



Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes

Monday, June 5, 2023, 4:30 pm
Victoria Jubilee Hall
111 Jackson Street South, Walkerton ON N0G 2V0

Members Present: Ted Cobean, Acting Chair
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Secretary
Ron MacKinnon
Lynda Breig
Barb Kerry
Tanya Tilson
Gregory McLean, Councillor

Members Absent: Dean Leifso

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

In the absence of the Chair, Ted Cobean acted as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved By: Greg McLean

Seconded By: Tanya Tilson

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby approve the June 5, 2023 meeting Agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes - April 3, 2023

Resolution:

Moved By: Barb Kerry

Seconded By: Lynda Breig

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Brockton Council approved an amendment to the Heritage Trust Fund Program By-Law, and a fullsome review will still need to be completed by the Heritage Committee.

Ted Cobean noted some software updates that may need to be completed for the heritage computer at the Walkerton Library.

The Committee noted that there has been no update yet to indicate that any additional changes will be coming to amend the Ontario Heritage Act as a result of the additional impacts from Bill 23.

4.1 Approval from Council for Victoria Jubilee Hall and Former Baptist Church Maintenance Applications

Brockton Council passed resolutions approving the work to be completed at both Victoria Jubilee Hall and the former Baptist Church, and offered grants to both heritage properties.

Victoria Jubilee Hall's window refurbishments will be completed this summer.

The Committee noted the importance of insuring the mortar for the stone work is appropriate in order to prevent cracking on the former Baptist Church.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Invitation to Committee/Volunteer Recognition Event

Tanya Tilson and Ted Cobean noted they would be attending the event on June 22, 2023.

6. Accounts

The Committee inquired on what projects were included within the Programs and Promotions budget, and discussed the status of the credit for Doors Open as the 2020 event was cancelled and rescheduled to 2024.

6.1 April 2023 Financial Report

6.2 May 2023 Financial Report

Resolution:

Moved By: Barb Kerry

Seconded By: Lynda Breig

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby accept the April 2023 and May 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

Carried

7. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

7.1 Heritage Archives at Greenock Shop/ Walkerton Library Microfische

The heritage archives continue to be organized at the Greenock Shop. The Secretary noted that there are approximately 200 books of the County Town Question in the archives that could be distributed out to the community. The Secretary reviewed the documents that remain to be sorted, and the lack of space for additional donations to be received.

The computer at the heritage room in the Walkerton Library was relocated to access the electrical plug.

The Committee suggested contacting schools, libraries, Cargill museum, Bruce County Museum and Archives, or universities to distribute the extra County Town Question books. The Committee also suggested the books could be available for sale at the Doors Open sites in 2024.

The Committee discussed reviewing the archives and minimizing duplicates, or could be better used at the Bruce County Museum. The Committee agreed to have their September meeting at the Greenock Shop.

7.2 Bridge 11 and Truax Dam Heritage Plaque Unveilings

The Operations Department will install both plaques in June and the Committee will be invited to the unveiling for photos.

7.3 Doors Open 2024 Sub-Committee

The sub-committee for Doors Open 2024 will consist of Ron MacKinnon, Barb Kerry, Lynda Breig, Ted Cobean, Sarah Johnson, and perhaps Denise Lagundzin. Tanya Tilson noted she may be available if the Committee met after regular working hours. The Committee noted that a Council representative would also need to be included on the sub-Committee.

The Committee discussed the tasks to be completed in preparation of Doors Open, and insurance requirements to help protect the Municipality and property owners from liability.

The Committee discussed reconvening with property owners to obtain if they were still interested in having their property be included on Doors Open 2024 as the 2020 event was cancelled. The Committee discussed the properties they would like to feature in Doors Open.

The Doors Open Sub-Committee will hold their first meeting on September 11, 2023 following the Heritage Committee meeting at the Greenock Shop.

7.4 Cloud-Based Transfer System for Heritage Photos

7.5 Award for Outstanding Contributions in Preserving and Promoting Brockton Heritage

The Committee advocated about the goal to recognize volunteers and individuals preserving heritage in our community.

7.6 Donation Policy Brochures

Barb Kerry noted that brochures were distributed to Rhody's Funeral Home and will be distributed to Mighton Funeral Home.

7.7 Local History Books on Brockton Heritage Website

Ted Cobean noted he had a list of local history books. Barb Kerry noted that the Cordwainer book is still being worked on.

8. New Business

8.1 Donation of Funeral Cards of Brockton Residents and Parish Book

A donation of funeral cards of Brockton residents and a book from Sacred Heart Parish was received by Doug and Sue Coleman and has been placed in the Committee archives.

Ted Cobean discussed an additional donation from Jim Kelly of 13 reels of film from 1908 to 1987. The film reels could be developed by John Dolson and photos pertaining to Brockton heritage would be shared with the Committee.

8.2 Application from Property Owners of Henry Cargill House

The Committee discussed the late application and preference to review it further in detail at the September meeting. The application will be brought forward to Brockton Council for their consideration.

8.3 Armoury Building Realtor Listing

The Committee discussed the realtor listing on the Armoury Building and expressed concerns that the listing does not note that the property is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

8.4 Impact on Bill 23 Changes to Ontario Heritage Act

Councillor Greg McLean discussed a resolution from the Town of Lincoln encouraging the Provincial Government to maintain the previous regulations in the Ontario Heritage Act to preserve retention and expansion of heritage properties to keep listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register rather than the new two (2) year requirement.

Resolution:

Moved By: Gregory McLean

Seconded By: Lynda Breig

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby support the Town of Lincoln's resolution and further encourages that Brockton Council support the resolution and send a letter to the Provincial Government outlining the impact of the changes from Bill 23 on the Ontario Heritage Act and request that the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to allow for greater retention of heritage properties.

Carried

The Committee supported sending a letter to listing agents and realtors to ensure that listings include whether a property has a designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

9. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By: Lynda Breig

Seconded By: Ron MacKinnon

That the Brockton Heritage Committee adjourns at 5:56 p.m. to meet again on September 11, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Greenock Shop subject to a Special Meeting being called by the Chair.

Carried