



**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2016 MEETING OF
THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, June 22, 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 5:39pm)
Nicole Geoffrion, Member at Large
Dane Lanken, Member at Large
Karen Davison Wood, Member at Large
Nicole Nadeau, Member at Large
Kerri Strotmann, EDO, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Daniel Gagnon, CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m.

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Nathalie-Anne Bussière

Seconded by: Nicole Geoffrion

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of June 22, 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 MAY 25, 2016

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the minutes of the April 27, 2016, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be accepted as presented, with the following modification:

Item 5 e), paragraph 2: Remove the names of the identified individuals and replace with "Three members of the community.."

Carried.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

a. CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) Update

Kerri informed the committee that three projects were reviewed by the CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) on June 20, 2016 and that if approved, the CIP budget for 2016 will be close to exhausted.

b. Community Grant Program

I. Festival of Lights (FOL) Update

Jeff informed the committee that Brent Hill, President of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, is expected to speak to Ron Aubin, Chairman of the FOL committee, but that there is no clear update on the event at this point in time and there has been no clarification on the committee's concern regarding the fireworks expense.

II. Modifications to the Letter of Agreement from the meeting of April 27, 2016.

The committee reviewed the requested modifications to the Letter of Agreement, which will be sent to Annie Levac, Treasurer, for implementation.

Carma circulated the 2016 Accountability Statement and thank you letter from the organizers of the Maxville Music Fest. The committee was pleased with the format and has requested that a copy of each submitted accountability statement be reviewed prior to the end of the October 31st Community Grant in-take deadline. Kerri will speak to Annie Levac regarding this request.

Carma informed the committee of \$2,500 in unspent Community Grant money was placed in a slush fund for any unforeseen Community Grant expenses. Karen asked that the Arts Culture and Heritage Committee budget be discussed at the next meeting in relation to a proposed plaque program.

c. North Glengarry Heritage Tour - Update

Kerri updated the committee on the stakeholder meeting with the team from Commonwealth Resource Management that was held on May 31, 2016. Due to the visit from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, there were adjustments that had to be made to this event, but it was nevertheless fruitful for the consultants preparing the North Glengarry Heritage Tour.

A mid-project summary of the development of the tour is expected from the consultants in July.

d. North Glengarry Heritage Register

I. Designated buildings added to North Glengarry GIS

Kerri informed the committee that each of the designated buildings has been flagged in the GIS system by the Permits Department.

II. Listing of buildings

Kerri and Karen presented the committee with two possible templates for the "listed" buildings: (1) an individual property inventory and (2) a multi-property table. The committee preferred using a table format for simplicity reasons and for the volume of buildings that will be presented to Council.

Nathalie-Anne expressed concern about the need for a chronology of North Glengarry milestones in order to develop appropriate criteria for the listing of buildings. At the moment the buildings that have been proposed for listing are either assumed to be at risk, or that have been suggested by their owners.

After some discussion, the committee agreed that it is not yet ready to start presenting Council with buildings to list. This item will be addressed in September to give committee members the summer to develop criteria and a pamphlet on heritage listing. It will also permit the for the creation of a table of all the buildings that were identified in the log houses, stone buildings and stone churches inventory undertaken by LACAC.

Nathalie-Anne and Karen will create a table of all the buildings identified by LACAC to present to the committee in September and have asked to borrow the inventory binders from the Mayor's office.

Kerri will develop a heritage register pamphlet, based on that of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, which will be sent to the committee over the summer for review and comments, with final approval expected by the committee in September. The purpose of the brochure is to sensitize the population to what listing a building signifies.

e. The Grotto

Dane provided an update of the restoration project for The Grotto and confirmed that things are finally falling into place:

- Keith Kennedy has agreed to do the work at the same estimated cost provided in 2013. Nicole Nadeau expressed concern that the estimate does not include restoration work to the glass, wrought-iron, statue or landscaping and that additional funds will be required.

- Four community members have each agreed to donate \$2,200 and assist with additional fundraising through their contacts. The Knights of Columbus have been approached to open an account and provide charitable receipts for the donations received.
- The owner of the property has agreed to perpetual access to The Grotto during reasonable hours.
- Brian Caddell is organizing a series of "Save the Grotto" on-site concerts scheduled for Wednesday evenings in July and August, with a "pass-the-hat" fundraising format. The concerts will begin on July 6th and will feature musicians such as the MacMaster Dancers and MacLeod Fiddlers, The Brigadoons, Campbell Trio & Friends, The Glengarry Fiddlers and The Caddells & Friends.

Jeff mentioned that a series of advertisements is being taken out in *The Glengarry News* to promote the concerts at an approximate cost of \$400 - \$500. He proposed using the Arts Culture & Heritage budget to fund the ads. The committee discussed this proposal and felt that it was an appropriate use of funds, provided that the committee is acknowledged in the advertisements.

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Nicole Geoffrion

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH) agrees to fund up to \$500.00 for an advertising campaign in *The Glengarry News* for the "Save The Grotto Concert Series", that will take place on Wednesday evenings in July and August, with the acknowledgement of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee in each of the sponsored advertisements.

Carried.

f. K9 Sports Fest – Municipal Promotion Opportunity

Kerri informed the committee of the K9 Sports Fest event to take place at the Maxville Grounds on July 16th and 17th. North Glengarry has the opportunity to mount an information kiosk to promote the municipality, its assets and its local organizations. Volunteers and/or organizations are required to man the kiosk over the two days.

Carma suggested that Kerri prepare a schedule and send it to members of Council requesting that they volunteer a few hours of their time to promote the municipality. A separate schedule can be sent to the ACH to request volunteers who can provide information on the sites and activities of North Glengarry.

g. Maxville 125 Celebrations – Update

Carma provided a summary of the event, as well as an overview of expenses and revenues which resulted in a small surplus. Council will be asked to create a legacy fund with the leftover budget to help fund future North Glengarry celebrations.

h. 200th Anniversary of the foundation of Alexandria (2019)

The committee felt that the formula used to organize Maxville 125 should be used as an example for Alexandria's 200th anniversary celebrations in 2019.

It was suggested the John MacDonald be asked to form/chair an organizing committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business proposed by the Committee members present

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 5:00pm. at the Township Office.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50p.m.



Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann

Chair – Carma Williams