



MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2015 MEETING OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the Garry Shepherd Hall, Island Park, 102 Derby Street West, Alexandria.

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chairperson
Jeff Manley, Councillor (departure from the meeting at 7:00pm)
Natalie-Anne Bussiere, Member at Large
Karen Davison Wood, Member at Large
Nicole Geoffrion, Member at Large
Dane Lanken, Member at Large (departure from the meeting at 6:30pm)
Nicole Nadeau, Member at Large

Kerri Strotmann, EDO, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Daniel Gagnon, CAO / Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Nicole Geoffrion

Seconded by: Nathalie-Anne Bussiere

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of May 27, 2015, be accepted with the following additions:

Item 5 i): "Senior of the Year"

Carried.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest expressed by the members present.

4. RATIFY THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2015

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Nicole Geoffrion

That the minutes of the April 1, 2015, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Board meeting be accepted as presented, with the correction of a spelling error in the title of Item 6.

Carried.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

a. AFMO Commemorative Book Status

-Kerri Strotmann provided an update on the status of the commemorative book being published by the *Association Française des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO)*. The publication is currently being translated and will be launched during the AFMO congress in North Bay, Ontario in September 2015.

-AFMO will be forwarding an invitation to the municipality to participate in an exhibition celebrating the 400 years of francophone presence in Ontario. Upon receipt, the information will be transferred to the ACH Committee.

b. Historical Designation of 1841 Dalkeith Road

-Kerri Strotmann provided an update of the status of the historical designation of the building situated at 1841 Dalkeith Road. The remaining steps to be undertaken are:

- 1) The approval of a Designation By-Law by Council. A draft version has been prepared;
- 2) Registration of the Designation By-Law on the property title at the local land registry office;
- 3) A Notice of Designation must be served on the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust. Said notice must also be published in the local newspaper;
- 4) The property must be listed on the municipal and provincial heritage registers.

-The creation of a North Glengarry Heritage Register is to be deferred to a subsequent meeting, as there are several points that must be addressed prior to its inception, including the identification of all the existing designated properties throughout North Glengarry.

c. Heritage Inventory of Main Street Maxville and Alexandria

-A round table discussion was held to update the committee on the status of the Heritage Inventory. Alexandria Main Street is now complete. Maxville Main Street is progressing and should be completed shortly.

-If possible, a student will be hired to conduct further research and collate the information into property files, which will include the inventory sheet, current photos, and any available historical information/photographs. This property database will serve as an important research tool and is a legacy to future generations.

-Kerri Strotmann circulated the front page article that appeared in May 13th edition of *The Glengarry News*. This article has been uploaded to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) web page on the North Glengarry website.

d. Historical Photograph Inventory

-The USB key with the historical photo inventory was entrusted to Nathalie-Anne Bussiere.

-The ACH Advisory Committee will review the photographs and attempt to identify the corresponding present-day locations. Once identified, the photos will be added to the inventory/property file and time-permitting be added to the Re-Imagining Main Street presentation.

e. Main Street CIP-Trade Show Survey Results

-Kerri Strotmann circulated the results of the Main Street survey conducted during the Trade Show held on May 1 to 3, 2015.

-A word cloud (Wordle) was created to illustrate the overarching and recurring themes that emerged from the compilation of results. It was noted that points relating to the history and heritage of Main Street were heavily identified by the participants.

-The survey results will be uploaded to the CIP webpage on the North Glengarry website.

f. Re-Imagining Main Street

-Kerri Strotmann provided an update on the *Town Hall: Re-Imagining Main Street* event.

-A bilingual facilitator, Cecile Baird, has been found. Ms. Baird is an architect and professor of Urban Design.

-The Maxville session will be held at 7:00pm on June 24th. The location is to be determined.

-The Alexandria session is to be determined.

g. Community Grant Program

-The committee worked on a number of preliminary changes to the Community Grant Program guidelines and forms in order to render the documentation more concise and user-friendly.

- As the committee would like to reflect on the proposed modifications, they have decided to defer this item to the next meeting for finalization.

h. The Grotto

- Contractor, Keith Kennedy, would like to complete the restoration work as soon as possible. The cost estimate is approximately \$25,000.

-As the Grotto is on private property, no grant money is available and the Catholic Diocese is not able to contribute to the restoration work.

-Dane Lanken and Nicole Nadeau will start canvassing various businesses, families and organizations for contributions toward the restoration of this heritage site. Nathalie-Anne Bussiere proposed the idea of “crowd-funding”, while Carma Williams mentioned the possibility of using \$2,500 of the ACH Committee budget to create a fundraising event.

-Carma Williams and Jeff Manley will speak to Public Works about cleaning the site, in an attempt to deter vandals.

i. “Senior of the Year”

Mr. Robin Flockton, is the recipient of this year’s Provincial “Senior of the Year” award. Council will formally present Mr. Flockton with the honour during their meeting of June 15, 2015.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business proposed by the Committee members present.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Congres AFMO 22 au 24 septembre 2015

-A copy of the invitation to the annual conference was distributed to the committee members present.

b. Telephone call from Mr. Bruce Robinson, 20 Derby W. – Heritage Plaques

-Mr. Bruce Robinson, a resident of Alexandria, called Kerri Strotmann to discuss the possibility of identifying the various historical buildings and/or sites in the area with uniform heritage plaques and creating and promoting a walking tour.

-The committee was appreciative of Mr. Robinson's suggestions and will take his proposals into consideration.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday June 24, 2015 at 5:00p.m. at the Kilted Canuck in Maxville.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann

Chair – Carma Williams

