

## Heritage Committee Meeting

February 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m

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Present: Paul Hertel  
Simon Chamely  
Matt Parker  
Robert Honor  
Steve Brown, Heritage Administrator  
Carolyn Davies  
Marc Pillon  
Chad Barrette

Absent with notice: Monica Bunde  
John McDonald

### 1.0 Call to order

Vice Chair C. Barrette called the meeting to order in the absence of Chair, J. McDonald.

### 2.0 Approval of Agenda

*C. Davies*

*That the agenda be approved as printed. Carried*

### 3.0 Welcome new members

The existing members welcomed the three new members to the committee and each one introduced themselves to the new committee members.

### 3.1 Terms of Reference

The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference. A noted change was the increase in the number of members to sit on the committee which increased to 11.

### 4.0 Doris Gaspar – Properties of Interest

Steve gave a brief overview of the work that was done by Doris Gaspar. This information is a compiled registry of properties within the oldest part of Amherstburg. The document was prepared with all information relevant to the property such as the date of construction, original owner, type of structure

etc. along with a historical synopsis of the property. Once listed on the Heritage Registry as a property of interest it would give a 60 day protection against demolition and would form part of our List of Properties of Interest. Most of the properties on the list would be new additions to the registry however, a few are also already designated.

The committee discussed the information within the document. P. Hertel gave an example of a program that was in place in the 1970's whereby a grant program was in place for any house to perform improvements to their homes not just heritage homes but any homes would be eligible. It may be something that the committee should be thinking about and that council could institute.

C. Barrette brought up the program that is presently in place that we have called the Heritage Tax Refund Program.

S. Brown reminded the committee that we do not need owner's permission to list these houses on the registry of Properties of Interest.

The committee reviewed the list and the following motion was passed.

*M. Pillon/P. Hertel*

*That the properties of interest registry prepared by Doris Gaspar be approved with the exception of 269 Bathurst, 53 Richmond, and 55 Richmond and that a report to Council be prepared. Carried.*

P. Hertel brought about other opportunities for properties and communities that should be added on to this list. S. Brown advised the committee that any member may do some research and bring forth the information to be incorporated in this list as it is a living document.

#### **4.1 Education of review for Council**

C. Davies brought about a suggestion to consider using this as a tool of education for Council, media, etc. that we present a topic and the concept of heritage in our town on an ongoing basis.

M. Pillon agreed that this is a great concept, along with our social media. He will take this information and utilize it. C. Barrette volunteered to do the first presentation at Council.

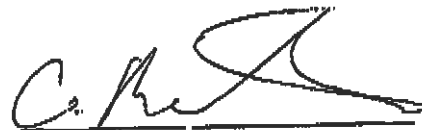
P. Hertel inquired as to what the budget is for the committee. S. Brown advised that it is approximately \$19,000 for this year to expand the list, advertising, legal fees, conferences, committee expenses, special projects.

S. Brown clarified that the heritage district study falls under a separate budget.

M. Parker, S. Chamely and P. Hertel, volunteered to prepare a draft communication plan for 2013.

*P. Hertel*

*That the meeting be adjourned. Carried.*



**CHAD BARRETTE,  
VICE CHAIRPERSON**



**MICHELLE CHITTLE,  
RECORDING SECRETARY**