



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2016 MEETING OF
THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, April 27, 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 5:33pm)
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 5:01p.m.

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Nicole Geoffrion

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of April 27, 2016, be accepted with the following additions:

- Item 6 a) North Glengarry Logo
- Item 6 b) North Glengarry Banners
- Item 6 c) Ontario Festival of Small Halls

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 MARCH 23, 2016

Moved by: Nicole Nadeau

Seconded by: Karen Davison Wood

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

Carried.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

a. CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) Update

I. 1 Main Street South (Quirky Carrot) & 7 Mill Square (Uptown Hair Designs)

Kerri informed the committee of the two projects that were reviewed by the CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) and approved by Council at their meeting on April 25, 2016.

Jeff informed the committee about the new owners of the Gary Fen (2 Ottawa Street, Alexandria) and that they intend to undertake extensive renovations to the property, some of which may be eligible for CIP funding.

II. Consultation with Porter Restorations (heritage railings).

Kerri informed the committee of the outcome of the on-site consultation with Porter Restorations (Mr. Glen Porter, heritage carpenter) at 76 Main Street North, Alexandria. Options were proposed that would respect the Provincial Building Code, but would be significantly higher in cost and would not be true to the original railing. The owner has abandoned the railing restoration project.

Any future consultations will be on a case-by-case basis.

b. Community Grant Program

I. Festival of Lights Update

Carma advised the committee that in spite of the reminders sent by Annie Levac, Treasurer, the Festival of Lights (FOL) committee, a sub-committee of the Alexandria & District Chamber of Commerce, has not submitted the mandatory accountability statement.

Jeff, Carma and Daniel Gagnon will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce the week of May 2, 2016, to discuss the details of the event the reason that the FOL is not providing the municipality with the required information.

Carma stated that the municipality cannot, in good faith, continue to provide \$7,000 in funding through the Community Grant Program to an organization that is not behaving in a transparent and accountable manner, in spite of the importance of this event to the community.

Pending the outcome of the meeting, the ACH committee may be tasked with making a decision on the financial aid that was allocated in principle for the 2016 Festival of Lights event.

c. North Glengarry Heritage Tour

I. Selected proponent

Kerri confirmed that Commonwealth Resource Management is the proponent selected for the North Glengarry Heritage Tour project. The ACH committee received a copy of their proposal via email.

A “kick-off” meeting was held on April 21, 2016 to introduce Commonwealth to the key heritage stakeholders. Nathalie-Anne and Dane were in attendance for the ACH committee. Jeff was also present representing both the ACH and Council. A stakeholders' workshop will be held at the end of May.

d. North Glengarry Heritage Register

I. Ontario Heritage Trust Plaques

An email from Beth Anne Mendes, Coordinator of the Plaque Program for the Ontario Heritage Trust was circulated to the committee. The email confirms that the large blue and gold Ontario Provincial heritage plaques do not designate, protect or confer any legal status on the property or building.

The Committee will consider adding the sites with plaques to the North Glengarry Heritage Register.

Note: Nathalie-Anne Bussière arrives at 5:33pm.

II. Listing of buildings

- *Robertson-Clark Building, Dalkeith* : Karen is still working on the research.
- *Gary Fen, Alexandria*: Karen is still working on the research.
- *The Grotto, Alexandria*: Will be addressed under item e) below.
- *57 Kenyon, Alexandria*: Karen met with the owner, Alain Lauzon, who believes that the original owner was J.T. Schell, the famous Alexandria industrialist. This would render the property historically significant. The property is currently in poor condition but has many of the original elements. The owner was encouraged to begin restoration work in anticipation of phase 3 of the CIP.
- *17 Main Street North, Alexandria*: Nicole Nadeau, confirmed that according to the 1901 census, M. Meloche was already a butcher and by 1902 he was running his business out of the building. The original butcher block was

inherited by the nephew who has it on display in the Mini Mart/Esso station in Monkland. Nicole will continue her research.

Daniel Gagnon has reached out to the current owners who reside in Montreal, but there has been no response and the taxes are paid.

Carma confirmed that this was one of the properties discussed by Council, in-camera on April 25, 2016, as it has been left abandoned.

➤ *20 Derby Street, Alexandria* : Karen met with the owner, Mr. Robinson, who is enthusiastic about his home and is advocating for a plaque program in North Glengarry. The house is in impeccable condition and may have been a log cabin, as work to install a new gas fireplace revealed a massive timber.

- Karen will continue her research on all of the above-listed properties at the Land Registry and has requested a copy of the letter from the Ministry waiving the fees, as well as a letter from the Township confirming her membership on the ACH and authorizing her to undertake the research for municipal purposes. Kerri will prepare both.
- The committee discussed the possibility of a plaque program to accompany the listing of buildings on the North Glengarry Heritage Register. Nathalie-Anne will verify which foundry Parks Canada employs for the production of their plaques.

e. The Grotto

- Nicole Nadeau was unable to reach Terry Dube, to confirm whether the report was submitted by Brian Proulx.
- Carma reminded the committee that is not the mandate of the ACH to be the primary fundraiser on projects such as the Grotto restoration.
- It was suggested that the committee prepare a newspaper article on the Grotto and that a public meeting be held, possibly a joint Grotto – Heritage Tour Town Hall in June.
- The Committee will proceed with listing the Grotto on the North Glengarry Heritage Register, but will continue the discussion at the May ACH meeting.
- Nicole Nadeau will contact Dane Lancken to discuss the situation and a possible plan of action.

f. Maxville 125 Celebrations – Update

- Jeff provided an update on the event and confirmed that the ticket sales for the Pig Roast are underway at a cost of \$10/pp. The caber decorating contest and the mini-caber race are also underway. Advertisements have begun appearing in The Glengarry News and the Maxville Messenger (a publication of The Review).

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

- Various sources indicate conflicting dates for the foundation of Alexandria, anywhere from 1817 to 1819, when the town was still known as Priests Mill. The committee can pick the most appropriate year to mark the commemoration.
- The following names were suggested for a possible “Alexandria 200” committee, which should comprise of approximately five members:

-Michelle Daprato
-Colleen Shepherd
-Alain Giroux

h. Community Heritage Ontario Membership

- The committee discussed the benefits of joining Community Heritage Ontario, which is an advisory body for municipal heritage organizations.

Moved by: Nathalie-Anne Bussiere

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH) become a member of Community Heritage Ontario at an annual cost of \$75, derived from the 2016 ACH budget.

Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) **North Glengarry Logo**

Nicole Nadeau commented on the poor reproduction quality of the North Glengarry logo and the need for a municipal logo that is printer-friendly, given that the Community Grant Program requires organizations to acknowledge municipal sponsorship.

Jeff confirmed that the municipality is currently working on a new logo that will be more in line with the Glengarry brand.

b) North Glengarry Banners

Nicole Nadeau suggested that community organizations benefitting from the Community Grant Program be required to display the North Glengarry pop-up banners during their special events. Nicole stated that the Caisse Desjardins banner was highly visible during the MCM Music Festival and appeared in countless photos and Facebook posts and that North Glengarry could have benefitted from the same exposure.

Kerri will modify the Letter of Agreement to include a mention about the availability of the pop-up banners at the Township Office. Said modification will be presented to the committee at the May meeting.

c) Ontario Festival of Small Halls

Carma received an email from Kelly Symes of the Ontario Festival of Small Halls, which is connected to Blues Fest Ottawa, requesting a venue and partnering organization in Maxville for a concert scheduled for September 17, 2016. The organization would have to provide volunteers to sell the tickets, set-up and clean-up the hall and provide light refreshments, but they would receive 15% of the gross revenues of ticket sales.

Following much discussion on possible venues and organizations, the committee decided to leave the decision with Carma.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

➤ **Invitation to nominate: Senior Achievement Award.**

Due to the tight timeframe and the detailed nature of the nomination process, the committee agreed to forego this initiative.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at 5:00pm. at the Township Office.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann



Chair – Carma Williams