



## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2018 MEETING OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 5:45 p.m. at the Gary Shepherd Hall (102 Derby Street West, Alexandria).

**PRESENT:** Carma Williams, Chairperson  
Jeff Manley, Councillor  
Nicole Nadeau, Member at Large  
Karen Davison Wood, Member at Large  
Natalie-Anne Bussière, Member at Large  
Tara Kirkpatrick, Economic Development & Communications Officer/ Recording Secretary

**REGRETS:** Dane Lanken, Member at Large  
Anne Leduc, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Steven Potter, CAO

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 p.m. by Carma Williams

### **2. ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Moved by: Natalie-Ann Bussière**

**Seconded by: Jeff Manley**

That the Agenda of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of March 1, 2018 be accepted.

**Carried.**

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest posed by those present.

### **4. RATIFY THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2018 & JANUARY 24, 2018**

**Moved by: Nicole Nadeau**

**Seconded by: Karen Davison-Wood**

That the minutes of the January 17, 2018 and of the January 24, 2018, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

**Carried.**

### **5. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **a. St. Elmo Congregational Church update**

- Tara has been in touch with the representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The offer to purchase the St. Elmo Congregational Church property has been withdrawn by the

- interested party, who had put in a bid earlier this year. At this time, the property remains for sale.
- The Iroquoise de Saint-Régis have indicated to the Presbyterian Church that the Mohawk band have a legal claim to the property. Lawyers have established that this claim may be legitimate.
  - The National Trust puts out an annual call for “endangered places”. Interested citizens can submit a building or site that they think is at risk. The Top 10 list gets published on the National Trust website, to draw attention to these locations and to obtain public support towards the preservation of these sites. Potential to post the Congregational Church as part of a campaign to garner public support.
  - Suggestions from the round-table discussion:
    - Local support is required for this property to be saved.
    - Need a committee of people dedicated to saving this property. In this case, a similar effort could be done to what was done with the “Save the Grotto” committee.
      - Have a public meetings and attempt to generate a committee? Should put the committee be put together first? Present it as an information session and provide information on the situation.
      - This committee could facilitate a meeting of all interested people. Start by reaching out to the Presbyterian Church of Canada and formally inviting them to go forward.
      - Recommend that this new, potential committee form “St Elmo’s Heritage Committee” as a Facebook Page.
    - Ask to do a talk at the Presbyterian Church and get people interested in this project. See if they have interest in saving this building and property.
    - Reach out to the former church elders to see if they would be interested in forming a committee to save this church property who could then reach out to the wider community afterwards.
      - The Congregation of Gordon Church used the Congregational Church. Since the church disbanded, they either joined another church, or stopped going. There is no longer a group to approach. The Presbyterian Church in Maxville has a separate congregation, but the same leader as the former Gordon Church.
    - Reach out to the historic groups in South and North Glengarry, the religious groups and social clubs.
    - Focus on identifying a few key community members who might be interested in assisting. Invite committed citizens who are interested in preserving the heritage landmarks. As part of the campaign, create a poster highlighting the view of St. Elmo, coming off Highway 417 and photoshop out the churches, to show what the landscape would look like without these buildings. Get people’s attention. Focus on both the Gordon Church and the Congregational Church.
  - Carma will reach out to Mr. MacGregor, a former Church Elder who had expressed interest in maintaining the property, to see if he wants to speak with the Church again. Item will be brought back to ACHC.

**b. North Glengarry Outstanding Achievements Reception**

- Celebrating the 2017 Lieutenant Governor’s Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation and for winning two awards at the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) 2018 conference. The first EDCO award for the Glengarry Heritage Routes Tour, in collaboration with the Township of South Glengarry, and the second for the North Glengarry Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

- Event to be held on Friday, March 23, 2018, at the Sandfield Centre.
- Committee member and a guest are invited to attend the event.
- Possible dates, Thursday, March 22?
- Jeff and Nicole are unable to attend on March 23. Call Dane, Natalie, Deirdre and Mike to confirm their availability.

## 6. 2018 Projects

### a. **Glengarry Routes Heritage Tour Brochure: Translation to French (update).**

- Translation costs were covered by a funding provided by the Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC).
- The Glengarry Routes translation has been reviewed by Nicole Nadeau and Anne. Corrections were sent back to Annie Dalton and the document has gone to print.
- The maps are expected to be delivered within the next 3 weeks. Total cost for 5,000 maps shared between North and South Glengarry is \$6784.00, including delivery to both Townships. Funds will come from the Economic Development Capital Budget GL 1-5-1950-8000.

### b. **The Glengarry Routes Heritage Tour, tourism project. Initial idea developed at the “Packaging and Partnerships Tourism Development Workshop”.**

- The RT-09 tourism workshop put on by The Great Waterway, a division of Tourism Ontario. At this conference the idea was launched to combine a half-day tour with the Glengarry Routes campaign, in which visitors would be encouraged to follow the points on the Glengarry Routes Map.
- The committee suggested that the Glengarry Pioneer Museum does a driving tour each year throughout North Glengarry and South Glengarry. They recommended partnering with the Glengarry Pioneer Museum to help launch the Glengarry Routes Tour. Potential funding sources could include the Counties and RT-09.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Suggest a joint meeting between the Glengarry Pioneer Museum and the ACHC. Suggest they have a delegation and join us for our next meeting (Curator and Chair) to discuss this project and ways that we could work together.

### c. **Maxville and Alexandria Walking Tours**

- Annie Dalton is waiting on the Maxville Tour for formatting.

### d. **Interpretive Panel**

- King George Panel: point person to gather information?
- Natalie has offered to spearhead the initial research. She will speak with Dane and Karen. Talk about the railway history. More history on Maxville is needed.
- Focus on the square and what you see. Former site of King George Hotel. The railway history. Disaster of the fire in 1920, etc.
- Keep the same format and colour schematic as the plaques in Mill Square and at the Grotto.

### e. **Proposed awards program for excellence in built heritage restoration & renewal.**

- Deferred to the next meeting

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Nicole thanked the committee for the 400 Glengarry Routes maps that were inserted into the goodie bags for attendees of Journée de la Femme.
- b) Reminder for members to review the properties identified by the Heritage Coordinators in 2017 as properties of potential municipal heritage interest.
- c) Go back to the CIP and determine the criteria for the heritage component. The Committee will work on establishing listing criteria at the next meeting.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport: Announcement from Teranet, in partnership with Service Ontario, on a new web portal.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 25, at 5:45 pm., at the Gary Shepherd Hall (102 Derby Street West, Alexandria).

- Members accepted the proposal to move the meetings from the Sandfield Centre to the Gary Shepherd Hall

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**Moved by: Jeff Manley**

**Carried.**

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**Recording Secretary – Tara Kirkpatrick**

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**Chair – Carma Williams**