

Heritage Committee Meetings Minutes – April 1st, 2008

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
MINUTES**

There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Heritage Committee held at 4:00 p.m. on April 1st, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Attendance

Chair	Nancy Tapley
Councillor	Ruth Ross
Members of Committee	Russ Nicholls Harriet Muirhead Kelly Haywood
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Oesch

Regrets

Mayor	Janet P. Peake
Member of Committee	Mark McLean Marie Poirier Barbara Paterson

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m., on April 1st, 2008 by Chair Nancy Tapley.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution # 2/04/01/08

Ruth Ross and Kelly Hayward

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Committee Meeting Agenda dated April 1st, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (a) The Minutes for the Heritage Committee meeting held February 19th, 2008 were approved as circulated.

5. DELEGATION

Nil

6. REPORTS

(a) Verbal Report re: Cultural Heritage Property Register

Chair Tapley advised Committee that the Property Register database has been reconstructed.

Committee is hoping to present the Register to Council before summer.

(b) Verbal Report re: Doors Open Muskoka 2008

Committee member, Kelly Hayward advised that the Doors Open Muskoka 2008 is moving forward with sponsorship from Lake of Bays and Port Carling. A funding application submitted on behalf of the Township of Lake of Bays has been approved; a letter has been sent acknowledging this and requesting a photo opportunity to present this cheque. Committee have invited a representative from Muskoka Heritage to the next Lake of Bays Heritage Committee meeting for presentation of the cheque at that time.

The Doors Open Muskoka 2008 launch is well underway and Committee are working with the Muskoka Heritage Foundation to see if the Committee can display some photographs from the Cameron Peck Collection.

Committee member, Russ Nicholls reported that he had a copy of the original Corporation Act for the Lower Huntsville Lake of Bays Railway and will provide copies for the Dorset Museum and one for the Doors Open Muskoka 2008 Silent Auction.

The Doors Open Muskoka 2008 launch is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, 2008. The invitation list will be compiled next week and reviewed by the Committee.

Committee will also develop a brochure for insertion with the Lake of Bays and Port Carling main brochure.

(c) Verbal Report re: Scheduled visit to Bigwin Island – Rotunda Demolition

Chair Tapley reported on her meeting with the project manager, the architect, the contractor, Ken Cunnington and a representative from Bigwin Island.

The rotunda is now a hazard. The current plan is that the round tea room is going to be restored with plans to save the big fireplace on the end wall and some or all of the big stone foundation at the front, which will become a landscape garden feature.

The group asked Chair Tapley what the Heritage Committee would like preserved. Chair Tapley advised that the Committee would like the front doors and any other wooden doors, the reception desk and the old post office upstairs. Chair Tapley has offered to house these fixtures until a permanent place can be found.

(d) Verbal Report re: Provincial Historical Plaque for Dwight application for Gouldie Park

Chair Tapley advised Committee that the South Portage sponsorship plaque must be completed. Committee received a quote for an aluminum plaque for \$257.00 and a bronze plaque for \$294.00

Committee directed staff and Chair Tapley to place the order for the bronze plaque for South Portage.

Chair Tapley advised Committee that consideration is being given to a plaque for the settlement of Dwight. The application doesn't need to be completed until the fall. A special public meeting will be scheduled to receive input from the community regarding the wording for the plaque.

Chair Tapley advised that Committee will also receive a quote for a North Portage plaque.

(e) Verbal Report re: Dwight Women's Institute

Chair Tapley advised Committee that she spoke before the Dwight Women's Institute. This is a non-profit organization that supports activities in the area and are interested in history and heritage. They presented Chair Tapley with the Dwight Memories book for Committee's files.

7. DISCUSSIONS

(a) Discussion re: Alan Anderson, re: Old Sawmill Site

Deferred

(b) Discussion re: Heritage Property Tax Relief Applications

Chair Tapley advised that Committee are still waiting to hear from Ms. Wendy Kimmel with respect to the completed Tax Relief Application. Ms. Kimmel is including all of the Kimmel buildings into the Heritage Tax Relief Application and are also looking to apply for a conservation easement.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Brochures

Tax Relief Designation

Chair Tapley reviewed the brochure with Committee members and requested comments. There was a detailed discussion regarding wording, existing pictures and set up of the brochure. Chair Tapley would like a separate brochure made available on property designation. Documentation and brochures will be made available at the Dwight and Baysville Libraries and Township office.

The Township office should supply a package containing the following information available; Heritage Designation, Tax Relief and information on Conservation and Land Easements.

Chair Tapley to reformat the brochure with Committee and staff and pass on to Committee members for comment.

Staff to collect information on conservation easements from the Muskoka Heritage Foundation conservation easement, the Lake of Bays conservation easement and the Ontario Government.

(b) Heritage logo

Chair Tapley asked Committee if there was any interest in developing a Committee logo. Chair Tapley suggested running a contest by contacting the libraries and the art departments at the Bracebridge, Huntsville and Catholic High Schools.

Ruth Ross will look into co-ordinating this project.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **Susan Morison – Potential application for Lake of Bays Heritage Property Tax Relief**

Chair Tapley advised Committee that Susan Morison has been corresponding by e-mail to staff regarding the Heritage Property Tax Relief. Ms. Morison is in the process of completing a copy of the Heritage Property Tax Relief application.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 10/04/01/08

Kelly Haywood and Ruth Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 5:35 p.m. to meet again on April 29th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried.

Chair

Clerk