

RATIFY THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2015

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the minutes of the June 24, 2015, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Board meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Heritage inventory

-Main Street Maxville and Alexandria added to GIS

- Kerri informed the committee members that all the information gathered for the heritage inventory undertaken on Alexandria and Maxville Main Streets has been uploaded to the Township's GIS system along with the current photos of each building. Historical photos will eventually be included in each property file. A screen shot of the heritage inventory as it appears on the GIS was shown to the committee.

-Request proposal for graduate students (Universite de Montreal)

- Kerri informed the committee of a possible opportunity to recruit a graduate student through Universite de Montreal. The email received from Cecile Baird, Architect was circulated.
- The student project could involve validating and furthering the information already gathered by the committee, or undertaking a new inventory of another sector of North Glengarry in anticipation of Phase 3 of the Community Improvement Plan.
- A letter of proposal will have to be sent to Professor Claudine Deom of the Faculte d'amenagement de l'Universite de Montreal, in the coming weeks if the Township wishes to recruit a student for next semester.

b. Creation of a North Glengarry Heritage Register

- Kerri circulated a preliminary draft of the North Glengarry Heritage Register and provided a brief explanation on the components of said register. She furthered that Bert Duclos of the Ministry of Tourism Culture & Sport provided confirmation that a municipal heritage register is mandatory, but that the format is at the discretion of the municipality as long as the information contained includes A) A legal description

of the property; B) The name and address of the owner; C) A statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and its heritage attributes.

- An interim municipal heritage register has been created for the Township of North Glengarry. Said register is a folder containing the Heritage Designation By-Laws for the four existing designated buildings.
- The Alexandria VIA CN Station will not be included in the North Glengarry Municipal Heritage Register, as it has not been designated by the municipality, but rather at a federal level.
- A discussion ensued about the differences between “designating” and “listing” a property,
- The committee will work on a final Municipal Heritage Register and will research buildings that should be “listed” by Council in said register.

c. Heritage Designation of 1841 Dalkeith Road (Robertson-Clark Building)

- Kerri updated the committee on the status of the heritage designation of the Robertson-Clark Building in Dalkeith.
- The Dalkeith Heritage Society will be providing additional information on the heritage attributes that must be incorporated into the draft by-law prior to its presentation to Council for adoption.
- The Heritage Designation By-Law is to be presented to Council for final adoption on October 26, 2015.

d. Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grant - North Glengarry Heritage Tour

- Carma provided a brief explanation of the OTF Grant and the proposal submitted for funding for a North Glengarry Heritage Tour that would encompass the entire Township and would involve several partners including the Chambers of Commerce, the Pioneer Museum, Glengarry History, the Dalkeith Historical Society and the Glengarry Archives.
- Carma confirmed that if the Seed Grant proposal is accepted, a consultant would be hired to work on the tour and the ACH would likely be the steering committee for the project.
- OTF Grant results will be announced in two to three months.

f. Maxville's 125th Anniversary

- Carma informed the committee of Maxville's 125th anniversary of incorporation slated for 2016.
- A Maxville 125 Committee has been struck and is planning a big celebration for Saturday June 11th. The event will start with the annual sidewalk sale on Main Street. A parade will then lead people to the Fairgrounds where there will be a host of activities, a pig roast, dance and fireworks.
- Dane confirmed that Alexandria is on the cusp of the 200th anniversary of its founding and that this event should be celebrated. He will speak to Royce McGillivray to confirm the date and will return to the committee with further details.

g. The Grotto

- Nicole Nadeau confirmed that there were no developments to report on the Grotto, but that its condition continues to deteriorate.
- Dane informed the committee of a discussion he had with Daniel Gagnon, CAO/Clerk regarding the possibility of the Township acquiring or leasing the property. Carma and Jeff confirmed that Council has not yet been asked for their opinion on this matter.
- A discussion ensued about the future of the property and the possible demolition of a portion of the building and its impact on the Grotto. The committee felt it should be a priority to determine what the plans are for the entire property before going any further. Carma will speak to Gerry Murphy, Chief Building Officer for the Township, to determine whether the Grotto landsite is buildable and whether severing this portion would be possible. Dane and Nicole will speak to Terry Dube/the owners to determine what their future plans are for The Palace. An update will be provided at the next ACH meeting.

h. St-Alexander Church, Lochiel (new Centre Lochiel Centre)

- Kerri informed the committee of the creation of a new organization, Centre Lochiel Centre (CLC), by Henriette Keusch, following the closure of St-Alexander Church in June 2014 after 163 years of service to the community. This group is in the process of applying for charitable status so that they can accept donations.
- After attempting to save the church from closure, Ms. Keusch rallied the community to acquire the church for the purposes of preserving it as a community space. In order to convert it to a community hall for leasing purposes, they will have to upgrade certain elements, including the addition of a septic system.

- For a number of reasons, including time involved in severing the cemetery from the church building, the CLC has arranged a pending 20-year-less-a-day lease with the dioceses, which will either be renewed, or they will purchase the church at its expiration.

i. North Glengarry Gala update

- Kerri provided the committee with an update on the upcoming Gala that will take place on October 1, 2015.
- The committee congratulated Karen Davison-Wood on receiving the well-deserved “Citizen of the Year” award.

j. Re-Imagining Main Street final reports

- Kerri updated the committee on the status of the Re-Imagining Main Street reports and their availability on the North Glengarry website. She also informed the committee of the next steps in the CIP process.
- With respect to the revitalization of Alexandria Main Street, Nicole Geoffrion asked whether Ecole Terre des Jeunes had received a letter acknowledging the landscaping works that they had carried out to beautify and embellish the school yard and Main Street. The committee was not certain whether Tish Nicholson had sent a letter on behalf of the ACH. Kerri was asked to see if a letter could be found in Tish’s files. Dane will write a letter of appreciation on behalf of the committee.

k. The Ontario Heritage Trust’s Lieutenant Governors Ontario Heritage Awards

- Kerri briefly explained the Lieutenant Governors Ontario Heritage Awards and the September 30th application deadline.
- The Committee felt that this is a special award and should not be awarded annually. They therefore opted not to submit any nominees this year and will revisit the possibility in 2016.

I. 400e anniversaire de la francophonie en Ontario

- Nicole Geoffrion informed the committee of the 400th anniversary of the French presence in Ontario and presented the schedule of celebratory events. A copy of the brochure was distributed to the committee members.

e. Community Grant Program

- Carma explained that there was some confusion about the Community Grant Program and that different versions of the documentation had been circulated. A final corrected version has to be presented to Council at their meeting on October 13, 2015. A translation will then be undertaken and the new Community Grant Program and accompanying forms will be made public.
- Kerri retyped the version distributed to the committee members during the meeting. Said document is based on the 2014 version that was posted to the North Glengarry website and is further to the corrections proposed at the ACH meeting of May 27, 2015.
- The committee reviewed the retyped version and commented on the necessary modifications.
- Carma and Karen have offered to rework the Community Grant Program based on the feedback received from the committee. The final version will be sent to the committee for approval via email, at least a week prior to the October 13, 2015, Council meeting.
- Nathalie-Anne presented her revision of the Budget – Community Application Grant Form. Following some discussion, the committee agreed to remove the “In-Kind” column and replace it with a section to list any in-kind value requested and received.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday October 28, 2015 at 5:00p.m. at the Sandfield Centre.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann

Chair – Carma Williams