



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2017 MEETING OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the North Glengarry Township Office, 90 Main Street S., Alexandria.

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chairperson
Nathalie-Anne Bussière, Member at Large (arrived at 5:21pm)
Jeff Manley, Provisional Chairperson
Karen Davison Wood, Member at Large
Nicole Geoffrion, Member at Large
Dane Lanken, Member at Large (arrived at 5:06pm)
Nicole Nadeau, Member at Large
Kerri Strotmann, EDO, Recording Secretary

GUEST: Michelle Daprato, Citizen

REGRETS: Daniel Gagnon, CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04p.m.

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

Moved by: Nicole Geoffrion

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of March 22, 2017 be accepted with the following additions:

- Item 6 i) (New Business): St-Elmo Congregational Church
- Item 6 ii) (New Business): Festival of Small Halls

Carried.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Dane Lanken arrived at 5:06pm

4. RATIFY THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the minutes of the February 22, 2017, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

Nathalie-Anne Bussière arrived at 5:21pm

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

Carma Williams welcomed guest, Michelle Daprato, to the meeting and explained to the committee that Michelle had expressed an interest in spearheading the Alexandria 200 celebrations.

Michelle confirmed her willingness to take on the presidency of the Alexandria 200 event(s) and presented some of her wonderful ideas to the committee:

- An outdoor display of heritage photos of Alexandria to create a heritage walk of the historic sites and buildings;
- Involving local school children in a sidewalk chalk art project to create the logo;
- Teen dance under the stars in Mill Square with live bands, while parents enjoy softer music at The Grotto;
- Old Time Christmas Parade, with the street lights turned off for the event followed by activities at Island Park;
- A scavenger hunt and log cutting contest;
- Gardening been to landscape the municipality;
- A commemorative book of old photos which can be sold (ex: Montreal 375 magazine);

Carma briefly explained how the Maxville 125 celebrations were organized and how a proposal was presented to Council requesting a budget to carry-out the activities. She also cautioned that fundraising would be required, particularly if an annual calendar of events is being considered.

Carma confirmed that the Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee would not act as the organizing committee but would be there to support the Alexandria 200 committee. Various names were put forth by the committee of individuals who may be interested in working on the celebrations.

Carma offered to prepare and send a press release on behalf of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee, announcing Michelle as the Alexandria 200 organizer and inviting people to volunteer for the committee. Michelle will confirm whether she would like a communique sent.

Carma and Jeff will meet with Michelle to provide additional information and tips based on their experience with the Maxville 125 festivities.

b. Community Grant Program (Update)

Kerri circulated Resolution #6, adopted by Council on March 13, 2017, approving the modifications to the 2018 Community Grant policy and forms.

Kerri will work on the policy translation to ensure that the document is available in both languages by the summer.

c. Tourism Grant Program

Kerri informed the committee of the new SDG Tourism Grant Program to enhance regional tourism and circulated the documents received from Shauna Baggs, SDG Tourism Coordinator.

The Tourism Grant Program was developed using the policies of the North Glengarry Community Grant Program.

d. CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) Update

Kerri provided a brief update to the committee on the projects that were reviewed at the March 6, 2017, meeting of the CIP Approvals Committee (CIPAC) and presented to Council on March 13, 2017, for the properties situated at 3 Main Street South, Maxville and 7-7a Main Street South, Maxville.

e. North Glengarry Heritage Tour – Update

- Kerri updated the committee on the ground-proofing tour of the Maxville route and confirmed that subsequent to the last ACH meeting, all the comments/corrections received were sent to the consultants. In addition, Matthew Collard, drove both routes to verify the addresses. The revised map should be ready in the coming days for one last edit of the copy.
- Maxville & Alexandria Walking Tour updates

It was decided to add a reference regarding the availability of historic walking tours of Alexandria and Maxville to the Glengarry Routes heritage tour.

Copies of the existing Maxville and Alexandria walking tours were distributed to the committee for consultation. A brochure version of each walking tour will be produced “in-house” for distribution, once the content has been revised.

Dane Lanken will review and condense the Alexandria tour prior to the next ACH meeting on April 26th.

Carma will speak with the Maxville Chamber of Commerce for permission to review and pare down the content of the Maxville walking tour. Once permission is obtained, she and Nathalie-Anne will work on a revised tour prior to the next ACH meeting on April 26th.

f. North Glengarry Heritage Register

i. Listing Criteria

At the January 25, 2017 meeting, the committee approved the listing criteria that has been set forth in the heritage brochure, based on the Ministry’s guidelines.

No further discussion was had, but the committee requested that this item remain on the agenda.

ii. Listing of buildings

When weather permits, Karen and Nathalie-Anne will conduct on-site visits to confirm that each of the buildings to list on the North Glengarry Heritage Register is still standing. They will report their findings back to the committee.

iii. Heritage Listing Pamphlet

A revised version of the brochure, based on the comments received from the committee on February 22, 2017, was circulated for feedback.

Kerri will present the brochure to Council for information purposes prior to commencing the translation.

iv. Plaque Program with ACH Budget

This item is deferred to a subsequent meeting.

v. Grant application “Young Canada Works”

No response has been received yet concerning the grant application for a summer student to help work on the heritage register.

g. The Grotto Update

- Jeff confirmed that The Grotto committee has not yet met to discuss the opening event, but should be meeting in the coming weeks and will report back to the ACH.
- In lieu of a temporary photo exhibit, Jeff put forth an idea to create an interpretive panel at The Grotto focussed on its path to restoration. The committee was in favour of pursuing this project and felt that it should be in keeping with the look and feel of the Mill Square Panel.

Jeff presented the committee with a possible text briefly addressing the history and purpose of The Grotto, then focussing on the restoration efforts. The committee was in favour of the content, and requested that it be translated for the purposes of an interpretive panel.

Kerri will contact the designer to request an estimate for a small panel (28"x33") reproducing the same aesthetics as the Mill Square panel.

In order to realize this project and other on-going arts, culture and heritage projects in the coming year, the committee will have to request additional funding from Council.

Moved by: Karen Davison Wood

Seconded by: Nicole Nadeau

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH) request from Council a renewal of the \$5,000 budget to carry out a variety of on-going projects and activities including The Grotto commemorative panel project, the unveiling of the Mill Square interpretive panel, the launch of the Glengarry Routes heritage tour, and participation in the Ontario Heritage Conference.

Carried.

h. Interpretive Panel for Mill Square (Canada 150 Grant)

i. Production estimates and options

Further to the February 22, 2017, meeting at which the committee had opted for three smaller signs on individual posts, additional information concerning the design and placement was brought to light and the committee was asked to provide their opinion on which of the two models to pursue. The committee opted to leave the final decision to the subcommittee and the designer, who agreed to proceed with the production on one single panel measuring 96"x28" with three sign posts.

The committee received the estimates and a sign pricing comparison by email and was asked to review the content of the bids received from three companies in order to determine which company should be retained for the production of the Mill Square interpretive panel. The committee voted unanimously in favour of *Fontasy Sign & Display*.

Moved by: Nathalie-Anne Bussiere

Seconded by: Karen Davison Wood

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH), upon careful review of the estimates and accompanying information provided by three sign manufacturing companies for the interpretive panel project, recommends that *Fontasy Sign & Display* be retained for the production and installation of the Mill Square interpretive panel in Mill Square Park, due to the superior quality of the infused resin “Sun Glaze” enamel on aluminium with a 1.75” thick frame around a moulded-metal sign, the inclusion of rounded corners, three powder-coated metal posts, installation with a special patented ground key, which is guaranteed not to shift with frost heave, the company’s 20-year experience in producing outdoor panels, and the 10-year guarantee provided.

Carried.

ii. Content: Copy and imagery

➤ Introduction

Dane proposed a draft introductory text, which was approved by the committee. He will work with the designer on incorporating the text into the content.

After considerable discussion, the committee expressed their preference at not referring to the Glengarry Routes or the municipal websites, but rather mentioning that the Glengarry Routes heritage tour is available at the Township Office.

➤ Acknowledgements

The committee was in agreement with the proposed list of acknowledgements. Kerri will finalize the list with the designer.

iii. Official unveiling

This item is deferred to the April 26, 2017 meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

i) **St-Elmo Congregational Church**

Carma advised the committee that the Gordon Church, the Congregational Church, and the adjacent reception hall in St-Elmo will be taken over by the National Church in Toronto as the Presbyterian Church can no longer maintain the three structures. The last service will take place in July 2017.

The committee discussed different possible scenarios and hopes that the Glengarry Pioneer Museum would be willing to take ownership of the Congregational Church and conserve it in-situ.

Carma will speak to the Minister of the Presbyterian Church to see if the decision to transfer ownership could be delayed. Carma will also speak to the executive committee of the Glengarry Pioneer Museum to mention that the Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Board is aware of this situation and has discussed it at their meeting.

ii) **Festival of Small Halls**

Carma advised the committee that the Festival of Small Halls, a branch of the Ottawa Blues Festival, will be holding three concerts in North Glengarry.

Carma visited various sites with Kelly Symes, and the preliminary decision is to hold the concerts at La Fraternite, Dunvegan Hall and in one of the Maxville churches.

The concerts will take place in September 2017.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was distributed to the committee.

- *Heritage Matters Magazine* : Kerri circulated both the French and English version of the February 2017 edition
- *2017 Ontario Heritage Conference*: Kerri provided the committee with the information on the annual conference scheduled for June 8 – 10 in Ottawa. Committee members interested in participating may advise Carma or Kerri by the end of April. The registration fees will be paid from the ACH budget.
- Nicole Geoffrion provided the committee with a copy of the brochure “Celebrons Canada 150”, outlining the week of special events planned through the collaboration of the MCM Music Festival, the Centre Culturel, and ACFO.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 5:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Recording Secretary – Kerri Strotmann

Chair – Carma Williams