

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the Gary Shepherd Hall, Island Park, 102 Derby Street West, Alexandria.

PRESENT: Chair - Carma Williams
Mayor – Chris McDonell
Member at Large - Dane Lanken
Member at Large - Nicole Nadeau
Member at Large - Nicole Geoffrion
Member at Large - Jeff Manley
Member at Large - Karen Davison Wood
Special Events Planner -Tish Nicholson

REGRETS: Economic Development Coordinator – Rod Coté

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Nicole Geoffrion

Seconded by: Chris McDonell

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of May 28, 2014 be accepted as read.

Carried

4. RATIFY THE MINUTES

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the minutes of the April 23, 2014 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Meeting be adopted.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Mural

Carma Williams acknowledged the great work of Jeff Manley, the GDHS Students and Art Teacher on completing the Mural on Main St., Alexandria. A plaque is being arranged to show what the street scape is and acknowledging the artists.

6. PRESENTATION BY TISH NICHOLSON RE: SUCCESS FORMULA FOR COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Presentation by Tish on her booklet for the group of creating a success formula for community fundraising was presented to assist the committee in doing future fund raising projects, such as the Grotto project.

7. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Andy Scherer, met with Daniel Gagnon and Ryan Morton on recommendations for trees to replace ones removed from Main St. and to improve the Municipal corner landscape of Lochiel and Main St.

Carma asked that the Committee come up with some recommendations to Council to hold off on any permanent infrastructures, trees etc... being done at this time, until the Township CIP has been completed and a budget set forth by Municipal Council.

The recommendations are as follows:

“That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee recommends to Council to direct administration to refrain from any planning of trees or similar installation of permanent beautification infrastructure on Alexandria’s Main St. in the downtown core, until the Community Improvement Plan is fully developed and approved by Council and a related budget established.”

8. ALEXANDRIA AND MAXVILLE WALKING TOURS

Dane Lanken advised the group that he is working on the revisions and descriptions for the walking tour of Alexandria, and that Gordon Winters is revising the tour information for Maxville. They should be ready for the September review by committee.

9. NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD GALA

Both Nicole Nadeau and Jeff Manley will sit on the selection committee to review all the Nominations for the 2014 Awards Gala. Tish will call them to set up a date. John Hope will be the Public Rep to also sit on the selection committee.

A recommendation to be presented to Council at the June Meeting:

“Recommendation of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee to Council to invite past winners of the North Glengarry Business and Volunteer Awards to annually participate in a process of nominating new candidates for the subsequent year’s awards.”

10. OLD BUSINESS

Grotto

Nicole Nadeau noted that kids are climbing on the Grotto, which is already in a deteriorating condition, and is worried that they could get hurt on the structure. Carma Williams will ask Daniel Gagnon to contact Terry Dube and discuss this situation. There were recommendations from committee to perhaps put snow fencing around it until work can be approved, or some plywood around the statue.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Carma Williams noted that the Committee has received an invitation from the Dalkeith Historical Society to attend an event on June 12 at 6 p.m. to visit the Chapel Museum in Dalkeith.

She also noted that the beautification project was happening at the Ecole Terre Des Jeunes school yard, and the Committee is invited to the BBQ to officially open the new play area for the students.

The Committee is reminded that they have a presentation at Council on June 17th at 7 p.m. to present the power point presentation that Rod Cote has prepared for the Committee on the work of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee.

Carma Williams indicated that Council has tasked our group with reviewing the Township’s Community Grant Program Application. We are to review the criteria and the process for applying. This will be our Fall agenda to review.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for August 27th, 2014 at 4:30 pm at Gary Shepherd Hall.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Tish Nicholson

Chair – Carma Williams

