

Brockton Heritage and Library Committee Minutes

Monday, December 3, 2018

- Location:** Brockton Municipal Office (100 Scott Street, Walkerton) **Time:** 4:30 p.m.
- Present:** **(9/14)** Ted Cobean, Barb Kerry, Chris Oberle, Darlene Bohnert, Lynda Breig, Alishia Oberle, Murray Wells, Denise Lagundzin, Ron McKinnon, Tracey Knapp – Librarian, Sarah Johnson – Secretary
- Regrets:** Dean Leifso, Caroline Duncan, Frank Weiler, Tanya Tilson, Joe Reichenbach, Eric McDougall – Parks and Facilities Manager
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1. Call to Order

Chair Ted Cobean called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

Newspaper photos and articles were provided for the committee's review.

Heritage Matters magazines were provided for the committee's review.

Items were added under New Business.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Alishia Oberle Seconded by Ron McKinnon
That the amended agenda from the December 3, 2018 Brockton Heritage Committee meeting be approved.
Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Chris Oberle Seconded by Barb Kerry
That the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting of the Brockton Heritage Committee be approved.
Carried.

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

6.1 2019 Budget (Refer to Item 8.2)

7. Correspondence

7.1 Heritage Trust Canada Newsletter

The Heritage Trust Canada Newsletter was emailed to the committee.

8. Financial Reports

8.1 November 1-30, 2018

Ted will meet with Brockton's CFO to discuss some inquiries.

8.2 2019 Budget

Ted will meet with the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor and Brockton's CFO to discuss the 2019 Budget.

9. Walkerton/Cargill Library Report – Tracey Knapp

Circulation has decreased at the Walkerton Branch, and increased at the Cargill Branch.

Tracey visited Walkerton District Community School (WDCS) for the Kindergarten Registration afternoon. She distributed branch library activity calendars, "I Love BCPL" buttons, stickers and treasure cards. She interacted with about 45 children and parents.

The Library Digital Initiative Coordinator and Tracey visited WDCS for their 'Be Kind to Yourself Day'. They brought a number of robots that the library had and the students got to play and use the robots. Six high school students signed up and then a class of Grade 7 and 8's came to visit later that afternoon. All the kids seem to enjoy playing and using the robots.

A number of presenters visited the branch for Understanding Dementia – Alzheimer Society, and to hear Author Debbie Kerr talk about her book "When Cancer Takes Flight: A humorous guide to dealing with the turbulence of breast cancer" and David Chapman did a presentation on "Ontario Superstorms". All these presentations were well attended.

Both branches had P.D. day activities. In Walkerton children made fairy light jars using glow in the dark paint, glitter and a mason jar. In Cargill they had a slime party where children made slime out of tooth paste.

The Art Committee is finalizing the 2019 Juried Art Show brochure and poster, they should be ready before the end of the year.

9.1 Walkerton Library Gallery Room Lighting Progress

Weber's Electric has ordered the lights. Don Clark has informed Weber's that the lights must be completed by year-end.

10. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

10.1 Local History Books - Brockton Heritage Website

Books are welcomed to be added to the Brockton Heritage website.

10.2 Donation Policy

Denise provided an updated pamphlet with corrected information. Denise will email the pamphlet to the Committee Secretary. Tracey suggested that the Brockton Logo be included on the pamphlet.

Denise will look into obtaining quotes to print the pamphlet.

Denise suggested that the committee base their policy off the Deed of Gift Policy from Bruce County.

The Secretary will inquire with the Clerk and CAO regarding who will draft the policy. The Municipality would need to create a Donation Policy and have the policy be adopted by Brockton Council.

10.3 Walkerton Downtown Photo Murals

Barb has researched for more information about the murals. In March 2001, Walkerton Business Recovery Team was established but Barb is still looking in the microfilms for more information on this committee. Neil Kirstine was Chair of that Business Recovery Team.

The murals were likely installed in 2001. Ted heard that Cox Signs installed the murals, so he will inquire with Cox Signs for more information. The murals apparently last approximately 10 years.

The committee discussed whether the government provided funding for this project.

10.4 Armoury Building

Ted updated the committee on the Armoury Building. After the Brockton Heritage Committee motion was made to Council, Denise and Alishia started to create the proposal. Conflicts were encountered when the proposal was being created. The press also advertised incorrectly that the Brockton Heritage Committee held an emergency meeting when the November 5, 2018 meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting. The committee asked Council to delay the proposal. There was a massive Facebook attack on the Brockton Heritage Committee. There were complaints from several locations in the world. A survey was also released asking the public who deserved to use the building more.

These incidents caused concern and deeply upset the Heritage Committee. Ted talked with Alishia and Denise and concluded to withdraw the proposal. Ted also discussed this with Brockton's CAO. The Heritage Committee Chair drafted a letter and the letter was sent to the committee via email to gather a vote on whether the committee accepted the decision to withdraw the proposal. The letter was sent to Council and has been placed on the December 3, 2018 Council Meeting agenda for information. Ted also talked to Brockton's Clerk, about the proposal withdrawal and notified the committee that they must make a formal motion at this meeting to accept the withdrawal of the proposal.

Ted met with Brockton's CAO to discuss the Heritage Committee's involvement with the Armoury. Ted discussed the accessibility proposals made for the Armoury Building since 2016. An estimate was made to Council for the cost of utilities when the old day care was located in the Armoury Building. Ted wants to inquire with Brockton's CFO to compare the cost of the utilities for the Armoury Building.

Ted would like to know the cost for the Armoury Building's utilities for the past four years of when the building was occupied through the old Day Care and when the building was unoccupied.

Chris Oberle suggested that the Brockton Heritage Committee get Council to request for these figures at the December 17, 2018 Council Meeting.

Motion Moved by Chris Oberle Seconded by Barb Kerry
That the Brockton Heritage Committee rescinds the motion that was passed on November 5, 2018 under Part 10.5 of the Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes dealing with the Armoury Building, and further approves to withdraw their proposal for the usage of the Armoury Building at this time.
Carried.

The committee discussed the Facebook comments and the G.R.O.W. petition.

Chris told the committee that Facebook proposals have been created and that the G.R.O.W. proposal will be considered on December 17, 2018 Meeting. Chris also discussed that the Facebook proposals will affect the current building's zoning. Chris also discussed that residents and business owners have concerns on the building's security.

Ted discussed accessibility legislation, and the process involved in establishing heritage museums.

The committee discussed why the Armoury Building has not been designated as a Heritage Building. Ted suggested that the Armoury Building be designated and that the designation be proposed to Council.

The committee feel a lack of support from Eric.

11. New Business

11.1 Digital World Invoice

The invoice for Digital World was provided to the committee for review. Digital World is used for heritage homes digitization. There are approximately 500 hits on the website.

Motion Moved by Alishia Oberle Seconded by Lynda Breig
That the Brockton Heritage Committee accept the invoice for the Digital World website.
Carried.

Committee members are welcome to assist with this project.

11.2 Committee Member Resignation

On December 3, 2018, the Brockton Heritage Committee received a letter of resignation from Caroline Duncan.

Motion Moved by Alishia Oberle Seconded by Darlene Bohnert
That the Brockton Heritage Committee accept the resignation of Caroline Duncan from the Brockton Heritage Committee with regret.
Carried.

Ted mentioned that all members of Heritage would be appointed back on to the committee.

Chris thanked the committee, and mentioned that a Committee Appointment By-Law was being brought to Council at their December 3, 2018 meeting. A new councillor will likely be appointed to the committee. Ted thanked Chris for his work on the committee.

11.3 Greenock Township Book

An individual has made an inquiry for the Greenock History Township book. Ted mentioned that the book would be sent when the postal strike is over. Darlene and Ted are helping the individual find out info about their relatives.

11.4 Homecoming

Barb will be doing joining the Walkerton150 Committee and completing history research for homecoming. She will be looking for photos once again.

12. Adjournment

Ted wished the committee a Merry Christmas.

Motion: Moved by Ron McKinnon
That the Heritage Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.
Carried.

Next Brockton Heritage Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, January 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Location: Brockton Meeting Room, Municipal Office