

# ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

A Meeting of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sandfield Centre, Alexandria.

**PRESENT:**   **Chair** - Carma Williams  
                  **Member at Large** - Jeff Manley  
                  **Member at Large** - Karen Davison Wood  
                  **Member at Large** - Nicole Geoffrion  
                  **Member at Large** - Nicole Nadeau  
                  **Mayor** - Chris McDonell (arrived @ 5:25)  
                  **Member at Large** - Dane Lancken (arrived @ 5:45)

**ABSENT:**     **CAO/Clerk** - Daniel Gagnon

**GUESTS:**    Allan MacDonald  
                  April Kennedy (recording minutes)

## 1.    **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest noted.

## 2.    **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

## 3.    **ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Moved by:**    **Nicole Geoffrion**

**Seconded by:** Karen Davison

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Sept 26, 2012 be accepted, with the following editing completed;

- a) Section 5: there needs to be a new item, titled OLD POLICE STATION with the sentence beginning at *“It was noted that a report would follow identifying..... And end with impact of any changes to that building’s future”*.
- b) Section 5: there needs to be a sentence inserted following the word LOCATION, and it should read *“Allan MacDonald (former archivist) was approached in order to complete a needs assessment.*

**Carried**

#### 4. **RATIFY MINUTES** – Sept 26, 2012

**Moved by:** Jeff Manley

**Seconded by:** Nicole Nadeau

That the minutes of the Sept 26, 2012 Arts, Culture & Heritage's Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

#### 4a. **POSSIBLE DESIGNATION FOR MAIN ST. – Allan MacDonald**

Mr. Allan MacDonald discussed with the Committee a proposal of designating a portion of Main St. as Heritage. He suggests that there might be funding in order to help the Building Owners in this selected area. He suggested that the designation could help with the value of the building, as well as promoting the Downtown.

However, the Committee has requested that information be more thoroughly researched and presented. They are looking for information listed below:

- a) determine interest from the Property Owner's,
- b) are there other funding opportunities,
- c) Difference between [*Protected*] and [*Designated*],
- d) What does the by-law state.

#### 5. **REPORT ON OLD POLICE STATION**

The committee was advised that the old police station was declared as Surplus Land by Council on Monday October 22, 2012, and that it may be placed for sale.

This raised many questions that were discussed and it was decided that Councillor Williams will inquire into what by-laws there are in place for the sale of a designated building. As well, the Building Code, once the information is gathered the committee will then discuss.

#### 6. **GROTTO UPDATE**

Members of the committee attended a meeting with Manager of the Legion, he stated that the Legion could donate some monies however; they would like to see another quote. The Legion also requests that a plaque be placed upon completion. It was noted that he would present the idea at their next meeting to ensure that there is interest in the project.

The first quote came in at approximately \$17,000 (excluding the roof and iron work), this quote was received from ReJean located in Cornwall, ON.

The nursing home needs to be made aware and grant permission enabling the committee to have a tarp placed over the Grotto, as it will not be completed until Spring.

## **7. MURAL**

Jeff Manley stated that completion of the Mural is in a bit of a bind with the schools currently looking at a Work to Rule. The students will not have supervision to complete this project; therefore it may be put on hold.

Committee discussed possibly looking at other funding options, and the possibility of hiring a professional. The members will put an advertisement out to find someone interested in the project. Jeff Manley will contact Tish Nicholson and request that she bring the information that she has.

## **8. ARTS AND CULTURE SUMMIT**

There are no updates to report at this point, Councillor Williams is waiting to receive a response from the SDG cultural officer.

## **9. GLENGARRY ARCHIVES**

Councillor Williams stated that she spoke to Allan McDonald and he is looking at vacant buildings as the possible location. He will prepare a report and deliver it to the CAO. Once a recommendation is made they can present to Council. Challenges and potential costs were discussed; however the committee has decided to wait until the report is completed.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

Three new pieces of business were added, the first piece is found above in Section 4a, the second piece is should this committee make a recommendation on the Township's Strategic Plan and the third is in regards to an invitation that Councillor Williams received from the Glengarry Historical Society.

## **11. STRATEGIC PLAN**

Members discussed the Strategic Plan that the Township is currently working on, with Arts & Culture coming up often in the plan, the question as to whether this committee should prepare a presentation in order to ensure that Arts & Culture take a real position in the Strategic Plan.

Councillor Williams has volunteered to write a statement to Council, the remainder of the Committee will send her ideals on quality of living aspects.

## **12. INVITATION FROM GLENGARRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Councillor Williams received an invitation to attend a meeting from the Glengarry Historical Society with the intention to facilitate a Community Calendar using a historic theme.

Following discussions amongst the committee it was decided that Councillor Williams would attend the on November 21, 2012, the committee has also permitted her to mention that they don't want an extra layer of bureaucracy.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Sandfield Centre, Alexandria.

Committee will be having its annual Pot Luck at this meeting; each member is requested to bring one dish.

**14. ADJOURN**

**Moved by:** Nicole Nadeau

That the Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Carried**