



## RATIFY THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

**Moved by:** Jeff Manley

**Seconded by:** Dane Lanken

That the minutes of the September 23, 2015, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Board meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## 5. AGENDA ITEMS

### a. Creation of a North Glengarry Heritage Register

- Karen is attempting to obtain information regarding the way in which a municipality north of Toronto lists buildings on its heritage register.
- This item is deferred to a future meeting, but will remain on the agenda.

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

- A revised draft version of the Heritage Designation By-Law, prepared on October 17, 2015, was circulated to the committee.
- Kerri explained that due to the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act to designate “real property”, which by definition consists of the entire landsite and all structures therein, the Dalkeith Historical Society is reviewing their request to designate the Robertson-Clark Building, as they only wish to designate the 1867 portion of the building. Adoption of the Heritage Designation By-Law was therefore pulled from the agenda of the Council meeting of October 26, 2015.
- Kerri explained that within the designation by-law, the key physical attributes that embody the building must be clearly indicated and detailed, as these attributes form the basis of evaluation when Council has to take any decisions concerning interventions to the property. In addition, Kerri mentioned that Bert Duclos of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport (MTCS), recommended that the committee review the designation by-laws currently in-force to ensure they adequately protect the buildings in question, as they were written under older laws and may no longer be sufficient.
- The committee expressed concern over the rigidity of the designation by-law and the possibility of discouraging any future designations. They requested that Kerri speak to Bert Duclos regarding the following:

- 1) Is there any way to incorporate some flexibility into the by-law, particularly when addressing buildings that have been altered over time?
- 2) Does Council have any legal tool to refuse the demolition of a portion of a building, if the demolition by-law and zoning are respected, but the building is neither designated, nor listed? And what are the ramifications of any possible demolition on the designation of the remaining portion of the building?
- 3) Are there any upcoming workshops on heritage designation/listing that may be offered by the Ministry and that would be of benefit to the ACH Committee?

#### **c. Community Grant Program**

- The Community Grant Program (policy and forms) has been uploaded to the North Glengarry website in both French and English and is currently available in hard copy format at the Township office.
- The 2016 application period will be advertised in the November 4<sup>th</sup> edition of The Glengarry News. A Facebook message will also be posted to the North Glengarry Facebook page the week of November 2, 2015.
- Kerri has been working on compiling a list of all the previous applicants (2009 – 2015). Each of the candidate organizations will receive an email advising them of the application period and the availability of the forms.

#### **d. Maxville's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- The Maxville 125 Committee has been meeting to organize celebratory activities and has developed the theme “ Maxville 125: Past, Present, Future”.
- June 11, 2016 will feature the annual Maxville sidewalk sale, followed by a parade, and festivities at the Fairgrounds, including activities for children, a \$5.00 supper, a dance and fireworks.
- The organizing committee is requesting pre-budget approval from Council.
- Carma has requested that the “Maxville 125” webpage be rendered live on the North Glengarry website. Information can be populated to the site as necessary. Kerri will ensure this is done.

- The committee recommends that a historical photo exhibition be mounted in vacant storefronts to promote the history of Maxville and to embellish the empty shop windows.

#### e. The Grotto

- Nicole Nadeau has called and left a message for an appointment with Terry Dube, General Manager of the Alexandria Nursing Home.
- The committee has requested that rather than an individual meeting, Terry Dube be invited to attend the next ACH Committee meeting to discuss The Grotto. Nicole Nadeau will coordinate this with Terry Dube.
- Carma will follow-up with Gerry Murphy, Chief Building Officer, concerning the possibility of severing The Grotto from the nursing home property.

#### f. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of Alexandria

- Dane spoke to Royce McGillivray about the date of the founding of Alexandria. Unfortunately, there are no specific records of the foundation date of the community, but there are records confirming that the mill was in operation by 1819, implying that the foundation of Alexandria was prior to that year.
- The Committee felt it would be a good idea to link the foundation of Alexandria to the celebrations of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.
- A committee must be struck to organize the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The ACH Committee will put forth names of individuals that may be interested in taking on this project.

#### g. CIP Update and Preliminary Design Guidelines

- Kerri provided the committee with a brief verbal update on the CIP actions that have been undertaken to date, as well as on the development of the design criteria and on the preliminary discussions concerning potential financial incentives. She also mentioned that the two architectural renderings to be prepared by Cecile Baird, Architect, will focus on Mill Square and on King George Park.

#### **h. Glengarry – Prescott-Russell (GPR) Day**

- Carma provided the committee with an explanation, photos and a brief summary of the success of Glengarry–Prescott-Russell Day, held at Queen’s Park on October 7, 2015.
- More than two hundred people, including Premiere Kathleen Wynn, attended the event which highlighted local food producers in Glengarry, including Lanthier Bakery, Muir’s Bakery, Zengary Fauxmagerie, the Quirky Carrot, Maple Ridge Farms, the Pickle Patch, Honey from the Glen and Glengarry Fine Cheese.

#### **i. King George “Park”**

- Carma circulated photos of the evolution of the King George property while informing the committee of Council’s decisions to designate the landsite a “Park” during the Council meeting of October 13, 2015. An official ceremony recognizing “King George Park” will be organized by the community.

#### **j. Thank you letter to Ecole Terre des Jeunes**

- Dane prepared a draft letter to Ecole Terre des Jeunes congratulating and thanking the school community for the work carried out on landscaping and beautifying the yard fronting Main Street.
- The committee approved the letter and asked Kerri to translate and format the content and have it signed and sent by Mayor McDonnell.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Letter re: June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism in Ontario**
  - The committee receive a copy of the letter sent by the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, and International Trade.
  - Karen confirmed that North Glengarry has never submitted candidates for this award.

- Given the amount of work required to submit a candidate prior to the December 5, 2015 deadline, and given that North Glengarry recognizes the contributions of their volunteers through the annual Business and Volunteer Gala, the committee agreed to pass on the June Callwood award for this year.
  
- **Heritage Matters/Questions de patrimoine**
  - A copy of the French and English publication produced by the Ontario Heritage Trust was circulated to the committee.
  
  - Dane will borrow the English version of the publication and advise the committee of any pertinent information.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday November 25, 2015 at 5:00p.m. at the Sandfield Centre.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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**Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann**

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**Chair – Carma Williams**