

Woolwich Heritage Committee Minutes

Wednesday September 12, 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 (chair), Laurie Breed Marg Drexler, Terry Rohr, Hans Pottkamper (vice chair), David Voogd

Regrets: none

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

Call to Order

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Hans and seconded by David, that the minutes of May 16, 2018 meeting be approved as printed. Motion was carried.

Update on Maryhill Candidate CHL and cell tower proposal

Dan noted a revised location for the tower is being considered to the south of Maryhill, off of Village View Road. This location is less likely to influence the potential CHL in the area. The proposal is still in the early stage and needs to go through the necessary consultation. The Committee can review and provide some comments next month.

Marg and Laurie entered the meeting.

Ghost Community Signage

A rough draft of the sign was distributed and reviewed. Hans explained that the sign is roughly a 2 by 6 foot, brown background, likely yellow lettering, rounded corners. Cost will be between \$500 to \$1000 dollars installed. The Committee approved the concept.

Locations of signs are to be determined and of the eight or so ghost communities it was suggested to start with Zuber's Corners. There would be one to two signs per ghost community.

The sign needs approval from the Township Sign Committee and to then from the Region.

It was also suggested to approach the Region's Heritage Committee for financial support.

Plaque Dedication

Plan is to move forward with a plaque dedication of the former Chalmers Presbyterian Church and the Covered Bridge.

Dan will contact the owners of the former church to make arrangements.

Update 16 Isabella Street, Jacobstettel

Dan noted that the applicant will be back to committee in October. At that time they will go over their response to the Committee's concerns regarding the development.

The Committee expects to see a more solid and detailed presentation with greater details to be reviewed. Staff will advise the consultants of the Committee's request.

Status of CHL study – presentation to Council

The report was completed last spring and was supposed to be presented to Council. To date the presentation has not taken place. Hans suggested that the report be brought forward to Council, and then directed to staff. Hans will make the request to the University and Region to have them bring the report to Council.

New Business

Committee Term of Office

Jeremy noted that the Committee's term, which follows the term of Council will end on November 30, 2018. Committee members will receive information from our Clerk's office explaining the application process to re-apply to be on this Committee.

Adaptive Reuse – Former Chalmers Presbyterian Church

An update was provided on the status of the renovations and works taking place on site. It is an exciting project to see this project taking place in our community. It was suggested that we invite the owners to attend the committee to talk about the process. Dan will invite them to a future meeting.

Some trees were removed as was agreed to as part of the heritage designation. Other trees may need to be removed given the health of the trees and safety.

Maryhill Historical Society Heritage Day

Notice was received for information.

Adjournment

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