Brockton Heritage and Library Committee Minutes

September 14, 2020

Location: Electronic Meeting on Zoom Video Conferencing **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:	(Quorum: 7/11)
Darlene Bohnert, Committee Member	Present
Lynda Breig, Committee Member	Present
Ted Cobean, Chair	Present
Fiona Hamilton, Clerk (Recording Secretary)	Present
Barb Kerry, Committee Member	Present
Denise Lagundzin, Committee Member	Present
Dean Leifso, Councillor	Present
Ron McKinnon, Committee Member	Absent
Joe Reichenbach, Committee Member	Absent
Tanya Tilson, Committee Member	Absent
Frank Weiler, Committee Member	Present
Murray Wells, Committee Member	Absent
Tracey Knapp, Librarian (Non-Voting)	Present

1. Call to Order

Chair Ted Cobean called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Fiona Hamilton, Clerk acted as Recording Secretary for the meeting.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Barb Kerry Seconded by Lynda Breig
That the amended agenda from the September 14, 2020 Brockton Heritage Committee meeting be approved.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Denise Lagundzin Seconded by Darlene Bohnert That the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Heritage Committee be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising From the Minutes

6. Correspondence

7. Financial Reports

- 7.1 June 2020 Budget Comparison
- 7.2 July 2020 Budget Comparison
- 7.3 August 2020 Budget Comparison

The Committee expressed support for receiving the financial reports on a monthly basis.

8. Walkerton/Cargill Library Report – Tracey Knapp

Ms. Knapp noted that both branches have now reopened to the public with plexiglass barriers in place. Library materials were held for three (3) days before it could be loaned again. Staff would not handle any materials directly. The archival room was closed for the public at this time. Ms. Knapp noted that curbside pickup was continuing at this time as well. It was noted that residents are complying with all regulations and were wearing masks when in the library.

9. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

9.1 Local History Books on Brockton Heritage Website

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

9.2 Walkerton Downtown Photo Murals

The graphic designer provided some mural designs for the Committee's review. The Committee discussed the designs and photos used, and decided to choose additional photos for the murals. Fiona Hamilton, Clerk will provide feedback that the Municipality of Brockton's swoosh design covered up too much of the photos.

9.3 Heritage Plaques for Truax Dam and Bridge 11 Concession 20

This project is on hold at this time.

9.4 Souvenir Book for Walkerton Homecoming 2021

The Walkerton Homecoming 2021 event will no longer continue as planned due to the COVID-19 gathering restrictions. The event may be held in a virtual format, and photos could be displayed digitally.

9.5 Walkerton Baptist Church

Action: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk to provide the Committee with the Council minutes and Meeting Event which discussed the Walkerton Baptist Church.

9.6 Bogdon and Gross Property

Denise Lagundzin photographed the property prior to the fire at the location. The Committee discussed photographs from former employees that could be added to a collection as well.

9.7 Donation Brochures

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk advised that the brochures arrived and can be circulated at any time. The Committee requested that the brochure be added to the Municipal website and Brockton Buzz Newsletter.

10. New Business

10.1 Request for Review and Comment on Bridge Street (Bridge No. 0002) Riversdale Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and Preliminary Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment

The Committee discussed the bridge, noting it was a 1909 rare early structure built by a company from Kincardine. There are five (5) bridges similar to this design, further discussing the bridges on Concession 12 in Brant Township and Concession 8 in Greenock Township. The bridge is a seven out of ten for national significance. The first bridge was built in Riversdale in 1876. The Committee discussed the significance of the builder, and the cost to build the bridge at that time. The Committee advocated for the architectural value contributing to heritage of the area, and recommended keeping the bridge as a walking bridge to maintain significance to residents.

The Committee reviewed the options identified in the Evaluation Report, noting the difficulty in recommending an option without costing information. The Committee recommended keeping the bridge from a historical point of view, as well as how it served that area. Some members of the Committee expressed some hesitation in making suggestions when the bridge was not recognized by an outside agency as of significant heritage value, as some felt determinations of the kind being asked by the Committee should involve an expert.

Motion Moved by: Dean Leifso Seconded by: Barb Kerry

The Brockton Heritage Committee hereby recommends proceeding with Option 1 as the preferred option to maintain the heritage and conservation of the bridge, subject to additional cost analysis of the various options.

Carried.

10.2 Resignation of Committee Member

Motion: Moved by Darlene Bohnert Seconded by Barb Kerry
That the Brockton Heritage Committee accept with regret the resignation of Alishia Oberle
as a member of the Brockton Heritage Committee.
Carried.

11. Adjournment

The Committee debated whether a Special Meeting was necessary to view and select the photograph for the heritage murals.

Motion: Moved by Dean Leifso Seconded by Denise Lagundzin That the Heritage Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:12 p.m. Carried.

Next Brockton Heritage Committee Meeting Date: Monday, October 5, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting