



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of January 9th, 2019

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Marg Rowell, Rene Eby, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Al Junker, Tracy Loch (Curator), Grant Whittington (CAO)

Meeting was held at the Swartzentruber Room, Township of Wilmot. Meeting started at 6:40 p.m.

Welcome

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

Review of Minutes from December 5th, 2018

Correction – the possible date for the Heritage Wilmot presentation at Council is February 25th, not February 21st.

MOVED by Rene
SECONDED by Marg
ALL in favour

Business

Non-designated Register Updates

The Committee is aiming for February 11th as the date to present the updated version of the Non-Designated Register to Council. There will be eleven properties (all churches) added to the list. Tracy has mailed each property owner a letter indicating that the Committee would like to place the property on the list. She also included an informational brochure. Property owners are asked to contact staff back before February 1st, 2019 if they have any questions, comments or concerns. Once Yvonne and Marg have completed the descriptions of the properties, a PowerPoint presentation will be created to use at the Council meeting.

Holland Mills Bridge Update

The new replacement bridge opened on January 9th, 2019. Tracy will check with the Director of Public Works to remind of the commemorative plaque being created, so that it can be incorporated into the Public Works budget for 2019.

Heritage Day 2019

In December, invitations were sent out to all potential exhibitors and heritage groups. Tracy printed posters for the event and invited Committee members to post them around the community in advance of the event. Tracy has also placed an advertisement in the new publication "Embracing the Change" as well as in the New Hamburg Independent. The Independent will also be creating a Heritage Edition which will include a focus on mills in the area to correspond with the Heritage Day theme.

Rene has verified that the New Dundee Women's Institute will be available to provide food for lunch at the event. He will also follow up with a discussion about coffee and signage and music to help organize the day. Al will follow up with rych mills about an article "mills on mills" that will tie in with the event as well.

The Committee discussed displays and materials for the event, and both Al and Rene are conducting research for display boards. Tracy also coordinated with Development Services to print a large Township map that can be used to locate historic mills, perhaps with photos where available. Awards were also discussed, and Nick invited members to submit ideas to the Committee for consideration.

New Business

2019 Meeting Schedule

The Heritage Wilmot meetings are proposed to continue on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30pm. Tracy will follow up with new members to confirm this also works for their schedules, once they are known.

Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee 2019-2022 appointment

The Clerks Department will be sending official letters to all those appointed to the Heritage Committee, which will be approved by Council on January 14th. Once all the Committee members have been notified, the 2019 schedule will be verified by all new and re-appointed members.

Inquiry Regarding Heritage Property Maintenance

Tracy received an email asking about rules and regulations regarding property maintenance for heritage properties. She was able to send some information to the individual. Nick provided a brief overview of the property standards requirements and potential incentives as well. The Committee agreed that a 2019 initiative would be to have the Committee contact owners of designated heritage properties (including those outside of the Heritage District), and provide a letter / informational brochure about the rules and regulations surrounding heritage properties. The option of possibly inviting people to an information night in which heritage property owners could learn more as also discussed.

Adjournment – 7:45 p.m.

MOVED by Rene

SECONDED by Patty

Next meeting – February 6th, 2019