

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays  
Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
MINUTES**

There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee at 4:00 p.m., on June 24<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
Members of Committee	Harriet Muirhead Barbara Paterson Kelly Haywood Russ Nicholls
Deputy Clerk	Yvonne Aubichon
Administrative Assistant	Amanda Masulka

**Regrets**

Mayor	Janet P. Peake
Members of Committee	Mark McLean Marie Poirier

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m., on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by Chair Nancy Tapley. Chair Tapley noted the reason for a late start was the absence of a quorum. Those in attendance viewed slides of heritage properties in the interim.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #2/06/24/08**

**Russ Nicholls and Ruth Ross**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee Agenda dated June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried**

Chair Tapley welcomed Jackie Godard who expressed an interest in joining the Heritage Advisory Committee.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as circulated.

**5. DELEGATION**

Nil

**6. REPORTS**

**(a) Verbal Report re: Doors Open Muskoka 2008**

Kelly Haywood reported the following:

- Over one hundred (100) people attended Doors Open, official results would be presented at the next meeting.
- Event received great media coverage.
- Ms. Haywood requested feedback on how to improve the event for future years and suggested using tourism as next years theme; focusing on resorts.
- Chair Tapley said she knows of some resorts, but they've all been restored and renovated. Ms. Haywood felt it's not necessarily about the building, rather more about the Heritage of the building.

Chair Tapley noted that on the last page of the Agenda was an e-mail from Nanette Snel who enjoyed the event so much she requested the dates for next years Doors Open event.

Barbara Paterson thanked the Baysville Community Group and Ruth Ross for doing a great job. She recommended the Committee start planning as soon as possible for next year's event.

Chair Tapley suggested the Committee send a thank you letter to each Venue.

Yvonne Aubichon, Deputy Clerk suggested the thank you go into the ¼ page advertisement in the Huntsville Forester Newspaper. Chair Tapley agreed, but indicated she would still like to send a personal letter to each Venue.

The following highlights were noted from the event:

- There were approximately one hundred and twenty (120) people who went through the sights in Dwight.
- The consensus was that the Museum and Robinson's General Store in Dorset were seen to be public buildings; therefore, people could see them when it wasn't so crowded.
- Ms. Haywood and Mrs. Paterson asked the Committee for suggestions of sites to view for next year.

Chair Tapley opened the discussion about teaming up with Doors Open Muskoka for next year or if the project should be done in conjunction with Ontario Doors Open as Lake of Bays Doors Open. Harriet Muirhead would prefer Lake of Bays Doors Open.

Ms. Muirhead expressed her concerns that some things were not as organized as they could have been. Committee agreed that they would like to be more organized for Doors Open 2009.

Russ Nicholls commented on the fact that Dorset is "split down the middle" between Haliburton and Lake of Bays and asked if that made any difference with this Project. Chair Tapley said she believes that could be ignored for the purpose of Doors Open Lake of Bays, as there is a Shared Service Agreement.

Mrs. Ross asked Ms. Haywood if there was a cost factor if Doors Open was not partnered with Muskoka. Ms. Haywood insisted that before a decision is made, coverage should be looked at carefully and noted the following:

- The Event received great coverage in Muskoka as a result of partnering with the Muskoka group.
- If Lake of Bays Heritage Advisory Committee were not to do this Project with the Muskoka group, it would help in communication and organization of the Event.
- The Committee would not have received a grant nor have received as much media coverage if they had not been part of Doors Open Muskoka.
- The costs wouldn't have been as high, as they were in partnering with Doors Open Muskoka.
- Ms. Haywood then expressed her belief in working together as a District and the importance of promoting Muskoka as a whole.

- She suggested that the Committee look at the pros and cons before making a decision.

Chair Tapley pointed out that Doors Open 2008 budget costs were seven hundred (\$700) dollars and thought this was inexpensive. Therefore, she suggested the Event be held in partnership with the Muskoka group; however, Chair Tapley would like to know if Muskoka can look at doing staggered dates. Ms. Muirhead suggested they partner with Huntsville. Ms. Haywood thought the Committee should raise the budget for next year regardless of their decision because the Event was not advertised this year as much as the Committee would like to see.

**(b) Verbal Report re: Ontario Visual Heritage Project**

Chair Tapley advised that the Algonquin Theater was filled for this premier on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, plus people were watching on televisions in the Partners Hall.

Chair Tapley reported the film will be released to the public in the fall, as it is currently being translated into French. The interviews that were not included in the film will be put together in an archive package and made available to the Committee along with the transcript. The DVD will be available to purchase on the web for twenty (\$20) dollars and also available in libraries and schools.

**(c) Verbal Report re: Heritage Property Tax Relief Program Brochure**

Chair Tapley reviewed two (2) quotes for the Brochures.

- The only difference between each quote is the paper weight. Committee agreed they will stick with the lowest quote which was three hundred and fifty (\$350) dollars.
- Committee agreed they will only order five hundred (500) Brochures.
- Ms. Haywood suggested that the Brochure get posted on the Lake of Bays Website as a PDF file.
- Staff will arrange the printing of five hundred (500) Brochures.

**(e) Verbal Report re: Bigwin Site Visit**

Many of the Committee members have visited the Rotunda site with Dave Smith, who is the Project Manager at Bigwin. The Rotunda has now been demolished with the exception of three (3) fireplace chimneys from the building. They've also saved some of the foundation which will be incorporated into the landscape. The circular tea room will be restored and will be open to the public.

Remnants of the Rotunda such as the railings off of the porch, windows and doors from the building have been donated to the Committee. Chair Tapley asked for suggestions on where the items will be stored and how the Committee should dispose of them. i.e.) auction, etc. She spoke to Don Chevalier, CAO/Treasurer regarding a storage container to store the items. The storage containers can be purchased for approximately three thousand (\$3,000) dollars. Chair Tapley is currently awaiting a quote. Chair Tapley suggested they be stored on Township of Lake of Bays property as the items will fall under Lake of Bays insurance, etc. Arrangements to have the items transported and stored are underway. Ms. Haywood suggested the items get sold to fundraise for Doors Open events if they find a place to store them. Russ Nicholls suggested the items be sold separately to make more money. Chair Tapley will follow up regarding the cost of the container and if it works with the budget.

**(d) Verbal Report re: Designation of Kimmel Property**

Marie Poirier is working on the Designation By-law.

**(f) Verbal Report re: Dickson Property**

Dickson Property has been donated to Council. There will be a dedication plaque erected on the property sometime this summer in honor of the Dickson family.

There will be a public meeting in Baysville regarding the site. Council will schedule the public meeting as the property was donated to Council but noted Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee also has a vested interest in this property because of the attached park.

Ms. Haywood advised the Committee that there are grants that could be available for Commercial, non-profit use.

There were suggestions about asking Holmes On Homes to restore the building. The Committee agreed this could be an option. Also, Marc Jordan has expressed interest in contributing or helping restore the building.

**(g) Verbal Report re: Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition Awards**

This item was discussed at the previous Committee meeting. Chair Tapley updated the Committee that the applications have been submitted.

Chair Tapley advised that the Muskoka Heritage Foundation is seeking nominees.

There were discussions regarding who received awards last year.

- Township of Lake of Bays for the Development Permit – Protection of the shoreline
- Landscapes for the work done on the shorelines and natural heritage

Chair Tapley mentioned the nominees could be buildings or conservation and noted suggestions for nominees. The Committee finalized their decision for Chair Tapley and staff to submit the applications.

## 7. DISCUSSIONS

Nil

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Elizabeth Stewart –  
Re: Designation of Heritage Properties  
1196 & 1198 Dwight Beach Road**

Chair Tapley advised Committee members they've received a follow up letter from Elizabeth Stewart. Mrs. Stewart is applying for Designation of their buildings as Built Heritage; and for Designation of the Boyne Creek Wetlands as Natural Heritage.

The next step would be to invite Mrs. Stewart to meet with Committee about designating the properties. Chair Tapley would like to invite her to the July meeting and solicited the Committee's opinion about inviting the rest of the Stewart Property owners to the July meeting as guests. The Committee agreed.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Mrs. Paterson would like a Committee recommendation to Council to consider an Archive Site and the promotion of an Archive for the Lake of Bays District. Chair Tapley agreed. Ms. Haywood asked why the District and not just the Township. Mrs. Paterson advised Ms. Haywood it was because of the cost. Lake of Bays alone could not afford to hire an Archivist, plus a building, etc.
- (b) Mrs. Paterson provided a status report on the Heritage Property Register Database.
- The program has been repaired.
  - Some of the files need to be deleted and will have to be input again.
  - The program will be fine once the files are updated.
  - A volunteer has come forward to input the information.
- (c) Chair Tapley advised Committee members that herself and Mrs. Paterson will attend the Heritage Conservation Workshop in Bracebridge. They will bring a report back at the next meeting.
- (d) Chair Tapley received a phone call from a gentleman who is a Salvage Diver, who also sat on the Heritage Board of his own Municipality. He was asked to

do diving on Lake of Bays to find a boat. He also found some artifacts and asked if the Committee would be interested in them. Chair Tapley advised that yes the Committee would be interested.

They discussed the rules and proper documentation that needs to be completed prior to touching any of the items. Chair Tapley then spoke to Marine Conservancy of Canada who is working on this; possibly permits will be available. Chair Tapley asked for photos which the Divers can provide and they would like to donate their time. It is possible that the Fire Boat Committee would like to participate and have the Fire Boat on site. Chair Tapley will keep Committee members updated.

(e) Appoint Jackie Godard to the Heritage Advisory Committee

**Resolution #8(e)/06/24/08**

**Ruth Ross and Harriet Muirhead**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays recommends that Council accept the appointment of Jackie Godard to the Heritage Advisory Committee (Heritage Committee Member – Jackie Godard)**

**Carried**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 10/06/24/08**

**Ruth Ross and Russ Nicholls**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourns at 6:15 p.m. to meet again on July 22<sup>nd</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