

Township of Woolwich

Heritage Committee Minutes

June 9, 2021 meeting

Virtual – Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting Chair: Bonnie Bryant

Attended: Hans Pottkamper
Marg Drexler
Councilor Pat Merlihan

Staff Present: Rino Dal Bello, Senior Planner
Jeff Smith, Deputy Clerk

Item 1 - Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2 – Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

Item 3 – Approval of minutes from meeting of April 14, 2021.

Moved by Hans Pottkamper

Seconded by Marg Drexler

That the minutes from the Heritage Committee meeting on April 14, 2021 be approved.

...Carried

Item 4 – Advertising for new members of the Heritage Committee.

Rino advised that recruiting is currently open and one person has applied to sit on the committee.

Item 5 – Current Heritage Committee Projects.

Bonnie Bryant advised that she has several ideas for the Committee, including:

- drawings of buildings that could be reviewed
- designation for properties in Maryhill, including the church, cemetery and tavern
- improvements for the Cultural Heritage Landscape (CHL) sign in West Montrose

ACTION: Rino advised that he will review the Township's Sign By-law and guidelines.

The Committee discussed a sign on private property to see if the owner is required to comply with the Sign By-law. Rino advised he will investigate.

Rino reviewed priorities already discussed by the Heritage Committee. The Committee discussed other possible priorities, including:

- Peel Street Bridge and decided to bring it back for discussion in September. Councillor Merlihan offered to help.
- Bonnie and Marg offered to take the lead on Maryhill
- The iron cross outside Maryhill should be added to the list and eventually two additional iron crosses

The Committee agreed to focus work on Maryhill this year.

The Committee confirmed that Heritage Committee members could be recruited from anywhere in the Township, the process for designating heritage properties, the impact of property owners resisting the intent to register, the uniqueness of Maryhill.

On the lower priority list will include:

- the Elmira library
- Enoch Martin house in St. Jacobs.
- the old mill in St. Jacobs.

Item 6 – Re-envisioning the committee.

The Committee agreed the first step should be recruiting new members, which is currently ongoing. The Committee discussed possible residents who could be invited to apply for the Committee. This item will come back for the September meeting after any new members are appointed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the closure of St. Mary's school in Maryhill and preserving heritage elements.

The West Montrose covered bridge will go through a major renovation next year which will result in traffic disruptions.

The committee asked if there were any updates Musselman's Feed Mill in Conestogo. Rino offered to provide an update at a future meeting.

The committee discussed updates on installing plaques. Rino advised he has letters ready and would coordinate installation.

ACTION: Rino will reach out to the plaque installer to find his availability.

ACTION: Hans offered to contact a homeowner in West Montrose and try to arrange a plaque to be installed.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Hans Pottkamper
That the meeting be adjourned.

...Carried