

CITY OF KENORA HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 22, 2007
Museum Board Room
2:00 p.m.

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In Attendance:

Jeff Port Ted Szajewski David Nelson
Lori Nelson Dave McCann
Rory McMillan Tim Davidson
Regrets: Lisa Moncrief, Murray MacDonald

1. Call to Order

Lori Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest : None

3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting – January 25, 2007

Moved by: Tim Davidson Seconded by: Rory McMillan
THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2007 Heritage Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from Minutes : None

5. Committee Reports

A. Inventory – Letters have been sent to the following property owners with regards to their property being added to the Municipal Register. Included in the letters was info about the Register, what inclusion on it does and doesn't mean, and that it is the intention of the committee to bring a recommendation to Council in April to have their property added to the Register:

City of Kenora – Mink Bay Wetlands, Main Street Wharf, McLeod Park, Lake of the Woods Cemetery, Coney Beach, Keewatin Glacier Rock Holes, Bigsby's Rat Portage, Kenora Public Library (a copy of the letter was also sent to the Library board).

Ontario Realty Corporation – Kenora Courthouse.

Steve and Heather Strachan – Hardwear Company.

Rob Rhealt and Craig Bryant – Kendall House.

Carol Vanasse and Larry Duchene – Old Courthouse/Armouries.

Clem Pigeon – Urban Shag, Page Florists, etc.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Murray and Deb MacDonald – Old Time Signs

Steve Campbell – Channel Engineering

St. Alban's Cathedral

St. Andrew's United Church

Knox United Church

Notre Dame du Portage

Gerry and Lisa Moncrief – R.A. Mather house

B. Research – Six properties were selected from the inventory to move through the research process. These are sites that the owners have expressed an interest in being designated or which have obvious cultural heritage value:

Kenora Public Library, Doner Block, Cameron House, Memorial Building, Tunnel Island, Notre Dame.

The research on these properties should be completed within the month.

C. Site analysis – Jeff indicated that he, David, and Murray met with the owners of the Kenricia Hotel to complete the Property Evaluation Form required for heritage designation. David then described the assessment process in detail for the committee. It is the recommendation of this sub-committee that the site is of priority level 1- that is, “Of major significance and importance, worthy of recognition and preservation.”

D. Designation – Jeff will coordinate the designation process with David and Lisa to prepare the statement of Cultural Heritage Value and by-law.

E. Education – Lori talked to Jim Blight of the Enterprise about a monthly column. This was discouraged, however, he will cover heritage-related stories on a case-by-case basis.

Lori suggested that a heritage forum may be a good way to get prospective heritage building owners together to discuss the merits and process of designation.

6. New Business

Lori received a letter from Community Heritage Ontario inviting Kenora to join as a member.

Moved by: Ted Szajewski Seconded by: Rory McMillan

THAT Heritage Kenora joins Community Heritage Ontario for an annual fee of \$60 to be paid by the Lake of the Woods Museum.

CARRIED

Jennifer Rasmussen has e-mailed the Heritage Committee inviting them to attend a “Common Ground” Feast on Tunnel Island this Sunday, February 25 at 1:00pm.

Jeff reported that there has been a discussion with the Kenricia building owners vis a vis the reinstatement of the balcony. This could be a public/private sector partnership with the balcony being part of the streetscaping in Phase II of downtown revitalization.

Lori indicated that there is a prospective new owner for the Second Hand Trading Co. for a specialty retail shop. The prospective owner is very interested in the history of the building, and would like to restore some of the key architectural attributes. As well, the new owner of the Linnell Block has expressed an interest in restoring that building.

Lori suggested recognizing building owners for contributions to heritage conservation efforts with heritage awards to celebrate their success. This would be part of a broader heritage recognition effort with local heritage groups joining to coordinate.

7. Next meeting: Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 2:00pm in the **Museum boardroom.**

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.