

# Township of Woolwich Heritage Committee Minutes

January 13, 2021 meeting

Virtual – Zoom Meeting

From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Bonnie Bryant

Attended – Hans Pottkamper, Laurie Breed, Marg Drexler, Terry Rohr, Rino Dal Bello (staff)

Regrets – David Voogd

Call to Order at 5:10 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from meeting of November 11, 2020. Motioned by Terry, Seconded by Marg. Passed

## St. Boniface Church

Marg sent letter a to the St. Boniface Church board and the Church is not interested in pursuing a historical designation, the committee can pursue the heritage designation. The Maryhill Historical Society are in support of a historical designation. Motion was put forth by Marg to designate St. Boniface Church, cemetery, and the manse as a historical building. Seconded by Laurier, all in favour

## Peel Street Bridge

Members want to designate the bridge; it was noted the bridge has heritage value. Members would like to make a presentation to Council on the Bridge.

Staff did indicate that this issue is being discussed at Council and at senior staff level. There are no funds for the bridge to be repaired or replaced at this time. Staff indicated funding has to be searched from an outside agency or the provincial or federal government.

Questions were asked who looks for funding for this bridge?

Staff would look into this question and get back to the committee.

Members asked staff to look into infrastructure money from the levy or if there is money to be given to this bridge.

Hans mentioned that the Province and Federal government should put money into the Township, since we are in a pandemic and people need work, the government should give money to these types of projects.

Members indicated that this is the only Bridge left in the area, and it needs to be saved.

Members indicated that the Mennonite community needs and wants this bridge to be saved and repaired. Township should talk to them and find out their concerns.

Does the committee present their concerns to Council? Staff indicated that yes they can present, but staff indicated that there would not be a staff report on this item, if the members wish to present on behalf of the committee they can. They should talk to clerks and get them selves on the agenda.

Terry made a motion to designate the Peel Street Bridge, Hans indicated what should be in the motion.

Motion - Identify the bridge as a unique historical structure worthy of saving for future generations because, funds are not immediately available, to maintain the closure of the bridge to ensure it is not used pending a search in funds that this bridge be designated a unique and historical and not be demolished until funding is available and it would be restored for limited use.

Marg second. All in favour.

#### New Business

Elmira Library was discussed about being designated. Members indicated that there was a report that was done in early 2018 by Dan Kennaley, where it talks about the designation of the building. Staff will look into finding the report and provide it to the members once it is found. It was one of the items the committee wanted to complete to designate the Elmira Library.

Discussion on the CHL for Maryhill. The committee would like to continue with the designation of the area and stop gravel pits from entering the area.

#### Adjorn