



Heritage Kenora

~ Meeting Notes ~

May 20, 2015 - 9:30 am

Lake of the Woods Museum Boardroom

Present: Tim Davidson, Tara Rickaby, Lisa Moncrief, Heather Gushulak, Pam Bryson, Rory McMillan, David Nelson, Jim Clarke, Gloria Alcock, Lori Nelson.

Regrets:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Chair Tim Davidson.

1 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2 Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Meeting

Motion: Moved by Rory McMillan, seconded by Lisa Moncrief that the minutes of the meeting held April 15, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Keewatin CIP Update

Tara Rickaby reported that the Official Plan was adopted by Council at the last Council meeting and that the Keewatin CIP is moving forward through the necessary process. Following a couple of public meetings, the definition of affordable housing has been amended. The amended CIP can be viewed on-line and any feedback can be sent to the Planning Department.

4 CIP Applications

313 and 319 Second Street South - Landscaping

The CIP application for landscaping for 313 and 319 Second Street South was reviewed. A representative of the building was not available to attend this meeting. The decision was made not to support the application based on the proposed design elements which include fencing, gravel and planters in what is currently an open public space. The design runs counter to the downtown design guidelines which support public amenity space and visual invitations to pedestrians to window shop and engage with the businesses along the

street. In addition, the proposed design does not support the pedestrian-friendly revitalization of Second Street.

Tara Rickaby will contact the owner to arrange a meeting between him and Heritage Kenora next week to discuss his proposal and some suggestions that would make the application more in keeping with the design guidelines which are supported by the CIP. A revised design would be considered.

5 Designations

Kenora Public Library

Lisa Moncrief will draft the cultural heritage statement for the Library and Jim Clarke will photograph the design elements of the building which have been identified to be maintained. This information must be to Tara Rickaby by June 5 in order for the recommendation for designation to be dealt with by Council at the June meeting.

Motion: Moved by Lisa Moncrief, seconded by Jim Clark, to recommend to City Council the heritage designation of the Kenora Public Library based on the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the description of heritage attributes. Carried.

5 New Business

Community Heritage Ontario Conference

Lisa Moncrief and Lori Nelson reported on the CHO Conference they attended in Niagara-on-the-Lake in early May. A written report was distributed prior to the meeting so only highlights of the information and ideas that impacted them most significantly were shared at the meeting.

Lisa spoke to Bert Duclos about heritage training in Kenora in the fall, but Bert is still unable to commit, pending word from his manager.

Presentation by Larry Warren

Lisa and Lori met, by phone, with Larry Warren, owner of St. Nicholas Abbey in Barbados, a heritage rum distillery and plantation, regarding a presentation about the advantages of business development using heritage assets. Lori and Lisa also met with Jennifer Findlay to discuss a partnership with Economic Development for this presentation. They will be meeting with Mr. Warren in early June to settle on a date for the presentation (likely in August). The agenda will include:

- introduction about Heritage Kenora and introduction of Mr. Warren by HK
- slide show and talk by Larry Warren
- Q&A, encouraging public conversation
- concluding remarks by Jennifer Findlay

This will be open to business/building owners, heritage types, the general public. Breakfast will be served. Economic Development will be footing the bill.

Built Heritage Celebrated: Nelson, BC

Prior to the meeting, Jim Clarke had distributed, via e-mail, a photo journal of heritage preservation in Nelson, BC and its link to economic development. Besides the images, Jim highlighted the following about Nelson:

- Similar population to Kenora but feels larger, more substantial.
- Resource based economy evolving into a service based one.
- Large inventory of potential heritage properties.
- Focus on growing the number of food purveyors and unique boutique type businesses.
- Trees/planters soften the hard lines of bricks and mortar.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Pam Bryson informed the committee of the upcoming announcement by Greg Rickford of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, a new funding program that is being rolled out to mark Canada's 150th anniversary. The money is directed to, among others, libraries, museums, and parks to develop legacy projects.

Culture Grows Here Conference

Heather Gushulak reported on this conference which she attended in Barrie, Ontario on May 13-14. One of the highlights was a presentation by keynote speaker Bruce Poon Tip, the founder of G Adventures. He spoke about companies, like his own, that have evolved into leaders in ethically responsible cultural tourism. Other sessions included: event planning, public art projects, film festivals, a heritage bus tour and more.

6 Next Scheduled Meeting

June 17 at 9:30 am in the Museum Boardroom.

NOTE: A meeting, date to be determined, will be held the week of May 25 to discuss the CIP application with the owners of 313 and 319 Second Street South. Tara to confirm date with committee members.

7 Adjournment

Lisa Moncrief moved the adjournment of the meeting at 10:50 am.