



## MINUTES

### Heritage St. Marys

June 9, 2018

9:00am

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South

Members Present: Janis Fread  
Sherri Gropp  
Stephen Habermehl  
Larry Pfaff  
Mary Smith  
Michelle Stemmler  
Carey Pope  
Members Absent: Al Strathdee, Paul King  
Staff Present: Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larry Pfaff called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

#### 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

#### 3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 8.1.1 – Weir Fountain

Item 8.4.1 – Grant Application, 159 Queen Street East

**Moved By** Stephen Habermehl

**Seconded By** Sherri Gropp

THAT the June 9, 2018 Heritage Committee agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. DELEGATIONS

None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Notice of Public Meeting Concerning Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - 45 Thames Road**

Circulated for information

**6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Moved By** Mary Smith

**Seconded By** Michelle Stemmler

THAT the May 12, 2018 Heritage Committee meeting be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Within the Agenda

**8. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update**

The Weir Fountain at the corner of Queen and Wellington Streets and within the HCD is being repainted. The McConnell Club has been responsible for painting the fountain for many years. This year the work is being done by Matt Brenner who is doing a very thorough job.

**8.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 - Designations/designated property matters**

**8.2.1 VIA Station**

Nothing to report

**8.2.2 Junction Station**

Nothing to report

**8.2.3 McDonald House**

Nothing to report

**8.2.4 Andrews Jeweller**

Nothing to report

**8.2.5 Public Library**

Nothing to report

#### **8.2.6 Town Hall**

The new wood grain door to the public washrooms on the west lower level side has been installed and is a great improvement.

#### **8.2.7 Old Water Tower**

Nothing to report

### **8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties**

Nothing to report

### **8.4 Heritage Grant Applications**

An application for a Heritage Grant has been received from the owners of the designated building at 159-161 Queen Street East for the installation of a new roof using a metal replacement for the asphalt shingles. The HCDAC has approved a Heritage Permit.

**Moved By** Stephen Habermehl

**Seconded By** Janis Fread

**THAT** the St. Marys Heritage Committee recommends approval of the Heritage Grant application for a new roof on the designated building at 159-161 Queen Street East.

**CARRIED**

### **8.5 Properties of interest or at risk (not necessarily designated)**

#### **8.5.1 West Ward School**

Still waiting for a site plan

#### **8.5.2 North Ward School site**

Nothing to report

#### **8.5.3 Repairs to Flood Wall**

Work has begun on the floodgates but not on the floodwall. Larry hoped that there would be a good flow of water through the millrace and over the dam on the day of the Heritage Festival and the walking tour in that area.

### **8.6 CHO Report**

Unavailable in Paul's absence. He is attending the Ontario Heritage Conference in Sault Ste. Marie.

## **8.7 Homeowner/Property owner letters**

### **8.7.1 105 Queen Street West**

A letter has been sent to the new owners of the designated property, the old Ingersoll house at 105 Queen Street West.

### **8.7.2 Proposed Letters**

Committee members suggested two properties deserving letters from the Heritage Committee: Dunny's Source for Sports for work on the facade of that building, including new upper level windows; the former J. B. Tudor property at 47 Robinson Street for improvements done by the new owner.

## **8.8 Sign Bylaw**

A draft of the updated sign bylaw has been presented to the Strategic Planning Committee. Following that committee's suggestions, a revised draft will be presented in the near future.

## **8.9 Cultural Planning: Strategic Plan**

An opportunity to promote St. Marys as a place of cultural heritage significance is available through the National Trust. On July 7, 2018, the Trust is holding a Canada-wide Historic Places Day. Curator Amy Cubberley has registered the St. Marys Museum and it is one of the places listed on the website. For information go to: <https://www.historicplacesday.ca/>

## **9. COUNCIL REPORT**

Councillor Carey Pope reported that council is very busy with a number of capital projects underway as approved in the 2018 budget. Currently most noticeable is the work on road surfaces, including new pavement on Water Street South.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Self-guided Walking Tours**

Trisha, Paul King and Amy Cubberley have met to review walking tours from other communities that might work as models for St. Marys. They agree that the best digital tours include a map. Currently the Heritage Resources tour app does not include this function. Unless it can be updated, the Heritage Resources model will not likely be the one chosen for St. Marys. Research

continues. (For anyone interested in a good model, Trisha recommended Yarmouth, Nova Scotia as a municipality with an excellent self-guided tour.)

## **10.2 Heritage Festival - July 14, 2018**

Planning for this event is well underway. The opening ceremonies will be held on Friday evening, July 13, in the Town Hall auditorium. Jennifer Thorpe will perform. Larry agreed to welcome everyone to the start of the Festival. Stephen Habermehl will make the presentation of the Heritage Festival Award. Mary Smith offered to help prepare the background of the presentation text.

Trisha will be the guide on bus tours throughout the day although if any other Heritage committee member wants to do one or two of the tours, she would be glad of the collaboration.

Larry will lead a walking tour starting at the millrace and circling Milt Dunnell Field.

The BIA is working on various promotions, including a reprise of a Citizens' Picnic on the Flats in 1926. The Museum is helping with the research for this project, including preparing a number of trivia questions on St. Marys history for a family game.

## **10.3 Public Art**

This project is still in the development phase. Although funds have been allocated from the Downtown Improvement grant to the BIA for the public art project, the money is administered by the municipality and certain tendering procedures are necessary. Trisha is preparing a detailed RFP document that will be posted on the websites required for all municipal projects and also promoted on websites that are available to mural artists across Canada. The town's GPS technician is working on a map that will show areas within the downtown where murals might be painted. These are walls that have been chosen with the approval of the owners of the buildings. Larry asked for the list of potential mural sites. Again, the idea of murals in the alleys seemed reasonable to all but the wall surfaces on buildings that can be seen as pedestrians or motorists approach the downtown are more controversial. The question arose whether free standing art, such as sculpture, will also be included. Trisha said that a few potential sites for such installations have been identified. She will keep the committee posted as this project proceeds.

## **10.4 Canada Day**

Some events, such as the parade, will start a little later in the day than customary because July 1 falls on a Sunday this year. The new facilities in the park will be in full operation. However, the official openings for both the splash pad and the stage are scheduled for June 28 so that these ceremonies can be carried out efficiently and not detract from the Canada Day celebrations.

**11. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

There will be no regular meeting in July because of the Heritage Festival. The next scheduled meeting will be August 11 at the St. Marys Museum. Trisha may call a special meeting if grant or signage applications require review before August 11.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Michelle Stemmler

THAT this meeting of the Heritage Committee adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Larry Pfaff, Chair