



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of May 1st, 2019

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Rene Eby, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Barry Fisher (Councillor), Jennifer Pfenning (Councillor)
Tracy Loch (Curator), Grant Whittington (CAO)

Regrets: Marg Rowell, Stephanie Massel, Scott Williams, Al Junker

Meeting was held at the Swartzentruber Room, Township of Wilmot. Meeting started at 6:45 p.m.

Welcome

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Review of Minutes from April 3, 2019

MOVED by Rene

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

Business

Non-designated Heritage Register update

Marg and Yvonne have continued to work on updating the non-designated register with the church properties. They have since been to each of the churches and taken various photographs of the buildings and surrounding property. Marg also continues to work on the architectural descriptions of the buildings.

Nick has been working on re-formatting the current non-designated register to allow for more room to include architectural and historic property information, and shared the new format with the Committee. Tracy contacted the New Hamburg Christian Centre and followed up on the Committee's request to re-invite the church to be included on the Non-Designated Register. The church thanked Heritage Wilmot for the invitation but declined at this time.

At the previous meeting, the Committee decided to include on the Non-Designated register churches that no longer operate as a church but are now privately-owned as residences. Similar to schools. Marg and Yvonne are collecting information about these buildings and will be able to add them to the Non-Designated Register. The property owners will need to be contacted and informed of the Committee's intention to add them to the Non-Designated Register. The additions are planned to be finalized at the next meeting, so that notice can be provided.

Holland Mills Bridge commemoration

The Committee would like to continue to move forward on the creation of the commemorative plaque for the bridge. The text will need to be written and approved by the Committee before it can be formatted for the plaque. Nick will confirm with AI about the text and will circulate to the Committee via email when it is complete.

New Business

Information Package for Designated Property Owners

The Committee agreed that they would like to send out information packages to owners of properties that are currently on the Designated Register. Previously, the Committee has sent similar information to property owners in the Heritage Conservation District. The package would include the official designation listing of the property as well as some information about the importance of designation, and anything that might assist the property owner with maintaining their property. Stephanie had previously expressed interest in working on this project and Tracy confirmed she would indeed like to assist. Rene also agreed to assist Stephanie with creating the information package.

Designation Letter for St. James Church

An official letter of designation will be sent to St. James Lutheran Church in June. Nick, Marg and Yvonne will update the architectural description for a designation and forward it to Tracy to include with an official letter to the Director of Clerks Services. Tracy has been in contact with the church and a fall unveiling ceremony was preferred with St. James as it will align with an upcoming event.

Heritage Register – photo updates

Since the Non-Designated Register will be presented to Council in July, the Committee agreed that some of the existing photographs could be updated as well. Many of the photographs are outdated and some are of a low quality. The Committee also agreed that it was important to have more current photographs of the properties. Jennifer, Artem and Scott volunteered to divide the work between them and take new photographs of the properties currently on the Non-Designated Register. Tracy agreed to create a checklist of images needed for each property so that each property would have the same types of photographs.

Heritage Day 2020

The next Heritage Day will be held on February 22nd, 2020. The St. Agatha Community Centre has been booked for the Saturday for the event and the Friday for setup. The Committee has chosen Places of Worship as the theme for the day. Tracy mentioned that the summer student would be able to assist with media and preparations. Rene was asked to contact the New Dundee Women's Institute to ask if they would once again be interested in providing lunch to visitors.

Heritage Book

The Committee discussed other projects that might be of interest during the current term. Tracy noted that Wilmot Township will be celebrating the 175th anniversary in 2025 and it was agreed that creating a photographic memory book would be a wonderful project for Heritage Wilmot to participate in the anniversary. Further discussion about this project will need to be done after the current projects are completed so that the Committee stays focused.

Correspondence / information sharing

Culture Days

Tracy was contacted by the organizers of Culture Days at the Region. The event would take place on the last weekend in September. The organizers have invited Heritage Wilmot and Castle Kilbride to participate in the event. Further details to follow once confirmed.

Doors Open

Doors Open will take place Saturday September 21st, 2019, and Wilmot Township is highlighted this year. Tracy will discuss with Al the possibility of organizing a walking tour.

Castle Kilbride Shop

Marion Roes' new published book *Mennonite Funeral and Burial Traditions* is available for purchase in the Castle Kilbride gift shop. The book sells for \$20.00. Marion's book launch is in a few weeks

Adjournment – 7:55 pm

MOVED by Jennifer

SECONDED by Patty

Next meeting – June 5th, 2019