

Township of Woolwich Heritage Committee Minutes

Wednesday February 20, 2019

The Committee met on the above date commencing at 5:00 p.m. at the Township of Woolwich Administration Building, 24 Church St. W., in the Gosnay Boardroom.

Present: Laurie Breed, Marg Drexler, Hans Pottkamper (vice chair), Terry Rohr, David Voogd

Absent: Bonnie Bryant (chair)

Present from Township Staff: Dan Kennaley, Director of Engineering and Planning Services

Jeremy Vink, Senior Planner

Sarah Goldrup, Committee and Council Coordinator

Call to Order

Boards and Committees of Council training

As part of training for all Township Committees, Sarah Goldrup reviewed a handout and provided the training. This training included reviewing:

Code of Conduct;

Procedural Bylaw;

Quorum;

Pecuniary Interest;

Delegations;

Meeting Decorum;

Voting;

Submission of Minutes to Council.

*Sarah left the meeting

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest - None

Adoption of the Minutes

Marg noted that on page 3, the reference to Highway 7 should be changed to Wellington Road 7.

Moved by Marg and seconded by David that the minutes of January 9, 2019 meeting be approved as revised. Motion was carried.

Ghost Community Signage

Hans will be getting together with Della over the next month to finalize the proposed signage for the Committee's review.

39 Henry Street – Proposed Demolition

Dan gave an update to the proposed demolition. The Township is waiting to receive a copy of the Cultural Heritage report on the dwelling that has been completed for Home Hardware. Once the report is received, staff will then review the report and consider how to proceed.

It was suggested that Home Hardware should be asked for a meeting with the Committee to tour the building and to discuss its preservation. Dan will contact Home Hardware to make the arrangements.

Motion, moved by Hans and seconded by Marg,

That Township staff be directed to contact Home Hardware to make arrangements for representatives of the Heritage Committee to meet with Home Hardware and to tour the former dwelling at 39 Henry Street and to request that Home Hardware to provide copies of the Heritage Report for review by the Township.

Motion was carried.

Heritage Wilmot

Terry, Laurie and Bonnie will be setting up a Woolwich Heritage display at the event this weekend which will include photos and plaques.

16 Isabella Street

Dan provided an update. There has been no contact from the owner about moving forward with the application at this time in part because the development is limited by the outlet in the mill race. However, Dan suggested that the designation process should be undertaken to protect the dwelling and its heritage. Staff will look to move the heritage process forward as timing permits.

Motion, moved by David and seconded by Terry,

That Township staff be encouraged to proceed with the heritage designation of 16 Isabella Street at the earliest possibility.

Motion was carried.

CHL signage in West Montrose

At the next meeting the Committee will discuss potential signage ideas and locations.

Embracing Change Magazine

The magazine, which is directed to seniors, would like quarterly articles about Woolwich heritage along with photos for the magazine. Hans will be writing an article about heritage in West Montrose. He challenged other members to do the same for their respective communities.

Bridges

Dan provided an update on the environmental assessment work being done on some of the bridges in the Township. Specifically, Dan provided two handouts with regard to the Middlebrook Place Bridge, one from the Region and one from Township of Centre Wellington with differing opinions on keeping the bridge. Staff will be responding to both the Region and Township of Centre Wellington. Staff are reviewing the issues and will make a recommendation to Council on a direction about the bridge.

The Glasgow Street bridge will be retained and used for as long as possible. A different location and new bridge will be necessary in the future, with the hopes of keeping the existing bridge for pedestrian and cycling traffic. A similar approach of keeping the Peel Street Bridge for pedestrian and cycling traffic is proposed.

Adjournment

Moved by Terry, seconded by David that the meeting be adjourned.