

Heritage Committee Minutes of

January 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order

Members Present: Robert Honor, Carolyn Davies, Marc Pillon, John McDonald, Monica Bunde

Absent: Chad Barrette

Heritage Administrator - Steve Brown

Recording Secretary – Michelle Chittle

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

M. Bunde/C. Davies

That the agenda be approved as printed. Carried

3.0 Review of Minutes:

December 13, 2012

Robert/M. Pillon

That the minutes be approved as printed. Carried

4.0 Review of New Correspondence:

4.1 Heritage Week

The display will be placed in the lobby as in previous years, with the assistance of Anne Rota upon request.

4.2 Ontario Heritage Conference

It was discussed and the consensus of the committee members was that the budget must be decided before consideration of whom might attend.

4.3 CHO News – January 2013

The committee reviewed the CHO news for this month.

5.0 Other Business/updates:

5.1 Review and approval of draft budget

The committee reviewed the draft budget. The budget will be presented in the next few weeks to Council. The Heritage District costs will be under a separate budget line item through administration.

The committee chairs will have input at the budget deliberations. There was some discussion on carrying over the portion of the budget which is unused to the following year.

C. Davies/ M. Pillon

That the budget be approved to go forth to Council for approval. Carried

5.2 Update on Contract "Inventory of Properties of Interest in the Core"

Discussion took place regarding the inventory of properties of interest in the core. Doris Gaspar has been contracted to assess all the properties within the core area. Once the information is compiled it will come to the committee and then go forth to Council. The inventory of interest properties is a good device as should a house be considered for designation by the property owner, much of the research has been done. It puts a 60-day moratorium on any request for demolition of the property. This information should be completed by February 1, 2013. Once adopted by Council it becomes a matter of public record. This list can be a working document to be added to at any time.

5.3 Update on Council motion of January 7, 2013 to protect properties of interest in the core.

Much discussion took place regarding the motion to protect properties prior to adoption of the district. This will be an ongoing issue – the Properties of Interest Inventory is one response.

5.4 Status and Timeline for approval of the heritage district

Administration is assessing the work that has been completed thus far. The committee needs to make the point to Council that the committee would like to see this move forward and completed shortly.

5.5 Use of social media for heritage in Amherstburg

M. Pillon will create a twitter account as well as a facebook page. There was also some discussion about a potential app for the smartphones.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Participation in Town Strategic Planning and Organizational Review

The organizational review is taking place with some new Director Positions.

6.2 Request for repeal of designating By-law 1105 Front Road S (J. Levack)

The committee reviewed the Heritage Act flowchart and discussed the request to repeal the designation of 1105 Front Road S. After further discussion, the following resolution was passed.

Carolyn Davies/Marc Pillon

The decision of the committee will be deferred pending consultation with the ACO and a report prepared by Stephen Brown, Heritage Administrator. Carried

6.3 Additions to the Properties of Interest List

The committee reviewed some pictures included in the agenda. A few suggested additions to the properties of interest are the local bridges, one on the 2nd Concession and the River Canard Bridge. S. Brown suggested a letter to the County of Essex as the bridge on River Canard would fall under their jurisdiction. Further discussion took place regarding the placement of bridges on heritage interest list.

M. Pillon and M. Bunde

That both bridges be added to the properties of interest list. Carried

6.4 1267 Front Road N – addition to properties of interest list

Some information was presented on the history of the property. This is known as the Splitlog house. The committee wished to add this to the properties of interest list

R. Honor/C. Davies

That the property at 1267 Front Road N be added to the properties of interest list. Carried

6.5 Anderdon Book

The committee reviewed the book entitled "Anderdon – Some Folks Down the Road" book.

Monica Bunde/Robert Honor

That the Committee purchase the Anderdon Book through our 2013 budget. Carried

6.6 Bellevue by-law

The committee reviewed the by-law provided by Robert Honor. It was confirmed that this by-law forms part of the records at town hall.

Robert Honor also inquired if the by-law could be amended. This would be discussed at a future meeting of the Committee.

7.0 Next Meeting Date

The following meetings are scheduled for the Heritage Committee to meet.

February 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.- Consideration of the Properties of Interest Contract output.

February 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Committee meeting

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Monica Bunde that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Carried



JOHN MCDONALD,
CHAIRPERSON



MICHELLE CHITTLE,
RECORDING SECRETARY