

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays  
Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
MINUTES**



There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee at 5:00 p.m., on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

**Attendance**

Chair	Nancy Tapley
Councillor	Ruth Ross
Mayor	Janet P. Peake
Members of Committee	Harriet Muirhead Barbara Paterson Kelly Haywood Mark McLean Marie Poirier
Deputy Clerk	Yvonne Aubichon
Youth Intern	Tina Arbuckle

**Regrets**

Members of Committee	Russ Nicholls
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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m., on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by Chair Nancy Tapley.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #2/05/27/08**

**Ruth Ross and Kelly Haywood**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee Agenda dated May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried**

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**Nil**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (a) The Minutes for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as circulated.

#### 5. DELEGATION

- (a) Wendy Kimmel and Linda Houser, re: Request for Designation of Heritage Property

Chair Tapley introduced Mrs. Kimmel and her sister Linda Houser to Committee and then turned the floor over to Mrs. Kimmel for her presentation on her family's property on Rebecca Lake.

**Mrs. Kimmel expressed her delight in the Township of Lake of Bays adopting the Heritage Tax Relief Program and began her presentation with a display of tools used to build the Sunset Cabin on the Mansell property. Mrs. Kimmel expressed her family's interest in designating their property as a heritage site and provided some history on the property and its structures; noting that the property consisted of two-acres on which were built the "Sunset log Cabin", an icehouse which is now a sauna, a log woodshed now used as a sleeping cabin, a log two-seater outhouse, workshops and a boathouse, along with a three-room, almost a 100-year old canvas tent that was used for two-years before the cabin was built. Mrs. Kimmel noted that the family would prefer a holistic designation of all structures on the two-acre property with the exception of the boathouse and workshop as they are in too much disrepair.**

Chair Tapley referred to the "Guide to Heritage Designation" provided to Committee at the beginning of the meeting and reviewed with Committee and the applicant's the six (6) steps required to designate a property; noting the first step was to identify the property specific to its heritage i.e. historical, cultural, etc.

**After some discussion and sharing of historical information Committee determined the following first steps:**

- **Committee would provide applicant with a copy of the criteria;**
- **Mrs. Kimmel and Family are to complete the research and evaluation and submit it for Committee's review;**
- **Once the research is submitted Committee will conduct a site visit; tentatively set for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

Committee member, Marie Poirier volunteered to do the by-law and assist the applicant's with the research.

**Chair Tapley advised the applicant's that the property does not need to fall into every criteria on the list, but it is Committee's objective and mandate to designate as much of the property as possible. Once the property has been designated, the applicant's can then apply for the Tax Relief Program; noting that the more property features that are heritage designated the more tax relief is applied.**

In closing, Chair Tapley thanked the applicants for their presentation and for bringing forward their property for Heritage designation.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **(a) Verbal Report re: Cultural Heritage Property Register**

**Tina Arbuckle, Youth Intern, Township of Lake of Bays presented Committee with the revised Cultural Heritage Property Register; noting the one committee member at a time would view the register at a time, starting with Barbara Paterson who would pass it along to the next committee member so as to reduce confusion and redundancies with respect to required changes.**

**Miss Arbuckle also presented maps that she had worked on with the assistance of Kelly Stronks of the Planning Department to identify properties on the register with corresponding numbers on the maps.**

### **(b) Verbal Report re: Doors Open Muskoka 2008**

**Kelly Haywood and Barbara Paterson presented the Doors Open brochures and posters and advised Committee that everything was organized for the event, with the exception of a few volunteers that were still being sought for various locations in Dorset and Dwight. Committee reviewed the invitation noting the following:**

- All Committee members were invited with a guest, please R.S.V.P. to Gunta Towsley, as soon as possible.**
- Event scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Bigwin Island on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. 2008, with ferry service starting at 3:30 p.m.**
- Jack Hutton will be playing piano.**
- Great opportunity to celebrate heritage in Lake of Bays.**
- Option dinner reservations afterwards**

**Chair Tapley noted to Committee that grant money from Muskoka Futures; has not yet been received; therefore, in the interim a cheque would be required for payment to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario for the launch and requested the Deputy Clerk to prepare a cheque requisition for her signature.**

**Committee asked Mayor Peake if she would bring Lake of Bays greetings to Bigwin Island during the Doors Open launch, with Chair Tapley providing a history of Bigwin Island.**

- (c) Verbal Report re: Historical Plaques

**Chair Tapley advised Committee that they have a volunteer who is doing historical research for the plaques. There are several parties interested in partnering with Committee on the historical plaques for North Portage and Gouldie Park and there will be a sub-committee of volunteers to prepare wording for the plaques.**

- (d) Verbal Report re: Previous Presentation by Alan Andersen - Old Saw Mill Site, Pell Lake

**Chair Tapley advised that this matter was progressing and Committee has been requested to work with Planning and the Applicant. The property in question will require a phase 2 study, which requires digging on the site, due to the Indian encampment.**

- (e) Verbal Report re: Ontario Visual Heritage Project

**Chair Tapley advised Committee that she and Barbara Paterson had attended the amazing preview of the Ontario Visual Heritage Project that would premier at the Algonquin Theatre on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**

- (f) Verbal Report re: Heritage Property Tax Relief Program Brochure

**Committee reviewed the brochure for final changes, which Chair Tapley will note and submit to Yvonne Aubichon, Deputy Clerk. Chair Tapley noted that the centre back picture was from a 1927 Tourism Brochure promoting Lake of Bays.**

## **7. DISCUSSIONS**

- (a) Discussion re: Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition Awards

**There were no new nominations brought forth by Committee for awards; however, Chair Tapley advised Committee that she still planned to put forth Mrs. Alice Alinson's name for nomination.**

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Mr. Paul White**

Chair Tapley advised Committee that long time resident Mr. Paul White passed away at age 105-years and that his family had kindly given Committee several boxes of historical artifacts to copy or to keep; such as, Tintype negatives, blue prints, crank telephone and his book.

### **Another Heritage Site Designation**

Chair Tapley informed Committee of her recent telephone conversation with Mrs. Mary Theobald who is interested in designating the Tea Room on Raynor Island as a heritage site.

**Chair Tapley will follow up with a written invitation to Mrs. Theobald to attend a summer meeting of Committee.**

**Bigwin Island – Rotunda**

The Rotunda has been torn down, but three (3) fireplaces are still standing. Bigwin has plans to incorporate special features of the old Rotunda building i.e. foundation and fireplaces into the landscaping with plaques to identify their historical value. Committee has been invited to visit the site and have been offered several items from the site by Bigwin representatives. Chair Tapley requested that Committee e-mail her if they are interested in a visit to the site at which point she will set a date.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Elizabeth Stewart – Letter to Stewart Family  
Re: Heritage Property Tax Relief Program (*to be distributed*)

**Chair Tapley was pleased to advise Committee that Mrs. Stewart was potentially interested in seeing a Heritage District designation of all the Stewart cottages.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 10/05/27/08**

**Harriet Muirhead and Mark McLean**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourns at 7:00 p.m. to meet again on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.**

**Carried**

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Chair

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Clerk