

Woolwich Heritage Committee Minutes

Wednesday March 14, 2018

The Committee met on the above date commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Township of Woolwich Administration Building, 24 Church St. W., in the Dodie Hummel Room.

Present: Bonnie Bryant, Laurie Breed, Marg Drexler, Hans Pottkamper, Terry Rohr, David Voogd

Absent: none

Present from Township Staff: Dan Kennaley, Director of Engineering and Planning, Jeremy Vink, Senior Planner

Present from Maryhill Historical Society: Tom Schell

Call to Order

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Hans and seconded by Laurie, that the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting be approved as printed. Motion was carried.

Maryhill Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscape and the cell tower proposal

Dan noted that the completed report identifies that Maryhill is a candidate for a CHL, it does identify viewsheds textually, but does not show boundaries to the CHL or the viewsheds. Dan then reviewed the proposed cell tower location near Maryhill and the pictures provided by the applicant. Bonnie circulated a letter from an adjacent landowner who has retained a lawyer to represent his concerns. Dan also reviewed the email from John Scarfone to the applicant seeking additional clarification.

Staff will communicate with the applicant to request that they have an open house before they have completed their review.

Moved by Hans, seconded by Marg,

That the Heritage Committee recommends to the Council of the Township of Woolwich that, given the candidate CHL for Maryhill along with recommended viewsheds, and given that the proposed cell tower may impact that candidate CHL, in particular the viewsheds, it is therefore recommended that the tower be relocated so as not to impact the candidate CHL and viewsheds, and if it cannot be relocated that it be reduced in height so to reduce the impact on the candidate CHL.

Furthermore, it is requested that Council express these concerns to the Federal Government including The Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and the Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Motion was approved.

Jakobstettel House

Dan reviewed the status of the Jacobstettel property and proposed application. There are some questions and concerns with the Heritage Impact Assessment submitted as part of the proposed planning application, and that the potential development may impact the heritage attributes.

Moved by Hans and seconded by Terry,

That the Heritage Committee requests that the Council of the Township of Woolwich direct staff to investigate and report to Council regarding the concurrent Listing and Designation the property at 16 Isabella Street in St Jacobs, including the identification of historical exterior and interior attributes worthy of designation, in accordance with the Heritage Act.

Motion was approved.

Ghost Community Signage

List of sites.

Bonnie has a list of potential ghost community sites that she will share. The proposal is also to include similar signage for Maryhill "formerly New Germany".

Draft concept signage.

Della has agreed to help in the design of the signs, to be presented to the Committee, and then to the Township Sign Committee for review.

Cultural Heritage Landscape Project

An electronic copy is being requested and is proposed to be circulated to the Committee for their review. The report needs to have a date added. At some point this report will also be provided to Council, so staff can be directed to work with the reports as presented.

Elmira Library Designation

Dan will make sure that the issue is brought to Council for direction.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Moved by Hans, seconded by Laurie that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.