

The RIDEAU LAKES MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE held a Meeting at the Municipal Office in Chantry on Thursday, **February 21, 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, Betty James, Sue Warren; and Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary.

Neil Patterson and Diane Haskins were 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.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous Meeting held January 17, 2019 were read as distributed to Committee.

Chair Bond asked for errors or omissions.

RECOMMENDATION #2-2019

Moved By: Cathy Livingston

Seconded By: Sue Warren

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee approves and adopts the Minutes of the MHAC Meeting held January 17, 2019.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Financial Update:

Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary, advised that the 2019 Budget was approved by Council at a Special Municipal Services Committee Meeting held yesterday. The MHAC and Cemetery budgets were approved as submitted.

Malcolm Norwood, Senior Planner, joined the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

A discussion was held regarding the continued need for a paid Staff person to support heritage-related activities in the Township. Committee members were pleased with the inclusion of \$20,000 in the Economic Development Committee's budget for a Cultural Asset Strategic Plan, since said Plan and Policy are required by many grant applications. Committee members consider this a positive step by Council toward a recognition of the importance of the work done by the Heritage Advisory Committee in preserving, protecting, maintaining and enhancing the heritage assets of Rideau Lakes. Committee would like to see a better understanding of Heritage as an important Economic Driver, and fundamental to the Township's Brand.

RECOMMENDATION #3-2019

Moved By: Sue Warren
Seconded By: Don Cooke

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee has budgeted for an individual to prepare a Cultural Asset Strategic Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Recommends to the Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes that said individual work closely with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and provide regular progress reports at the monthly MHAC meetings.

Carried.

RECOMMENDATION #4-2019

Moved By: Sue Warren
Seconded By: George German

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee acknowledges the verbal and written 2019 Budget update as provided by Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary.

Carried.

Elgin Main Street Reconstruction Report:

RECOMMENDATION #5-2019

Moved By: Sue Warren
Seconded By: Betty James

To pass a Resolution that;

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee acknowledges the Nov 26, 2018 Report by Mike Dwyer regarding the Elgin Main Street Redevelopment Wrap Up;

AND FURTHER expresses appreciation to Council for the work done by the Township and the County to enhance the heritage qualities of the Village of Elgin.

Carried.

51 King St. Delta:

Malcolm Norwood, Senior Planner, provided context for the demolition request for part of 51 King Street, Delta.

RECOMMENDATION #6-2019

Moved By: Cathy Livingston
Seconded By: George German

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS the property located at 51 King St. in Delta has been identified by the Township of Rideau Lakes as having cultural heritage value and is a Listed Property on the Township's Heritage Registry;

AND WHEREAS the pending future owner of the property, Tao Lynn Hipwell, is requesting to demolish a rear addition at the back of the building approximately 40' x 40', with a small portion proposed to remain to accommodate for an additional washroom;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has no objections to demolition plans of the future owner of 51 King St. in Delta;

AND FURTHER that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee commends the future owner for their efforts and requests that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be kept informed of aspects of the restoration.

Carried.

Committee members noted that, should the demolition proceed, the ACCESS Data Base would need to be updated to reflect the change.

Malcolm also advised Committee that the owner of 702 Highway 15 in Morton has applied to turn the building housing the former store into a triplex. The property will retain its commercial zoning as well as the zoning amendment for the triplex, to allow for future operation of a store at that location. Members commented on the careful restoration being done by the owner.

Senior Planner Malcolm Norwood left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

New Rideau Lakes Website and Heritage Groups:

Ginny Okum, Departmental Secretary, demonstrated the Township's new website with particular focus on the Heritage section which includes Cemeteries, Driving/Walking Tours, Plaque Programs, and the Municipal Heritage Listings. The Cemetery page includes links to Google maps to locate each cemetery. The Cycling Tours developed by MHAC are found under the Trails & Tours section. The Driving, Walking and Cycling Tours can be viewed and followed by cellphone. She also highlighted the new Events Calendar and encouraged members to spread the word regarding submitting heritage-related events to the site. Heritage groups are also encouraged to check the Calendar when planning their events to avoid conflicts. Groups should contact Google maps to fix incorrect information related to location, mailing address, etc.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

As requested, Agenda Item 7.3 (Portland) was discussed first.

Portland: Gallagher House, Emmanuel Church, Community Hall:

Cathy advised the following:

- Still in early stages – no decisions yet
- May follow Delta's example in establishing a Community Improvement Committee and creating a CIP

George reported the following regarding the Portland Steering Committee:

- Involved in the meetings
- Polarized opinions on many issues
- Need to find focus and cut numbers down to workable committee

Newboro Streetscape Recommendation Status:

Cathy advised the following:

- Recommendation went to Economic Development Committee
- Mayor and CAO to consult with landowners

Betty James left the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

School Heritage Programs:

George advised the following:

- A trip to the Isthmus and Chaffey's Lock is planned – waiting for a date to be confirmed
- Asked to give a presentation in April about Philipsville – will be away in April, so perhaps in May

Walking/Driving Tour Revisions:

Chair Bond provided revision sheets for the three Walking Tours and the Crosby-Salem Driving Tour. The Driving Tour needs major revisions, but is not time-sensitive. The Walking Tour revisions need to be completed by next month's MHAC meeting. Tours were assigned to members as follows:

- Delta: Cathy
- Elgin: Sue
- Portland: George
- Crosby-Salem: Don

Heritage Network:

Cathy advised that plans are proceeding for the Township of Rideau Lakes Heritage Symposium for Friday, April 26.

Selection of Photos for Framing:

Sue will focus on photos from South Elmsley and Delta. Chair Bond provided a USB of South Elmsley pictures.

The Township vault contains some extra framed photos which could be displayed in schools or libraries.

If there are existing photos hanging in schools, the list needs to be updated.

The framed photo of Ferris Bolton and his sons seems to have disappeared.

Photos on canvas (as prizes, perhaps) were discussed, as was the idea of providing a way for canvas prints of heritage photos to be ordered on the Township website.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chair Bond is presenting “The Land Around Us” at the Newboro Community Hall on February 23 from 1-4pm. It is a fundraiser for the Royal Sappers & Miners Cemetery.

OTHER:

Sue advised that the Leeds County Heritage Network is developing a Museum Tour similar to the Garden Tour format. They are looking for a \$100 donation from all related groups to print the brochures. This item to be added to next month’s Agenda.

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

Moved By: George German
Seconded By: Cathy Livingston

To Pass a Resolution that;

The meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Carried.

Doug Bond, Chairperson

Mary Ellen Truelove, Clerk