

Woolwich Heritage Committee Minutes

Wednesday February 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

Absent: Terry Rohr, David Voogd

Present from Township Staff: Jeremy Vink, Senior Planner

Call to Order

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Hans and seconded by Laurie, that the minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting be approved. Motion was carried.

Region of Waterloo Cultural Heritage Implementation Guidelines

The Guidelines were circulated previously and comments were to have been provided to the Region. No one had sent comments and there were no major concerns with the guidelines.

Recruitment of new members

No new members found willing at this time. Given the election this fall and reappointment of the committee at that time, no further effort will be made in this regard for this committee term.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Moved by Hans and seconded by Marg that Bonnie be nominated for the position of chair. Bonnie accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. The motion was approved unanimously.

Moved by Laurie and seconded by Marg that Hans be nominated for the position of vice-chair. Hans accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. The motion was approved unanimously.

Revised Work Plan and Budget 2018

Hans reviewed the revised work plan and the rationale for the changes. In part, the proposal is to work on the ghost towns and signage as a method to gain some recognition in the community around heritage.

Signage would need to be designed, using a consistent design for all the communities to distinguish that this is a historic reference. The proposed designs then need to be

approved by Region and Township as the signs would be within the road allowances. Hans will begin working on this project.

Laurie as what the definition or criteria for being a "ghost community"? A community that existed prior to 1900 but no longer exist as community. There are maybe about 9 such places in Woolwich. These were communities often were along the travel/stage coach routes. However, Maryhill, formerly New Germany, does not match those requirements as it was a name change. For the next meeting each member should consider the criteria is to be established to define "ghost communities" or "former community" that would be eligible for signage for the next meeting.

With regards to plaque events, it was discussed and determined that an event to plaque the school in Maryhill, 13 Katherine Street (Macdonald house) in Winterbourne, and the old town hall in Conestogo. Others places to be considered in the fall for an another such event.

Laurie knows someone who does cemetery restoration work who she will contact. Repairing cemeteries might also be good for publicity and engaging the community.

The potential sites for listing because of threats are the Jacobstettel, house on Hunsberger Road, former visitor centre on Benjamin Rd., and Library in Elmira.

Other activities will be further down on the priority list given the resources.

Moved by Hans and seconded by Laurie that the revised work plan be approved. Motion was carried.

Cultural heritage landscape project

Hans gave an update. A draft of the report is being reviewed and edited. A final version is to be available soon.

Next Guest Speaker

No guest speakers are proposed until the end of this year.

Other business

It was requested that we move forward with the Carnegie library designation.

Adjournment

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