



MINUTES

Heritage St. Marys

August 11, 2018

9:00am

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South

Members Present: Janis Fread
Stephen Habermehl
Paul King
Larry Pfaff
Mary Smith
Michelle Stemmler
Carey Pope
Al Strathdee

Members Absent: Sherri Gropp

Staff Present: Amy Cubberley

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

Moved By Michelle Stemmler

Seconded By Stephen Habermehl

THAT the August 11, 2018 Heritage Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Janis Fread

THAT the June 9, 2018 heritage Committee minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Within the Agenda.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update

The HCDAC held a joint meeting with Heritage St. Marys Committee members July 16, 2018, reviewed and approved a sign permit application for a new business, St. Marys Dentistry, 60 Water Street South. The next scheduled meeting of this committee (if required) is Monday, August 13.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

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

8.2.1 VIA Station

The tenant, Cameron Porteous, is hoping that the scheduled floor refinishing will take place between the ending of the current exhibit and the opening of the new exhibit in September. It is a tight window.

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

The library will relocate with limited services to the PRC on August 27 to allow for scheduled carpet and painting renovations. Paul also pointed out an addition to the sign at the Church Street entrance.

8.2.6 Old Water Tower

Scaffolding in place for restorations work. There was an interruption and short delay during the filming for Murdoch mysteries.

8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties

A request to have a property removed from the list has been submitted. According to the terms of the bylaw, removal is available at any time at the owner's request. The committee members wanted to record their disappointment concerning this request because it leaves a very important property vulnerable to demolition.

Moved By Carey Pope

Seconded By Stephen Habermehl

THAT the St. Marys Heritage Committee agrees to the request by the owner to remove the property at 275 Emily Street from the Municipal List of Properties of Cultural Heritage Significance.

CARRIED

8.4 Heritage Grant Applications

Although there were no new Heritage Grant applications, the following resolution was passed at the special joint meeting, July 16, 2018. Heritage Grant application for 151-153 Queen Street East: To replace badly leaking roof with new roof, using same materials.

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Al Strathdee

THAT the St. Marys Heritage Committee recommends approval of the Heritage Grant application for roof replacement at 151-153 Queen Street East.

CARRIED

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

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

8.5.1 West Ward School

No new information.

8.5.2 North Ward School site

Nothing to report.

8.5.4 Repairs to Flood Wall

Repairs are still underway. Water levels are expected to remain low until approximately August 22.

8.6 CHO Report

Paul reported on the Ontario Heritage Conference in Sault Ste. Marie. A site visit to a former residential school made a particularly strong impression. Conference attendance was smaller than the previous few years because of the location. However, Paul is a strong advocate for holding the conference throughout various parts of Ontario. He is looking forward to the 2019 conference in Goderich/Bluewater.

8.7 Homeowner/Property owner letters

Paul will prepare letters to new owners of these properties:

- 47 Robinson Street
- 137 Water Street North (designated property)
- 3 Robinson Street, the former Land Registry Office/Baptist Tabernacle (listed property)
- 249 Widder Street East (listed property)

Al Strathdee also suggested a letter of appreciation to the McConnell Club for sponsoring the restoration of the Weir Fountain.

8.8 Sign Bylaw

Nothing to report.

8.9 Cultural Planning: Strategic Plan

Nothing to report.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Al and Councillor Carey Pope reported that a number of housekeeping matters are being concluded before the end of this council term. This includes the Code of Conduct for council and committees of council. The schedule of capital projects is being reviewed and work will soon begin on the 2019 budget.

A report on the installation of air conditioning in the upstairs auditorium of the Town Hall will be presented for discussion at the Strategic Priorities Committee meeting, Monday August 13.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Official Plan

Paul had circulated via email a list of comments that he will send to Planner Mark Stone following review by the Heritage Committee. It contains several suggestions and corrections for the draft AOP. Larry thanked Paul for doing this work on the Committee's behalf.

Paul suggested that perhaps there should be an introduction that provides some context for the entire document: a short historic review presenting the ways in which St. Marys shows its special character. He recommended the introduction to the OP for the City of Kingston as a reference. Mary volunteered to work with Paul on preparing some material to submit to the planner and PAC as a possible introduction.

Paul commended Mark Stone and the town for a very thorough process of review and the well-prepared discussion papers. Staff reports concerning each discussion paper can be found by searching council agenda packages.

10.2 Strategic Plan Update

Mid-Year Report Card: This six-page document was circulated for information to committee members so that they can see what projects have been completed toward the overall goals in each of the six areas (pillars) of the Strategic Plan.

10.3 Heritage Festival Report

Larry was pleased with the interest in his two walking tours although mostly his groups stayed in the shade on the walkway beside Castle Garden while he talked and answered questions.

Amy said, from the point of view of a vendor, there was more street traffic than she remembers from previous years.

Trisha had also given a short report at the Joint Meeting, June 16, 2018. The step-on tours throughout Saturday at the Festival had been successful and the bus was full or almost full each trip. She enjoyed talking to people from other communities visiting St. Marys for the Festival as well as to some newcomers learning about the town.

At the Friday evening event, Mayor Al had declared the Festival open and Stephen Habermehl presented the Heritage Festival Award to June and Dave Cunningham who were most appreciative.

10.4 Murdoch Filming

Several committee members had been following the filming of an episode of this TV series, set in St. Marys, to be aired sometime in the New Year. There had been some disruption of services to accommodate the film crew but it was agreed that the publicity for the town will more than compensate for any inconvenience.

The company rented the upper floor of the Army and Navy for lunch room space each day, bought their groceries locally and spent “Murdoch Dollars” at local businesses. This was economically beneficial to the town, not to mention the number of out-of-town visitors who came to St. Marys just to see the filming itself.

Several local residents had liked the old-fashioned business signs and would like to see more signs of this sort replacing some of the current ones on some storefronts.

10.5 Replacement windows

Windows have been replaced at the cottage at 135 Tracy Street, using the Green Window and Door Company. This company’s local agent, Jim Butler, made a presentation to this committee in June 2016, showing replacement windows that had a much more traditional look than those of many other brands. Larry recommended that committee members go past this cottage to see the newly installed windows.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 8, 2018, at 9 a.m. at the Museum.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Michelle Stemmler

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

Larry Pfaff, Chair

