

Heritage Kenora Regular Meeting Minutes

16 September 2020

PRESENT: Tim Davidson, Randy Jackson, Jeff Port, Chris Van Wallegham, Braden Murray, Melissa Shaw, Kevan Sumner

REGRETS: David Nelson, Rory McMillan

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:35

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes of Last meeting - January 23, 2020

Moved - Randy

Second- Jeff

Approved

4. New Business

4.1 - New Heritage Kenora Members

- The two postings were distributed via local media on August 23rd, 2020
- There were no applications
- Wayne Gauld did express interest in joining, but did not submit an application
- There is a thought that maybe Wayne could be convinced to put in an application
- There was discussion to approach the city to see about getting the quorum for the committee looked at. With five members and a quorum of four members it becomes rather difficult to get anything done if more than two members aren't available

4.2- Request to defer funds to next year

- There was an official communication from the property owners of 329 Main St S to carry over their funding that was previously granted in 2019.
- The project has been partially finished, but the covid pandemic caused a delay
- There was a thought among the committee that if the funding was available, then that would be fine.
- There was a consensus among the committee that this was not a regular year, so some flexibility would be necessary

- There was also some discussion about the landscaping program, and how in the future there should be some intentionality in making that a streetscape program
- The new deadline on the project will be 30 September, 2021

Moved by Jeff, seconded by Chris

Approved

5. CIP Applications

There was some discussion about how much money was in the budget line for this program, and that based on the fact that there are three CIP areas now it would be a good idea to suggest the budget line be reviewed.

5.1 - 405 First Ave S - Former Laundromat facade improvement

- The application was shepherded by Melissa.
- There was a question about the viability of the building. There was a reminder that this is a facade grant, but that any and all work on the building would be subject to regular building codes and inspections
- There was a brief discussion about the parking situation, and there was some background given on the history of the site in/re: the parking situation

Moved by Jeff, seconded by Chris

3 yeas

0 nays

1 abstain

Approved

Heritage Kenora supports this CIP application

5.2 - 308 Second St S - Market Square sign improvement

- Per Kevin Robertson the amended signs would not need new sign permits
- There was a question whether to approve for all the current sign spaces, or just for the current 12 signs
- The decision was made that if they were willing to do all the signs then we should encourage them to do that
- There was a brief technical discussion about the nature of these signs. They are not back lit, rather they have an LED strip about the lettering that lights up the sign

Moved by Jeff, seconded by Randy

Approved

Heritage Kenora supports this CIP application

5.3 - 20 Main St S - Facade improvements

- An image of the facade improvement was circulated amongst the group
- There was some question about whether this was just a paint job. Traditionally the HK committee does not support simple paint jobs. One member commented that this needed to be the “full meal deal”
- Once the members were satisfied that this was more than a paint job the group moved on
- There was a thought that perhaps the Bernier Drive side of the building is actually the primary side of the building
- It was noted that the CIP is a first come, first serve program, and there might not be enough money to carry out the 20 Main project.

Moved by Chris, seconded by Jeff

Approved

Heritage Kenora supports this CIP application

6. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40