEAU LAKES HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE held a Meeting at the Municipal Office in Chantry on Thursday, **January 17, 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, Sue Warren and Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk.

Neil Patterson was absent with prior notice.

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

Moved By: George German
Seconded By: Sue Warren

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.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous Meeting held December 20, 2018 were read as distributed to Committee. Chair Bond asked for errors or omissions and none were heard.

RECOMMENDATION #1-2019

Moved By: Diane Haskins
Seconded By: Sue Warren

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee approves and adopts the Minutes of the MHAC Meeting held December 20, 2018.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Financial Update: None

Business Arising:

At the December 20th MHAC Meeting, Recommendations were passed and then considered by Council Council at their January 7th meeting.

Committee was provided with Resolutions #3-7 from the Council Meeting of January 7th.

MHAC Recommendation #39-2018: Recommend Council approved 2019 Cemetery Budget.

- Council Resolution #3-2019: Will be taken into consideration during 2019 Budget discussions.

MHAC Recommendation #40-2018: Recommend Council transfer \$3000 (Database Development) to reserve for 2019 use.

- Council Resolution #4-2019: Agrees to transfer funds to reserve for use in 2019.

MHAC Recommendation #41-2019: Recommend Council approve 2019 MHAC Budget.

- Council Resolution #5-2019: Will be taken into consideration during 2019 Budget discussions.

MHAC Recommendation #42-2019: Recommend Council include in their 2019 Economic Development Budget the hiring of a consultant to develop a Cultural Asset Strategic Plan for the whole of the Township of Rideau Lakes.

- Council Resolution #6-2019: Forward to Economic Development Committee for 2019 consideration and staff to investigate any offsetting grants

MHAC Recommendation #43-2019: Express concern to Council regarding the deterioration of the Heritage Streetscape on Drummond Street in the Village of Newboro.

- Council Resolution #7-2019: acknowledges MHAC concerns and refers to Economic Development Committee for further discussion.

Committee discussion led to the consensus that MHAC members should attend the next Economic Development Meeting to hear Committee discussions surrounding the Cultural Asset Strategic Plan and the deterioration of the Heritage Streetscape on Drummond St.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cemetery Sub-Committee Update:

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk advised the following:

- Applications to Court will now be heard on March 5th
- Spoke with John Bongers regarding Denny Cemetery. He would like a meeting with the County regarding the entrance to the cemetery off County Road 8 (culverts x2 and width). Also would prefer to have the fence gate moved to the far right and the cemetery sign moved as his equipment comes within inches of hitting it.

Committee Restructuring:

Doug Bond, Chair, inquired if the proposed Committee Restructuring (Community Enhancement Committees) would have any effect on the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk, advised that this proposed restructuring has no effect on MHAC but advised that the MHAC Establishing By-Law needs to be updated to reflect 1 Council member appointment and a change in Ward Structure.

Committee held a discussion and the consensus for representation on the committee was to have 1 non-council member from each ward with up to 4 non-council members being appointed at large.

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk, advised that a report will be going forward at the next MSC meeting to propose amending existing establishing by-laws to reflect a change in the Ward Structure and Council composition

Heritage Network:

Councillor Livingston advised the following:

- Speakers confirmed
- Wagons for Tour of Village – William confirmed
- Registration Fee - \$20
- Advertising – Save the Date to go out in January, Poster to go out in February
- Snacks and lunch to be provided by Delta Mill Society
- Each of Heritage Network groups can set up a display in the Old Town Hall

Sue Warren advised that the History Centre could be open for the day and agreed to have a display at the Old Town Hall for the morning and then move to the History Centre in the afternoon.

George German inquired as to the possibility of a presenter to talk about the Jubilee Block and the challenges facing the municipality and potential purchasers. The Clerk suggested Mike Dwyer, CAO, would be a good resource and that he might be able to provide a 15-30 minute presentation. Councillor Livingston and the Clerk will discuss with the CAO.

Committee discussed having an evaluation form to hand out to participants at the end of the day in order for feedback to be provided.

Heritage Properties Update:

Gallagher House Property/Peter Bresee House: No Update

George Johnston House:

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk advised that the plaque arrived on January 4th and was picked up at the Municipal Office on January 7th. Owner paid the required 75% of the invoice which will be applied to the 2018 budget.

School Heritage Programs:

George advised the following:

- Spoke to the School – Heritage Week is being taken out of the curriculum
- Need to decide what to do and will take ideas – continue with Chaffey's/Jones Falls tour, Delta Mill?

Committee held a discussion and provided further ideas.

- Tour Royal Sappers & Miners Cemetery, then Newboro Lock
- Tour Royal Sappers & Miners Cemetery, then Jones Falls and Chaffey's Lock
- Scow at Scott Island – kids pull themselves across
- Tour Legacy Farms
- Stay in Chaffey's (Hall, Opinicon, Lock, Dam, Museum)

Brochure Reprints (Portland, Delta, Newboro):

Committee was asked to take the current Brochures for Portland, Delta and Newboro home and mark any changes/additions that are required and bring back to February's meeting.

Heritage Picture Framing:

Sue Warren advised that she will look into gathering more pictures that can be framed and bring samples to February's meeting.

Queen's University: Request consideration to hiring graduate student

Committee received correspondence from John Andrew, School of Urban & Regional Planning at Queen's University, requesting consideration be given to hiring a graduate student for an internship position this spring and summer.

Committee held a lengthy discussion regarding past hiring of students, supervision, cost, and where the access database has developed in the past couple of years. Aside from the Heritage Listing for Elgin, Portland, Delta and Newboro being approved by Council, not much has developed. Questions were raised about how the database is being utilized for other things within the municipality.

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk, advised she would make the Development Services Department Manager aware and offer to meet to provide information once the laptop is back at the Township office.

Committee agreed not to hire a summer student at this time, and agreed to the possibility of putting the Access database on hold until there was a better understanding on where the Committee wanted to go with the information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 26/27: Portland Outdoors – Skate the Lake

- Sue Warren advised that a Leeds County Heritage Network Meeting is being held at the end of January. The group now has a FaceBook page.

LETTERS TO OWNERS WITH HERITAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Diane Haskins mentioned the former South Elmsley office in Lombardy which was an antique store and now appears to have renovations taking place to be a home.

OTHER: None

Next Meeting: February 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office in Chantry.

Moved By: Betty James
Seconded By: Councillor Livingston

To Pass a Resolution that;

The meeting be adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Carried.

Doug Bond, Chairperson

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk