Township of Selwyn Municipal
Heritage Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Electronic Participation by Committee Members and Staff

Present: Anita Locke, Councillor
Stephen Gavard
James (Jim) Forrester
Robert Lamarre, Manager of Building and Planning
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Grant Murphy

1. Call to Order

Stephen Gavard called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Deputations/Presentations

None.

4. Minutes

Some discussion took place flowing from the January 23, 2020 minutes.

Anita asked about the status of the "the Rock" located in Buckhorn. Rob advised that he would follow-up with the Committee once an update was available.

Steve asked about the status of a communication plan regarding the negative perception that real estate agents have on the implication of properties being added to the Municipal Heritage Register. It was noted that COVID19 has placed some projects on hold and that the communication plan was not started. The Committee had a general discussion regarding possible ideas which included, posting an information piece on the website and social media, including an article in the Council Communicator, direct mail out to real estate agents etc…. Staff will develop an information piece for distribution.

Resolution No. 2020-004 – Minutes
Anita Locke – James Forrester –
That the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2020 be approved.

Carried.

5. Correspondence

Heritage Gazette (May 2020) was distributed to Committee members for information.

6. New or Unfinished Business

- 1896 Chemong Road (Designated) – Possible Demolition –

  Rob provided the Committee with background information pertaining to the property located at 1896 Chemong Road. Rob advised that the property owners are interested in building a larger home on the existing property with the intension of making it a secondary suite. Rob advised that the scope of the proposed new build would not meet the secondary dwelling provisions as defined in the Township's Zoning By-law. As a result, the owners are requesting that the heritage property be either demolished or decommissioned as a residential structure in order to permit a new build. The Committee had a general discussion regarding the impacts of demolishing the heritage property. The Committee agreed to have staff explore the option of decommissioning the residential use of the heritage property and to enter into an agreement with the property owner which would prohibit the use of the heritage structure as a dwelling.

- Kawartha Park Chapel – Designation Consideration and Brief –

  The Committee reviewed the brief provided by Gord Young regarding the history of Kawartha Park Chapel. The Committee had a general discussion regarding the property including the need to consult with the owners (Presbyterian Church of Canada) in regards to potential designation. It was agreed that prior to the next Committee meeting, that members would visit the site to explore the merits of considering the property for designation. Discussions will continue at the next Committee meeting.

- Draft Heritage Register Policy and Application

  Rob brought forward the Draft Heritage Register Policy and Application for review. Committee members had a general discussion regarding the policy and recommended the following:

  1. That the Demolition Section be amended to include the question "have other options been consider prior to demolition? If so, please explain"
  2. That a statement be included that provides permission from the property owner to allow Committee member to attend the subject site to document, take pictures etc…

  Rob will bring a report to Council in November recommending that the Heritage Registry Policy and appendices be approved.

- New Business –
  - Committee members agreed to explore potential properties to be added to the registry in 2021. Members will bring suggestions and photos of properties to a subsequent meeting. Rob reminded Committee members to use their Township name tags when exploring properties. Tania to order a tag for James Forrester.
  - Anita brought forward that Lakefield will be celebrating its 200th settlement anniversary in 2022. The Committee discussed ways to celebrate the event. Staff will reach out to Trent Valley Archives to discuss celebratory ideas and options. Further discussion will continue at a future meeting.
  - James advised that the COVID19 pandemic has delayed the art installation project with the Lakefield Literary Festival (LLF). He noted that LLF will be sending correspondence to the Township requesting that the Township consider extending the collection of donations on behalf of LLF due to a delay in fundraising as a result of COVID.

7. Next Meeting – November 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM

8. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2020-005 – Adjournment
Anita Locke – James Forrester –
That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.