

The RIDEAU LAKES MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE held a Meeting at the Municipal Office in Chantry on Thursday, **July 18, 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; Linda Carr, Don Cooke, George German, Betty James, Neil Patterson, Sue Warren and Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk.

Diane Haskins was absent with prior notice.

Guests: Councillor Gunnewiek

Chair Bond asked if there were any additions to the Agenda and Linda Carr requested that Agenda item 9.8 be moved to the beginning of the meeting as she needed to leave by 10:00.

Moved By: George German
Seconded By: Councillor Livingston

To Pass a Resolution that;

The agenda be approved and adopted as amended.

Carried.

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

DELEGATIONS: None

Heritage Churches:

Linda Carr advised that Mayor Hoogenboom recently visited St. Mary's Church in Newboro and had commented that it would be nice if there could be a tour organized of the churches in Rideau Lakes.

Discussion was held and the following motion brought forward:

RECOMMENDATION #24-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Councillor Livingston

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee authorizes Linda Carr to set up a Committee to discuss organizing a tour of local churches, with a report to come back at a future meeting.

Carried:

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous Meeting held May 16, 2019 were read as distributed to Committee.

Chair Bond asked for errors or omissions and none were heard.

RECOMMENDATION #25-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Betty James

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee approves and adopts the Minutes of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held May 16, 2019.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICER:

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk, provided Committee with a verbal and written 2019 Financial Update.

RECOMMENDATION #26-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Sue Warren

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee acknowledges the verbal and written Financial Update as provided by Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

MHAC – May 16, 2019: Review/Comments of Cultural Heritage components of Official Plan

At the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on May 16th, Brittany Mulhern, Manager of Development Services was in attendance to discuss the Cultural Heritage component of the existing Official Plan. Members were to review the material provided by Ms. Mulhern and prepare comments for today's meeting.

Committee held a discussion and stressed the need to have Section 2.18 of the current Official Plan remain; and commented that Cultural Heritage was not one of the 3 main focuses presented through the public meetings.

RECOMMENDATION #27-2019

Moved By: Don Cooke
Seconded By: Neil Patterson

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Section 2.18 of the current Official Plan be retained and enhanced by feedback from the Community and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

Carried:

Linda Carr left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MHAC – May 16, 2019: Strategy for Heritage in Schools: Comments for Mr. John McAllister, Chair UCDSB

At the Heritage Symposium held April 26, 2019, Upper Canada District School Board Chair, John McAllister, spoke to attendees regarding input on a strategy for teaching heritage in schools. A discussion was held regarding local resources and practices.

RECOMMENDATION #28-2019

Moved By: Councillor Livingston
Seconded By: Neil Patterson

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee send a letter to the local schools and copied to the School Board advising of the resources available through members of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

Carried:

53 King St. Delta: MSC (PW) Recommendation #83-2019 re: Demolition of Roof Structure

Committee was provided with a copy of MSC (PW) Recommendation #83-2019 authorizing the owner of 53 King St. in Delta to proceed with the demolition of a roof structure of a rear addition. Committee received for information purposes.

2827 Highway 15: MSC (GG) Recommendation #86-2019 re: Robert Polk House porch rebuild

Committee was provided with a copy of a report by Malcolm Norwood, Senior Planner, and MSC (GG) Recommendation #86-2019 authorizing that the building permit for 2827 Highway 15, the Robert Polk House, be issued to rebuild the porch and to preserve all historical features as much as possible. A discussion was held regarding building permits for properties of heritage interest.

RECOMMENDATION #29-2019

Moved By: Neil Patterson
Seconded By: Sue Warren

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommends to Council that if a building permit application is received for a Designated property or a Listed property of cultural heritage, that it be distributed via email to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for comment and response within 48 hours.

Carried:

Peter Bresee House: MSC (PW) Recommendations #87, 94 and 93-2019 re: Demolition of Peter Bresee House

Committee was provided with copies of MSC (PW) Recommendations #87, 94 and 93-2019 relating to the demolition of the Peter Bresee House in Portland.

Committee held a discussion and some members expressed concern about receiving messages through Social Media regarding MHAC's lack of involvement in the process and why an MHAC Committee even exists.

Understanding that it was within Council's right to make the decision to demolish the Peter Bresee House, Committee also made comment that, as a courtesy, an email could have been sent to MHAC members for review and comment before a decision was made. The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee is a Committee of Council and therefore should have been consulted.

Councillor Livingston noted that the structure has been vacant for many years with no interest from the Public until Council made the decision to demolish. Once Council had toured the structure, it was then decided to demolish the building with the understanding that any heritage façade items from the structure which could be salvageable would be incorporated into the redevelopment of the whole property.

Betty James commented that the windows, doors and the overall appearance of the dwelling were not original.

Committee suggested a history board be installed near the location.

Councillor Livingston asked why the building did not go through the Heritage Designation process in the past and Chair Bond advised that former owners did not want the full designation.

Committee suggested that Council could possibly use the Notices section of the website to explain the process that took place.

Committee discussed passing another motion but concurred that the previous motion regarding providing notice by email was sufficient.

Former Gallagher House Property: MSC (GG) Recommendation #91-2019 re: Request from Portland on the Rideau Historical Society to use Carriage House and outdoor Canopy for Passenger Shelter

Committee was provided with a copy of MSC (GG) Recommendation #91-2019, which dealt with a request from the Portland Historical Society to use the Carriage House on the former Gallagher House Property in Portland for storage of artifacts and historical items. The recommendation also dealt with a request to utilize the outdoor canopy located on the same property for the passenger shelter on the docks at the Portland Harbour.

Recommendation #91-2019 rejected the request for use of the Carriage House, noting that Council has not made a decision on the future of the property; and approved the request that the canopy be made available for use. Committee received this for information purposes only.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cemetery Sub-Committee/Symposium Update:

Neil Patterson advised the following:

- Would like to recognize Mary Ellen and Ginny, whose efforts made the day a success.
- CHO news provided a nice report on the Symposium
- Would possibly do it again in future years, but would encourage other areas to hold a similar event
- Symposium was well received.
- A lot of people in attendance were in the business

Ontario Heritage Conference Report:

Committee received a written report by Don Cooke and George German, who asked that it be discussed at the next meeting.

RDHS Heritage Fair and Tour:

George German advised the following:

- Students enjoyed the hands-on learning and were mesmerized by the working crank on the ferry at the Isthmus.
- Neil provided a great presentation at the Chaffey's Museum.

Delta Community Development Status:

Councillor Livingston advised the following:

- 2 properties are sold on Jubilee Block
- Old Morris's grocery store is up for sale
- Portfolio for waterfront park has been handed out to potential investors and was presented to the Lower Beverley Lake Association meeting

Portland Community Development Status:

Councillor Livingston advised the following:

- Now assigned to the Portland and Area CEC
- Putting a call out for a facilitator for a visioning exercise

Chair Bond asked Councillor Gunnewiek if she had any input regarding the Portland area.

Councillor Gunnewiek advised the following:

- Did not think the Peter Bresee House was in bad shape when Council members toured the structure, but also didn't believe it should be the Township fixing it up. Felt there was a lot of opportunity.
- Things in Portland seem to be quite controversial. Had wanted Council to commit to severing off the Peter Bresee House and selling the property, but did not receive support.
- It would have been good to consult with MHAC prior to a decision being made.

Newboro – Drummond Streetscape Status: No Update

Leeds Heritage Day:

Sue Warren advised the following:

- Successful day
- 54 visitors to Chaffey's museum and 45-50 visitors to the Red Brick School House.
- The Delta Mill also did well with attendance.
- Good way to advertise heritage in Leeds & Grenville

Walking/Driving Tour Reprints (Crosby to Salem):

Chair Bond circulated the final draft of the Crosby to Salem Driving Tour.

Selection of Photos for Framing:

Photos for selection will be discussed at the next MHAC Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Christine Browning: Request for Heritage Significant Designation – 270 Glover Road Boathouse:

Chair Bond advised that he had responded to Ms. Browning and invited her to attend a future meeting.

Burt Duclos: Heritage Services:

Mr. Duclos has retired as the Heritage Outreach Consultant for the Libraries, Arts and Heritage Services Unit at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and is now providing consulting services. It may be good to keep him in mind for future

presentations. It was noted that the Ministry did not fill this position upon Mr. Duclos' retirement.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

- Chaffey's Lock & Area Heritage Society: August 3rd – Heritage Craft Market
- Chaffey's Lock & Area Heritage Society: August 10th – AGM
- Elgin & Area Heritage Society: August 17th & 18th – Exhibit: *Creating a Community*

LETTERS TO OWNERS WITH HERITAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Betty James advised that work appears to be complete at 26 Blacksmith Road in Lombardy. Doug asked for ownership information so that a letter could be sent on behalf of the Committee.

Councillor Livingston asked if members could take a look at 13 King St. and 59 King St for improvements; and advised of the scaffolding now in place at the red brick building beside the Old Stone Mill due to sills falling off.

OTHER:

Committee was provided with a copy of a letter send on behalf of MHAC to the Principal at Rideau District High School, congratulating teacher William French on his efforts to organize and conduct the Grade 7/8 student participation in the Heritage Fair at the school.

Next Meeting: August 15th 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office in Chantry.

Moved By: George German
Seconded By: Betty James

To Pass a Resolution that;

The meeting be adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Carried.

Doug Bond, Chairperson

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk