

Woolwich Heritage Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday April 10, 2019

The Committee met on the above date commencing at 5:00 p.m. at the Township of Woolwich Administration Building, 24 Church St. W., in the Gosnay Board Room.

Present: Bonnie Bryant (chair), Laurie Breed, Hans Pottkamper (vice chair), Terry Rohr, David Voogd

Absent: Marg Drexler

Present from Township Staff: Dan Kennaley, Director of Engineering and Planning Services
Jeremy Vink, Senior Planner

1) Call to Order

Bonnie called the meeting to order.

2) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as revised.

3) Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4) Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Hans and seconded by Terry that the minutes of March 20, 2019 meeting be approved. Motion was carried.

5) Matters arising from the minutes (items not on the agenda)

a. Home Hardware house update

Dan did contact Home Hardware but has had no response as of yet. He has asked for the heritage report, a tour and a meeting.

b. June 12 meeting - tour update

Dan has contacted the consultant for the mill in Conestogo, they will work to make arrangements with the owners for the tour. Nancy is verifying if the Committee can tour the Conestogo Public School. Alternatively, the Committee could do a walking tour of the community.

The cidery will not be open in time for the Committee to have dinner there. The Harvest Moon was chosen as an alternative site for dinner.

c. Articles – Embracing Change Magazine

Hans had completed one article which may be published in the May volume of Embracing Change.

He is working on a second article on the “Bridge Keeper”. It was also suggested that the last bridge keeper who is still living in St Jacobs should be interviewed and taped to keep a historical record. Terry will follow up with him.

Hans is also looking into articles on the former Woolen Mill that was on the north side of the river, and considering an article on Professor Tutte who was a key code breaker from World War Two, who lived in West Montrose.

The Committee was asked to consider other ideas for articles beyond West Montrose.

d. **Ghost Community Signage update**

A report and presentation will go to Council at a later date. Bonnie will look to see if she has the list of communities where such signs would go and share with the Committee. The Committee would prioritize the signage of the same.

e. **16 Isabella Street Designation update**

Dan does plan to try to take the report before the end of June on this property.

6) Peel Street Bridge update

The Township is looking to protect the bridge structure, the question is the use. The bridge may be retained for walking/hiking purposes, but it is question if other traffic can be accommodated. If the bridge is closed to vehicle traffic turnarounds would be required on both sides. The process is still ongoing, and no decision has been made.

7) CHL Signage – draft wording (Hans)

Hans has not been able to draft any wording yet.

8) Heritage Colloquium, University of Waterloo – April 29, 2019 (see attached flyer)

The information was provided for those who might be interested.

9) Adjournment

Moved by Hans, seconded by Laurie that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next meeting – May 8, 2019 at 5 pm