



Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Town of Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South, Large Meeting Room – Thursday

January 25, 2018 - 5:00 PM

"The EMHC is the resource base for information and knowledge for Council, administration and the community on all matters of heritage"

1. Roll Call

Present: Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche, Chair
Claudette Gauthier, Vice - Chair
Laurie Kowtiuk
Joseph Lucas
Megan Meloche
Phil Pocock
Fred Groves

Also Present: Rita Jabbour, Assistant Planner

Regrets: Linda Iler
Sarah Girard, Planning Assistant

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

- a) Thursday, January 25, 2018 Regular EMHC Meeting Agenda

Moved by Joseph Lucas

Seconded by Phil Pocock

(HC18-01-01) That the published agenda for the January 25, 2018 EMHC meeting, be adopted as presented.

"Carried"

4. Adoption of Minutes

- a) November 30, 2017 EMHC Meeting

Moved by Phil Pocock

Seconded by Joseph Lucas

(HC18-01-02) That the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Regular EMHC Meeting, be adopted as circulated.

"Carried"

5. Public Presentations

None.

6. Unfinished Business

a) Greater Marketing and Public Education about Heritage– Ongoing

Rita Jabbour, Secretary-Treasurer, asks the Committee if they are aware of any upcoming events heritage programs and the tour brochure can be marketed at.

Fred Groves suggests the upcoming event at Colio Estate Winery. He suggests Rita provide him with material as he will be in attendance.

b) Heritage Designation and Interpretive Plaque Program – Ongoing

c) 98 Talbot Street South –Ongoing

d) Listing– Ongoing

e) Designation By-law Revisions - Ongoing

f) Heritage Property Standards By-Law – Ongoing

g) Master Plan for Heritage –Ongoing

h) Cultural and Archaeological Mapping –Ongoing

i) Section 33 (15) of the Ontario Heritage Act –Ongoing

j) Heritage Week 2018

Rita presents the Committee with an itinerary for Heritage Week 2018. She states that she did contact the Marsh Collection but that they are unable to put on a presentation in time for Heritage Week. She explains that they are willing to prepare a presentation for McGregor in the Spring.

Rita states that although a call for submissions was put forward to all local schools for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12, no submissions were received perhaps due to short timing and lack of promotion. She suggests putting a call out in September or October and promoting the task better for Heritage Week 2019.

Rita states that she has met with the Manager of Communications to discuss a communications plan for the week. She explains that administration is working on developing a webpage for the week which will include the full itinerary, a heritage quiz and downloadable material. She explains that a series of Facebook posts will be developed to promote our local history too.

Phil Pocock suggests Rita contact St. Paul's in Essex and ask them to promote the event on Take a Break.

Megan Meloche suggests contacting the University of Windsor's History Department. She states that she will contact Dr. Teasdale.

7. Reports from Administration

None.

8. Correspondence

Wayne Morgan, President, Community Heritage Ontario

RE: Federal Action on the Conservation of Heritage Properties

Rita explains the contents of the letter. She states that the Canadian Register of Historic Places contains all historic properties in Canada. Thus, designated properties in Essex would be eligible for the proposed tax credit too.

Rita explains that she has contacted the administrators of the Register as she noticed none of the heritage properties in Essex were included on the Register.

She states that the correspondence will be placed on Council's agenda for their consideration as well.

She explains that she has prepared a letter on behalf of the Heritage Committee in support of the recommendations to be submitted to the Federal Minister of Environment, the Federal Minister of Finance and Essex's local Member of Provincial Parliament.

Phil Pocock asks if there is any funding to change the names of municipalities for historic reasons.

Rita states that she didn't see anything in the recommendations pertaining to that.

Fred Groves asks if the tax credit would pertain to public land too.

Rita states that land owned by municipalities are not taxed. She states that the County of Essex did pass a bylaw for to allow for a tax reduction on heritage properties but that the local municipalities would need to pass their own bylaw to do the same.

Moved by Laurie Kowtiuk

Seconded by Claudette Gauthier

(HC18-01-03) That the correspondence from Wayne Morgan, President, Community Heritage Ontario, be received and where indicated, to support the recommendations of the federal house of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development contained in report 10 regarding the preservation of Canada's heritage.

"Carried"

9. New Business

a) 400 County Road 13 and 460 County Road 50

Rita presents the Committee with recommendations for two heritage designations: 400 County Road 13 and 460 County Road 50. She states that no extensive research has been conducted but that the properties have architectural value and possibly historical and associative value too.

She states that the two properties were not listed on the inventory. She states that she will have the summer student conduct more research on the properties.

Megan Meloche states that there might have been a recent addition placed on the property at 400 County Road 13. She states that the addition is sympathetic to the design of the house and looks good. She recommends listing the two properties.

b) Heritage Week Community Heritage Preservation Award

Rita presents the Committee with two recommendations for the Community Heritage Preservation Award. She states that Laurie Kowtiuk and Andreas Wirag are good candidates for the first annual award because they were the first residences to request designation of their own residences.

She states that recognizing two people who have voluntarily requested a designation for their home signals to the public that designation is not so scary and that there are real benefits to it. She explains that it is also remarkable that these two candidates wanted to preserve their structure simply because they understood the significance it held for the local community and early pioneer families even if there was no association between them.

Moved by Fred Groves

Seconded by Megan Meloche

(HC18-01-04) That Laurie Kowtiuk and Andreas Wirag be presented with the Community Heritage Preservation Award on Tuesday February 20th at the regular meeting of Council.

"Carried"

c) Student Heritage Submissions

Rita states that no submission have been received by the local school boards. She states that time and promotions were a factor.

Fred Groves ask how we can engage the youth of the community in our local history.

Phil Pocock suggests PA day programming.

Rita states that she will contact the Director of Community Services and suggest heritage programming for future PA days.

Rita reminds the Committee that Heritage Week has a significant youth component this year with the distribution of the colouring books. She states that it might be possible to have Seamus present at some of the elementary schools next year.

Megan Meloche states that it is difficult for teachers to stray from the curriculum. She states that emphasis can also be placed on engaging university level students.

Joseph Lucas states that it should begin early.

Fred Groves suggests liaising with the student Council representatives.

Adjournment

Moved by Megan meloche

(HC18-01-05) That the meeting be adjourned at 5:50pm.

"Carried"

Next Meeting Date – Thursday March 29, 2018 at 5pm, 243 McAfee Street, Harrow

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer