

Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025 at 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

Ted Cobean
Barb Kerry
Lynda Breig
Ron MacKinnon

Gregory J. McLean, Councillor

Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Secretary

Committee Member Regrets: Denise Lagundzin

Tanya Tilson

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved by: Barb Kerry Seconded by: Lynda Breig

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on February 3, 2025 as presented.

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2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes - December 2, 2024

Resolution:

Moved by: Lynda Breig Seconded by: Ted Cobean

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

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4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Greg McLean entered the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

The Committee discussed the committee member recruitment application. As there is no current vacancy on the Committee, this individual's application will be kept on file for the future. The Committee discussed the possibility of involving the individual as part of a subcommittee.

5. Correspondence

6. Accounts

- 6.1 Financial Report December 2024
- 6.2 Financial Report January 2025

Resolution:

Moved by: Lynda Breig

Seconded by: Ron MacKinnon

That the Brockton Heritage Committee approve the Financial Reports from December 2024 and January 2025.

Carried

7. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

7.1 Edward J. (Ted) Cobean Heritage Award

The Committee reviewed the wall plaque options. It was noted that the cost of the plaques does not include the additional engraving costs. The Committee confirmed that the award will be named the Edward J. (Ted) Cobean Heritage Award.

The Committee preferred the Awards of Distinction's genuine walnut deep groove plaque which is 9 x 12" and includes 12 name plates for approximately \$96.65.

Action: The Secretary will notify Joy's Source for Sports of the preferred award and request an updated quote for the engraving.

The Committee discussed options for a separate individual winner award, such as a glass award with a historical building etched into the glass. The Committee will discuss the individual award in more detail at the next meeting.

The Secretary will post the announcement about the Edward J. (Ted) Cobean Heritage Award during Heritage Week February 17-21, 2025.

7.2 Heritage Trust Fund Program By-Law

The Committee amended the wording in section 3.2 to include grants up to \$5,000 for for-profit organizations, and \$15,000 for non-profit organizations, as well as Section 3.1 to clarify that the \$20,000 loans are for for-profit organizations and \$30,000 for non-profit organizations.

The Committee removed the phrasing surrounding loan guarantees in Section 3, and loans to cover the purchase of a designated property in Section 3.1.

The Committee noted that should a grant be given by Council, their preference would be to replenish the reserve fund.

Action: The Secretary will prepare a revised version of the By-Law for final review at the next meeting.

7.3 Municipal Heritage Register / Public Meeting

The Committee scheduled the public meeting to take place in October at Victoria Jubilee Hall in the evening.

7.4 Local History Books on Brockton Website

8. New Business

8.1 Hampson Foundry Proposed Partial Demolition

The Committee discussed the proposal, and whether a structural review would be necessary.

Resolution:

Moved by: Barb Kerry Seconded by: Ted Cobean

In the Brockton Heritage Committee's opinion, the porch was not part of the original building; therefore, the Brockton Heritage Committee has no objection to the proposal to partially demolish the porch of the Hampson Foundry property, provided that there are no negative effects to the structural integrity of the building.

Carried

8.2 Notice of Application to Repeal Heritage Designation By-Law - Henry Cargill "White" House

The Committee discussed the application to repeal the By-Law, and their objection to the application. The Committee commented on the unique structure of the property which has a rich legacy for the history of Cargill.

Resolution:

Moved by: Barb Kerry

Seconded by: Greg McLean

That the Brockton Heritage Committee reject the notice of application by owners to repeal the designation on the Henry Cargill "White" House for the following reasons under Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act for determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

- The property has design value and physical value.
- The property has historical and associative value.
- The property has contextual value. It is a landmark (built in 1885-1890) in the Cargill municipality.

As well as the following significances:

- 1. The White House has unique local historical significance for the heritage of Cargill.
- 2. It assists in supporting local cultural and historical Tourism.
- 3. It supports Community pride in the heritage history of Cargill.
- 4. The White House is one of the oldest homes in Cargill.
- 5. The BHC provides loans and grants for restoration of Designated properties.

The Cargill White House was the first home built by Henry Cargill. It is a unique variation of the Queen Anne Revival style and contains many elements of the Stick style Architecture. This house is one of the very few Stick style houses remaining in Ontario, showing the quality of late 19th century carpentry and millwork. Previous owners have preserved the house's architectural style and history with great pride, care and consideration during their years of ownership

The main occupant of the White House in the early years, was Henry's son Wellington D. Cargill. WD as he was known, took over the Cargill lumber business, after the untimely death of his father in 1903. In his retirement he lived at 17 Peter Street Walkerton.

The above are the reasons the Brockton Heritage Committee want to maintain the White House as a designated property in the Municipality of Brockton. It is an iconic home and the last remaining building of the Cargill dynasty in the late 18th and 19th centuries.

Carried

8.3 Family Farm Archive Inquiry

The Committee suggested that the resident provide more information on the request.

8.4 Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Walkerton Memorabilia Inquiry

The Committee plans to review the archive collection for any memorabilia related to the service clubs for their anniversary celebration on March 1, 2025, which has been rescheduled due to the inclement weather.

9. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by: Greg McLean Seconded by: Ted Cobean

That the Brockton Heritage Committee hereby adjourn at 5:43 p.m. to meet again on April 7, 2025.

Carried