

TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN: HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING NO. 1 HELD: Thursday, January 25th, 2024 @ 7:00 PM (Township Offices)

1. MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:58pm

Kathy Wetselaar (mover), Wendy Veldman (seconder)

Present: KW – Kathy Wetselaar
WV – Wendy Veldman
DD – Darren Draaistra
RC – Robert Cosby
SP – Stephanie Pouliot, Secretary

Via Zoom: TJ – Martina (Tina) Jol (Chair)

Regrets: SB –Shelly Bradaric

2. CHANGES IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

SP- No change in order.

3. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1) Approve Previous Minutes.

SP- Minutes from Kerr United Church will be signed at the next meeting in March with the minutes from this meeting.

2) Letter issued to Ms. Draaistra.

Wendy Veldman (mover), Robert Cosby (seconder).

KW –Signed Letter

3) Meeting with Grimsby Heritage Committee. (Held last week January 18th, 2024)

WV- Importance of supporting/ working with the homeowners towards designating and to help people understand the process.

TJ – And helping homeowners find solutions for completing renovations.

4) Review images/photos in binders (6:00pm to 6:55pm)

TJ – Will be in sometime next week to review binders.

RC – Good reference.

SP – Starting point, process of elimination.

4. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1) Collaboration and/training with Grimsby Heritage Committee Discussion & Takeaways from Session last week

WV – A bit overwhelming but good session.

RC – Grimsby has been protecting the downtown which is being eyed by developers. There is less of that here. Would be beneficial to select 5 or half a dozen properties which won't expire in 2 years and slowly complete the designation work. Opportunity for main streets being of focus (Hamlets). When there are pre-consultation meetings, having a heads up

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before an application is submitted to evaluate heritage value. For example, College Street school not being of significant a year or 2 ago. Feed Mill significance? Masonic Hall was constructed with bricks from the old tie factory in town.

TJ – Found the session interesting and overwhelming. Can't really compare, apples and oranges. Grimsby has more designated funding, experiences more development pressures. We have more rural.

WV –Grimsby was very open to helping us. Can tell they have significant training.

SP –The session was really eye opening. Grimsby has a whole separate heritage team of planners, separate from their planning team.

RC –Asked for more information on the planning representative's role. I would assume assisting with report writing.

SP – Yes, like I mentioned last week, if it's a team effort for gathering the information for the report, I can put together the reports that's not a problem at all. I have such a passion so I don't mind also volunteering some of my time outside of work hours. If we plan to go to the archives during the day, there shouldn't be a problem with me leaving work to also attend.

2) 2024 Budget

SP –I think the budget is around \$6000.

KW –The budget rolls over to the next year.

WV –Good to clarify.

SP-Will confirm annual budget for the next meeting.

3) Regional Road Improvement (2 Locations for new Wellandport Welcome Signs)

TJ –Need more information on Committee's role here.

WV / KW – What about other Hamlets other than Wellandport?

RC –Should reflect the heritage of main street.

TJ –Iconic symbol.

DD –Symbol that catches your eye/interest.

TJ –Recommendations for historical signs rather than the financial responsibility.

RC –Where the two signs are currently shows downtown Wellandport, if one were to move another sign might be necessary.

TJ –More clarification needed whether just wanting the Committee's opinion or are the signs coming out of the heritage budget.

4) Street Naming Policy

WV –Original list is from 8 years ago.

SP –Will bring the naming policy and list to next meeting.

RC –Is the policy open for suggestions? Old maps (1800's) can help us know who settled where and the significant to the lands.

TJ –Priority to update the list with more historically significance and recommending names based on the Committee's terms of reference.

WV –And including Indigenous names on the list as well.

5) **James Balfour (Heritage Residence)**

https://www.raisethehammer.org/article/771/james_balfour_left_his_mark_on_hamilton

SP –I think Susan added this as an introduction to heritage architectural features. Committee has a better idea following the designation session from last week with the Grimsby Committee.

6) **Christian High School Student Partnership**

SP –Moved to next meeting as Shelley is not present to discuss further with the Committee.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter will be issued to Ms. Draaistra.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1) **Sub-working Groups (Area of Interest)** –received well by the Committee, 6 potential sub working groups (sub-working groups will be confirmed at next meeting)
-Working towards a Heritage Inventory Collection/shortlist from binders

WV –Before we go through the binders, we need to know our purpose and goal.

TJ –Between schedule meetings, Committee needs to be working on tasks, can't do everything in one night.

SP –Planning can reach out to Historical Society and set up a meeting before the next scheduled meeting.

WV –Having a good set of properties in mind to then go to the archives with. Should review the Committee's terms of reference to understand a clear path of our role.

SP – Will be looking into a placement opportunity with Brock student(s), would be for September/October 2024 which is the start of the semester. Committee agreed a placement opportunity would be valuable. This will be added to a future agenda when it is more concrete. Will reach out to previous professors and inquiry about the opportunity.

2) **Heritage Updates through the Township's Social Media (Coordinating with Beth Audet- Township's Communications Specialist)**

-Heritage Week February 19-25, 2024 / Heritage Day February 19, 2024

TJ –Not too much time to plan something for this year.

DD –How about a flyer/brochure and going door to door?

SP –Concern would be the funding/printing costs to do so.

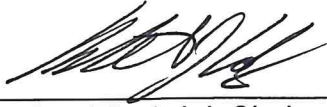
RC –Can the Committee also bring awareness to century farm signs from Junior Farmers Association.

7. **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- January 25, 2024
- March 28, 2024
- May 30, 2024
- September 26, 2024
- November 28, 2024

8. Meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:21pm. That, this Committee does now adjourn at the hour of 8:21 pm.

Kathy Wetselaar (mover), Wendy Veldman (second)



Martina (Tina) Jol, Chair
ROBERT COSBY



Stephanie Pouliot, Secretary