



Heritage Kenora
~ Meeting Minutes ~
June 17, 2015 - 9:30 am
Lake of the Woods Museum Boardroom

Present: Tim Davidson, Lisa Moncrief, Heather Gushulak, Jeff Port, David Nelson, Jim Clarke, Lori Nelson.

Regrets: Pam Bryson, Rory McMillan.

Guest: Don Beasant.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chair Tim Davidson.

1 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

David Nelson declared a potential interest in the CIP application of Don Beasant.

2 Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Meeting

Motion: Moved by Lisa Moncrief, seconded by Jeff Port that the minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried.

3 CIP Applications

Donny B at 39 Main Street South

Jeff Port and Lisa Moncrief met with Don Beasant on June 12 to discuss possible facade improvements following an initial query by Mr. Beasant regarding the painting of his building and its eligibility for CIP funding. Subsequently, Mr. Beasant applied for planning and design, facade, and signage elements of the CIP funding, however his application was not complete, as a design and pricing were not included. He spoke of his intention to re-stucco, repaint the front and side facades, do stone work, redo windows and incorporate a cornice. The mural on the south side of the building will be untouched.

The question of awnings and signage was raised, since these elements account for a large part of the facade. The awning is actually covering a wood shingled roof, as at some point the front of the building was brought out about 6 feet from the original footprint. Removal of the awnings would entail considerably more work than just removing the awnings, so Mr. Beasant plans to keep the awnings in place at this time. He will

consider the removal of the lit signage above the southwest corner entrance to replace it with signage that is more in keeping with the CIP principles. This will also make for better allowance for the cornice.

Mr. Beasant will consult with David Nelson re: stone material and cornice design and materials and expects to have a quote for the work within a week. He presently has contractors on site doing the painting at the rear of the building.

Motion: Moved by Lisa Moncrief, seconded by Jeff Port, to enter into an agreement with Don Beasant allowing him to use his current expenditures on painting and windows on the two main facades as equity in the project for which he will make formal and complete application to the CIP program. Carried.

Don Beasant left the meeting at 10:00 am.

4 Business Arising from the Minutes CIP Application - The Standard

The motion dealt with via e-mail was formalized at this meeting:

Motion: Moved by Jim Clarke, seconded by Lisa Moncrief that CIP Landscape funding not be approved for the application submitted by David Pearce for 313 and 319 Second Street South, as it fails to meet the intent of the CIP Landscaping objectives; and further that Heritage Kenora would be pleased to work with the applicant on any modifications to the application which would better conform to the intent of the CIP. Carried.

The reason for the decision not to fund the submitted project was that it was agreed that re-surfacing with concrete was a maintenance project, much like painting a building would be, and the CIP does not fund maintenance projects.

Jeff Port has offered to speak to David Pearce to explain the committee's decision and offer some ideas as to how the landscaping might better conform with the landscaping that is being done as part of the Downtown Revitalization on Second Street. The Lake of the Woods Plaza was cited as a good example.

It was decided that more specific guidelines be developed by Heritage Kenora for landscaping based on the discussion around this application. The following were identified for inclusion:

- that the space become a public amenity, so that something is being given back to the public through the development, as opposed to, for instance, a property being fenced off for private use only.
- that the basic design elements used for facade development and their intent be used to inform landscaping development. The elements of full glazing, awnings, and recessed entries all provide a medium engagement space for the pedestrian,

somewhere between entering the establishment and walking by it on the sidewalk. Landscaping should also be used with the same intent of inviting the pedestrian in or closer.

- that landscaping development take its cues from the current downtown revitalization to echo some of the design elements already existing streetside, e.g. paving stones, inset trees, planters. This provides a cohesive look that blends private and public space and provides a natural flow between the two.

Jeff Port left the meeting at 10:30 am.

Meeting with Wayne Morgan of CHO

Lori Nelson highlighted the training possibilities discussed with Wayne Morgan of Community Heritage Ontario, as outlined in the meeting notes which have been distributed. Also provided were links to the webinars which CHO has offered. HK members can view them as they deem necessary. Lori will send the links to HK members.

David Nelson left the meeting at 10:35 am.

5 Designations

Kenora Public Library

Tim Davidson reported that Council approved the intent to designate the Kenora Public Library at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 16. It will be formally dealt with at the Council meeting on June 23 at 12:00 pm. Lisa Moncrief has offered to attend on behalf of Heritage Kenora. Tara Rickaby has prepared the Notice of Intention to Designate which will be published in the paper pending Council's approval.

6 Other Business

Presentation by Larry Warren

Lisa Moncrief and Lori Nelson met with Larry Warren, owner of St. Nicholas Abbey in Barbados, a heritage rum distillery and plantation, to further discuss his presentation about the advantages of business development using heritage assets. The date of the presentation has been narrowed down to Sept. 1, 2 or 3 at a breakfast meeting. Venue is yet to be determined.

Provincial Representation on HK

Heather Gushulak's last day as a regional consultant with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation is July 3. The position will be left vacant until further notice.

7 Next Scheduled Meeting

July 15, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Museum Boardroom.

8 Adjournment

Jim Clarke moved the adjournment of the meeting at 10:40 am.