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ST. CATHARINES HERITAGE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, January 10, 2013

PRESENT: Evan Acs
John Bacher
Gail Benjafield
Janet Curtis
Heather Foss
Dennis Gannon
John Haynes
Calvin Jessome
Chris Loat
Marty Mako
Brian Narhi
Robin McPherson

COUNCIL: Mathew Siscoe, Councillor

STAFF: Sara Epp, Planning and Development Services
Britney Williamson, Planning and Development Services

REGRETS: Kristen Ernesaks

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Brian Narhi at 5:02 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: Chris Loat
Seconded by: Robin McPherson

"That the minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting of the SCHC, as revised be approved"

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Britney Williamson informed the committee that the Walkers Creek Neighbourhood Association is conducting research on the historical significance of the area. Sara Epp is researching how other municipalities have designated cultural heritage landscapes to help guide Staff.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

N/A

5. DELEGATIONS

- Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services (Cultural Services)
RE: Culture Plan

The committee introduced themselves and welcomed Kathleen. Kathleen provided a brief background on the Culture Plan, noting that the City is currently undertaking a new plan to guide Cultural Services to 2020 and engage the community on all things culture, including heritage. Through the process with Lord Consulting (Toronto), a series of priorities and initiatives were developed. Cultural Services is now seeking input from various interest groups to supplement the previous public engagement to date. Kathleen then opened the floor to questions. Questions focused on the exclusionary wording of particular initiatives and the need to remove prohibitive language. The importance of engaging educational institutions beyond Brock University and Niagara College was also discussed, as younger students should also be engaged. The committee will review the Culture Plan's priorities and initiatives and direct comments to Britney who will synthesize the feedback into a general motion. Kathleen advised that the timeline for comments is short and requested the motion in less than two weeks.

6. BUSINESS

a) Reports from Sub-Committees

(i) Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

- At the December meeting, the Committee allocated funds to place a plaque along Laura Secord's walk. The committee acknowledged the need to erect the plaque quickly, as the walk is in June 2013. Britney requested a map outlining Laura Secord's walk so that she could identify a block of municipal land appropriate for a plaque. Calvin Jessome volunteered to send the War of 1812 map showing the route. It was noted that the Canadian Federation of University Women are also contributing funds to erect the plaque and are drafting some

wording for the plaque. It was also suggested that Friends of Laura Secord be included in the plaquing ceremony, as well as Caroline McCormic, a decedent of Laura Secord. Heather Foss will send Britney Caroline Nolan's contact information and Britney will extend an invitation to the Canadian Federation of University Women for the February meeting. Brian Narhi also noted that the Hostetter ceremony should be rescheduled, and suggested May could be a good month.

(ii) Public Outreach and Education (POE)

- Gail Benjafield reminded the committee that the window display at the library is confirmed for July. It was determined that the theme for the window display will be ship building and the Welland Canal. Britney Williamson will get images of the Welland Canal for the next committee meeting.

(iii) Design and Grants Review

- DPG Application (request for Reimbursement)
92 Queen Street
File No. 10.64.136F

On July 9, 2012, Council approved in principal a DPG for window replacement, to a maximum of \$1000. The work has been completed and the owner has provided paid invoices to seek reimbursement. The work has been inspected and it is satisfactory.

It was then,

Moved by: Mathew Siscoe
Seconded by: Gail Benjafield

"That the owner of 92 Queen Street be reimbursed for a DPG for window replacement work."

CARRIED

(iv) Heritage Districts

N/A

(v) War of 1812 Bicentennial

- Brian Narhi informed the committee that the next War of 1812 Bicentennial meeting is January 17th, 2013.

- Brian Narhi also updated the committee on the status of his book; it will be available by June 2013.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Gail Benjafeld advised that tickets for the Harriet Tubman dinner are available through Dennis Gannon for \$30 at the Salem Chapel.

8. INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE

- Britney Williamson provided the committee with information regarding the Terms of Reference, Procedural By-law of Council and Council Orientation Policies. Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, the City Clerk, will be visiting various committees and further explaining this information in the near future. A brief discussion related to attendance requirements also occurred and Britney explained that if a member misses three meetings or more without regrets, the Chair and Staff should approach the committee member.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Chris Loat

"That the meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Committee Room #1, Third Floor, City Hall.

Minutes prepared by:

Sara Epp
Student Planner
Planning & Development Services