

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the Sandfield Centre, Island Park, 102 Derby Street West, Alexandria.

PRESENT: Chair - Carma Williams

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
Economic Development Coordinator – Rod Coté

REGRETS: Mayor – Chris McDonell

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of August 27, 2014 be accepted as read.

Carried

4. RATIFY THE MINUTES

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

That the minutes of the May 28, 2014 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Meeting be adopted with the correction to be made that Karen Davison Wood was present and not absent from that meeting.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Township of North Glengarry has acquired the MILL SQUARE property from Sam Saltan and will be notifying Andy Scherer Landscaping to meet with Michael Madden, from the Alexandria Chamber to see what can be done for the fall in terms of decor for the site.

6. PRESENTATION FROM MRS. FRANCES FRASER – DALKEITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presentation from Mrs. Frances Fraser of the Dalkeith Historical Society and Clara Taylor of Dalkeith. Mrs. Fraser presented to the Committee copies of their official application to have a portion of the property at 1841 Dalkeith Rd. designated as a Heritage Property. They are interested in only designating that portion of the building, formerly known as the Robertson Mills General Store, constructed in 1867. The building which was built by a founding family of the Village has been a public building throughout its history. The back half was built in 1910 by the Catholic Diocese, when it was renamed St. Paul's Chapel. It also was a public building. DHS acquired the property in 2012, and it remains a public building, now housing the DHS museum. Frances gave an oral history of the property to the committee and left copies for review of the final approval to designate.

Carma Williams thanked the representatives for their well presented and thorough document. A special meeting of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place before mid September to review the application and submit recommendations to Municipal Council. Frances has invited members of the Committee to come see the Property, and extended an invitation to come to the Kitchen Ceilgh on Sept. 12th in Dalkeith

7. ALEXANDRIA AND MAXVILLE WALKING TOUR

Dane Lanken indicated there is no update at this time, as he has yet to meet with his counterpart in Maxville to write the updated descriptions. It is expected to take place over winter, to be ready in Spring of 2015.

8. NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD GALA

The Committee will be reviewing the decision of Council on inviting previous winners to participate in future nominations of the awards. Tish Nicholson will obtain from Daniel Gagnon a copy of the wording of the revised resolution and forward to rest of committee. This topic will be placed back on the agenda of a future meeting of the committee.

9. TOWNSHIP'S COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Committee will be contacting via email and a letter all recipients of past funding since 2009 to obtain their feedback on the Impact of funding to their Organizations, as well as the Community Impact of the funding on their Event.

They will be surveyed for their thoughts and opinions on the value of the program to the Community. The Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee will review all the return comments at the end of September, and write a report to determine the value of the Program to Community Organizations, in preparation of a report to Municipal Council before the end of the year.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Mural:

Jeff Manley mentioned that the two plaques of the history of the Mural on Main St. have been attached to the wall at each end of the Mural. One in French and the other in English. The plaques have been donated by Significo Signs of Alexandria.

Grotto

Nicole Nadeau asked if we have heard back from Community Nursing on the status of the sale of the property. Tish Nicholson will contact Terry Dube to see where the process is. We are awaiting word on the restoration possibility of the Grotto. In the meantime, we will enquire if Public Works would be allowed to cover the portion of the roof in danger of exposure to the elements.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. NEXT MEETING

Carma Williams will send an email to the group to have a SPECIAL Meeting in early Sept. to review the Heritage Application of Dalkeith Historical Society.

The next meeting is set for September 24, 2014 at 4:30 pm at Gary Shepherd Hall.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Tish Nicholson

Chair – Carma Williams

