

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee - Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub- Committee

Minutes

Friday, September 23, 2022

Electronic Participation at 10:30 am

Members:

Brian Narhi
Robert Speck

Staff Liaison:

James Neilson, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services
Tami Kitay, Director of Planning and Building Services

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Chair Narhi called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chair Narhi acknowledged that the land which we call St. Catharines and the Niagara region is the ancestral territory of Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This Land is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this Land is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples – who share the land with us. This Land Acknowledgement is a statement that reminds us that our standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people over many generations.

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

No Additions or Deletions

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPCSC adopt the agenda for this DPCSC meeting held on Friday, September 23, 2022, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPCSC adopt the minutes of the previous meeting on Friday, August 23, 2022, as amended.”

CARRIED

6. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interests

7. Presentation (Invited guests)

No presentations

8. Business arising from the minutes

No business arising from the minutes

9. Business

9.1 2022 Commemoration Funds

James Neilson gave an overview of the budget allocated to the Designations, Plaques and Ceremonies Sub-committee. The sub-committee has yet to spend the money and should come up with some way to find where that money should be allocated as well as provide a recommendation to the Heritage Advisory Committee for where these funds should be allocated. One possible item for consideration is the markers at the Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery. Other possible options may overlap with the Welland Canal Taskforce which is why recommendations should attempt to stay away from Canal-related topics.

Robert Speck spoke in favour of commemoration of the Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery. Robert Speck also asked about quotes for the plaques allocated to the cemetery.

Brian Narhi responded that only verbal quotes were provided. The verbal quotes are around \$800 per stone. Brian Narhi also discussed the quantity and possible locations of the stones.

Tami Kitay suggested that the decision made today regarding the number of stones either per family, or per person, be made consistent moving forward and that it becomes a type of policy for the future to help budget appropriately.

Brian Narhi suggested that each burial be allocated a stone. Additionally, using a flat stone may be the best option for recognizing the location of each person within the cemetery as well as for ease of maintenance. Brian Narhi also suggests the use of donations by residents to help contribute to the placement of the stones and possible concrete bases.

James Neilson recommended that due to time restraints it may not be possible to accumulate donations in time, so the committee may need to move ahead without support from the wider community.

Robert Speck suggested that due to the size and weight of the stones, a concrete base may not be necessary initially and perhaps residents may wish to donate to contribute to the concrete bases.

Motion by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee recommends that the Heritage Advisory Committee use its 2022 commemoration funds towards plaques / granite markers at the Hostetter-Cooke Family Cemetery

And that the commemoration should include granite markers for each person buried in the cemetery”

CARRIED

10. Date of next meeting

October 21, 2022 (tentative date).

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPCSC meeting is adjourned at 10:52 am.”

CARRIED