

Heritage Kenora

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July 19, 2016 - 9:30 am

Lake of the Woods Museum

**Present:** Tim Davidson, Jim Clarke, Randy Jackson, Lisa Moncrief, Rory McMillan, Melissa

Shaw, Lori Nelson.

Regrets: Jeff Port, Heather Gushulak.

#### 1 Call to Order

Tim Davidson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

# **2** Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

# 3 Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2016 Meeting

Motion: Moved by Jim Clarke, seconded by Randy Jackson that the minutes of the meeting held June 15, 2016 be approved as presented. Carried.

## 4 Business Arising

#### **Presentation to Council**

Lisa Moncrief reported on her presentation to Council at the July Committee of the Whole meeting. She outlined for Council the history of Heritage Kenora, who the committee is and what it's doing, the CIP investment (both private and public), and the committee's future plans with regards to a presentation by Larry Warren. The issue of continued backlit signage in the Harbourtown centre was raised by one councillor and this was followed up with an email from Karen Brown which has been distributed to members of Heritage Kenora. As the sign by-law stands now, as long as the infrastructure for back-lit signage is in place, the business owner can continue to use that for their signage.

Apart from the presentation to Council, Lisa suggested that a "flag" be placed on property records for those properties that are designated or on the registry. Melissa Shaw will ensure that this is done. Lori Nelson will forward the list of properties to Melissa.

# Alterations to City Hall and the Museum Annex

Tim Davidson reported that Council approved the proposed alterations to City Hall and the Museum Annex as presented in a report by James Tkachyk. James also followed up on these alterations with the Ontario Heritage Trust. Only City Hall has a heritage conservation easement so it was on that property only that they needed to be consulted.

# 5 **CIP Applications**

No CIP applications at this time, although City staff has received inquiries from three businesses who may be interested in applying. Lori reminded the committee that there is roughly \$36,000 left in CIP monies for this year.

#### **6** New Business

# 6.1 Designation of Properties

At the August meeting, there will be a discussion about possible properties the committee can begin working on towards heritage designation. Lori will distribute a list of properties on the Municipal Registry as a starting point for our discussion. The Keewatin Cemetery was one of the properties suggested.

# 6.2 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario

Motion: Moved by Jim Clarke, seconded by Randy Jackson to accept a complimentary one-year membership from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO). Carried.

The ACO works in heritage preservation and in interventions for threatened heritage properties. In addition it offers resources such as restoration architecture, engineers, lawyers, historians, advise on reuse and more. If, after a year, Heritage Kenora, sees no value in working with the ACO, we will not purchase a membership.

## 6.3 Presentation by Larry Warren

Lisa reported that Larry Warren will be in touch with her in July to confirm a presentation date in September of this year. Megan Dokuchie, the City's EDO, will work with Heritage Kenora in financing Mr. Warren's presentation about the economic value of heritage properties. He and his family, who summer on Lake of the Woods, operate the St. Nicholas Abbey rum distillery in Barbados.

## 7 Next Meeting

August 17 at 9:30 am at the Lake of the Woods Museum

## 8 Adjournment

Rory McMillan moved the adjournment of the meeting at 10:00 am.