



Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes

December 5, 2023 – 7pm

Council Chambers

Members Present: Jane Graham, Tanya Prinsep, Chris Eyton, Omar Simonyi, Natalie Derosiers, Rory Blaisdell, Anne Barr, Dan Breithaupt

Members Absent: Kim Weedmark, Brian Fitzpatrick

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

None Declared.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Chris Eyton

Seconded by Dan Breithaupt

That the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee does hereby approve the agenda, as circulated.

Carried.

3. Introduction of Members – 1 minute self Bio

Each member gave a brief intro of themselves.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Rory

Seconded by Dan

That the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee does hereby approve the Minutes of October 25th, 2023

Carried.

5. Business Items

Request for Heritage Designation of McGuigan Cemetery

1) Anne Barr reviewed the following documents had been distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. These were provided to the committee to help us understand the process and the roles.

i) *Ontario Regulation 9/06 -criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest*

A property must have at least 1 of the 9 criteria, it doesn't have to be a building, it can be something like a feature, a landmark, a place.

ii) *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 PART III.1*

This document outlines the municipalities' authority to designate heritage properties.

iii) *Standards and Guidelines for provincial heritage properties*

Flowchart that outlines the steps that need to be taken to designate a property. Each designation, repeal, alteration process is laid out.

iv) *The Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*

This is the formally adopted guidelines that are followed by Merrickville-Wolford. This is a federal document. Conservation can mean preservation, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse or restoration. This document allows us to be flexible but promotes the use of these heritage properties. We currently have 32 designated properties (highest designated properties per capita)

v) *Heritage Designation and Property Values: Is there an Effect? Robert Shipley University of Waterloo Ontario Canada*

The consensus is that a designation increases the value of the property and makes it easier to sell.

vi) *Heritage Property - Owners Guide*

A website that gives a good overview and answers questions about heritage properties.

- 2) There was an extensive and comprehensive discussion about how the committee is to bring the request to council. Many questions arose about process and inclusions in the process. It was decided that the chair would write a letter to ask the council to consider the request for designation and then the committee will follow the direction of the council moving forward.

Motion:

Moved by DanBreithaupt

Seconded by ChrisEyton

That the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee does hereby recommend that the council consider this request for designation of McGuigan Cemetery

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Moved to amend by Rory Blaisdell to include that we request council to provide a notice of consideration to any landowners within a 1 km radius should they agree that this committee should be consulted. The motion to amend was not seconded.

6. New Business

McLean Kipling sculpture project

Jane: Wanting to do a sculpture for the calling of the engineer. The heritage committee is applying for Heritage Funds.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 23rd at 7pm.

8. Adjournment

Moved by DanBreithaupt

That the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee does hereby adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.