



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2016 MEETING OF
THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Office, 90 Main Street South, Alexandria.

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chairperson
Jeff Manley, Councillor
Nathalie-Anne Bussière, Member at Large (arrived at 5:45pm)
Karen Davison Wood, Member at Large
Nicole Geoffrion, Member at Large
Nicole Nadeau, Member at Large
Kerri Strotmann, EDO, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Dane Lanken, Member at Large
Daniel Gagnon, CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m.

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Nicole Geoffrion

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of March 23, 2016, be accepted.

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 FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

That the minutes of the February 17, 2016, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

a. CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) Update

- Carma informed the committee about the first CIPAC meeting that took place on Monday March 21, 2016. She confirmed that there were four (4) applications: two (2) approved, one (1) for discussion purposes, one (1) incomplete. She furthered that the two approved projects are for strategically-located commercial buildings that have demonstrated design guideline compliance and, in spite of their modern architecture, will echo the heritage aesthetic of Main Street Alexandria and will animate the street.
- Carma discussed the issue that CIPAC had to confront with respect to heritage restoration and the Provincial Building Code. The committee agreed that this would be a recurring problem that comes into direct conflict with the provisions of the CIP design guidelines and that it must be addressed. It was suggested that the Township engage a professional (ex: heritage carpenter) for consultation purposes when heritage-related issues arise.

b. Community Grant Program – Review of Policies and Procedures

- i) Update on modifications to policies and procedures
 - Further to the February 17, 2016 ACH meeting, the proposed revisions to the Community Grant Program policy and timeline were approved by Council under resolution #13, at their meeting held on March 7, 2016.
- ii) 2016 Letters to applicants
 - Copies of the Community Grant Program approval and refusal letters were circulated to the committee for review.
 - A copy of the letter sent to the Festival of Lights committee requesting their financial statement by April 1, 2016, was circulated to the committee for review.

c. North Glengarry Heritage Tour

- Jeff updated the committee on the status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and confirmed that there were 12 interesting submissions received, with two retained for further analysis prior to final Council approval on March 29, 2016.

d. North Glengarry Heritage Register

- The committee agreed to begin the process of listing buildings on the North Glengarry Heritage Register, which was approved by Council at their meeting held on December 14, 2015.
- Karen highlighted all the work that was carried out by the former heritage committee and confirmed that the information provided in the extensive inventory is ready to incorporate into the register.
- The committee agreed to commence the heritage listing process with the following properties of significant heritage interest, as they have either been proposed by their owner or are at a perceived risk:
 - Robertson-Clark Building, Dalkeith
 - Gary Fen, Alexandria
 - The Grotto, Alexandria
 - 57 Kenyon, Alexandria
 - 17 Main Street North, Alexandria
 - 20 Derby Street, Alexandria
- Karen will prepare the property description and a brief rationale for each of the identified properties for the April 27, 2016 ACH meeting. The committee will then review the content of each listing and adopt a recommendation that will be presented to Council on May 9, 2016.
- Nicole Nadeau will undertake research on 17 Main Street North, Alexandria, (former Meloche store) and provide Karen with the information.
- Nathalie-Anne will develop the selection criteria for listing properties of significant heritage interest based on the provincial criteria.
- In the future, the committee will discuss purchasing an advertisement in the newspaper appealing to the population to put forth properties of heritage interest and to share any related historical information, while sensitizing the population to the difference between "listing" and "designating" properties.

e. The Grotto

- i) Summary of March 1, 2016 meeting with Terry Dube.
 - Carma provided the committee with a detailed summary of the meeting and reconfirmed that the ACH will not take the lead in a restoration project, nor will it undertake the task of fundraising:
 - Terry Dube stated that there is a will on behalf of the owners to see the monument restored, otherwise it will be demolished. He further confirmed that the owners will not contribute financially to its

restoration and that it is up to the community to take ownership of the project.

- Brian Proulx has agreed to provide a written restoration plan outlining the volunteer resources and submit it to Terry Dube by April 15, 2016.
- The Knights of Columbus have refused to get involved with the restoration project due to resource constraints.

ii) Public meeting hosted by ACH

- The committee agreed to wait for the outcome of Brian Proulx's report to Terry Dube.
- In the event that Brian Proulx's report is not successful, it is suggested that a public meeting be held in an attempt to sensitize the population to this historic site, garner interest and recruit volunteers to assist with its restoration. This meeting will demonstrate to the public that the ACH committee has been doing what it possibly can to protect the monument.

iii) Listing monument on the North Glengarry Heritage Register

- The committee agreed to include The Grotto on the list of properties to be presented to Council on May 9th, as per Item 5 d) above.

f. Maxville 125 Celebrations – Update

- Carma provided a brief update on all the activities planned to celebrate Maxville's 125th anniversary and informed the committee of the generous donation from the McEwen's to cover the cost of publicity.

g. 200th Anniversary of the foundation of Alexandria (2017/2018)

- Kerri circulated a brochure received from Dane Lanken that indicates the founding of Alexandria in 1819. Kerri will forward a copy of the scanned brochure to the committee members.
- Jeff will speak to Alan MacDonald to see if he can find a reference to a foundation date.
- A committee will have to be established to take on a project to celebrate the 200th anniversary. It is suggested that the public meeting to be tentatively held by the ACH to discuss The Grotto, include a discussion on the 200th anniversary of Alexandria.

- Karen suggested speaking to Carol Baxter (of the Graham Creamery family) as she was involved in previous celebrations marking Alexandria milestones.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Centre Lochiel Centre: Auction of religious artefacts.

- Natalie-Anne and Nicole Geoffrion will meet with Henriette Keusch in early April to document the artefacts prior to the auction.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services granting the ACH committee free access to the Land Registry Office until March 31, 2017.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday April 27, 2016 at 5:00pm. at the Township Office.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann



Chair – Carma Williams