

Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2024, 4:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting at Victoria Jubilee Hall, 111 Jackson St. S., Walkerton and Electronically on Zoom Video Conferencing

Committee Members Present: Dean Leifso, Chair

Barb Kerry Lynda Breig Ron MacKinnon Ted Cobean

Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Secretary

Gregory J. McLean, Councillor

Committee Members Absent: Denise Lagundzin

Tanya Tilson

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved by: Ted Cobean Seconded by: Barb Kerry

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on December 2, 2024 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes - November 4, 2024

Resolution:

Moved by: Ron MacKinnon Seconded by: Lynda Breig

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on November 4, 2024 as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Secretary responded to an inquiry about the Tweedsmuir donations, advising that they will be delivered to the Committee in 2025.

5. Correspondence

6. Accounts

6.1 Financial Report - November 2024

The Committee discussed the Programs and Promotions budget, noting that the expenses were related to Doors Open.

Resolution:

Moved by: Lynda Breig Seconded by: Barb Kerry

That the Brockton Heritage Committee approve the November 2024 Financial Report as presented.

Carried

7. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

7.1 Heritage Trust Fund Program By-Law

The Secretary advised that interest collected is placed into a general revenue account; however, the Committee could amend the By-Law to have the interest placed into a Heritage revenue account. The Finance Department had suggested that the interest rate could be prime minus half or prime minus one.

The Committee discussed increasing the loan amount with a lower interest rate.

The Committee discussed which differences to include between non-profit and for-profit heritage properties, such as a difference in grant and loan amounts.

The Committee suggested that the \$5,000 grant should remain for forprofit properties, and the grant should be increased to \$15,000 for nonprofit properties.

The Committee also suggested that the loan be \$30,000 for non-profit properties and \$20,000 for for-profit properties.

The Committee suggested that a stipulation should be included in the By-Law that should the Reserve Fund drop below \$75,000 Council replenishes the Reserve Fund.

The Committee discussed the amounts within the Heritage Committee Reserve Funds, suggesting that one Reserve Fund be labelled as Equipment/Acquisitions.

Action: The Secretary will prepare a draft amended By-Law for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

7.2 Municipal Heritage Register

The Committee discussed the VITA Website, noting that the most recent annual invoice of \$374/year for 2025. The Committee discussed the secondary website and whether it would be required in future years. The Committee will review the content on the VITA Website and analytics and inquire if there is an option for a monthly subscription rather than annual.

The Committee discussed updating the Heritage Register and plans to host a public meeting in 2025.

7.3 Edward (Ted) J. Cobean Heritage Award

Ted Cobean expressed his gratitude to the Committee for the award. The Committee noted their appreciation for the work Ted has done over the years to promote and preserve Brockton heritage.

The Secretary has inquired about a wall plaque quote with Joy Source for Sports.

7.4 Local History Books on Brockton Website

8. New Business

8.1 Inquiry on Curling Photos from 1800's

The Secretary discussed the recent inquiry received from a resident regarding curling photos from the late 1800's and related records that may be in the Committee Archive Collection. The Committee noted that there are several unsorted records as well. The Secretary will further investigate whether the records being inquired about are in the Committee Archives.

8.2 Committee Member Inquiry

The Committee inquired about an update on the recently submitted application to join the Heritage Committee. The Secretary advised that the

Clerk received the application and will ask for an update for the next meeting.

8.3 Walkerton Homecoming 2026

Barb Kerry and Lynda Breig are on the Walkerton Homecoming 2026 Committee and discussed their ideas for a heritage display and podcast interviews with residents.

9. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Gregory J. McLean Seconded by: Ted Cobean

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby adjourn at 5:26 p.m. to meet again on February 3, 2025.

Carried