

Heritage Committee Meetings Minutes – April 29th, 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 29th, 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 (<i>arrived at 4:29 p.m.</i>)
Members of Committee	Russ Nicholls
	Harriet Muirhead
	Barbara Paterson
	Kelly Haywood
	Mark McLean
	Marie Poirier
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Oesch

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m., on April 29th, 2008 by Chair Nancy Tapley.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution # 2/04/29/08

Barb Paterson and Kelly Hayward

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Committee Meeting Agenda dated April 29th, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 29th, 2008**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes for the Heritage Committee meeting held April 1st, 2008 were approved as circulated.

5. DELEGATION

Nil

6. REPORTS**(a) Verbal Report re: Cultural Heritage Property Register**

Chair Tapley asked Administrative Assistant, Kathy Oesch to provide a status report on the status of the register. Kathy indicated that the Youth Intern, Tina Arbuckle has updated the register and it is ready for proofing. Chair Tapley requested Committee members to proof the register.

(b) Verbal Report re: Doors Open Muskoka 2008

Chair Tapley circulated an insert booklet that appeared in the Globe and Mail, then turned the floor over to the Doors Open Committee to report on the status of this initiative.

Kelly Haywood and Barbara Paterson reported as follows:

- There are twenty-five (25) boxes containing fifty (50) Globe and Mail insert booklets to be distributed to hosts, sponsors, business locations, libraries and the Lake of Bays municipal office.
- The local Doors Open Committee has developed a brochure specifically for Lake of Bays that will be inserted in the main brochure outlining the history of the area and requested Committees review and feedback.
- Mrs. Paterson will e-mail a list to Committee of where these booklets can be distributed and feedback is also required on this list.
- Committee can invite one hundred (100) guests to lunch at the Doors Open Muskoka launch at Bigwin Island on Saturday, May 31st, 2008.
- Guest list to-date consists of:
 - Thirty-one (31) site owners and guests,
 - Eight (8) Artists,

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- Nine (9) Committee members
 - Four (4) Councillors or appointees,
 - Muskoka Lakes Council,
 - District Chair, Gord Adams
 - Tony Clement, MP, Parry Sound Muskoka
 - Norm Miller MPP, Parry Sound Muskoka
 - Minister of Culture
 - Muskoka Heritage Foundation Chair; and
 - Twenty (20) sponsors
- Ms. Haywood will forward the list to Committee members for perusal
 - Doors Open Committee is hoping that the Heritage Committee members will assist at interpret sites. The interpretation will be a prepared script.
 - Ms Haywood is looking at getting volunteers for the launch and reminded Committee that this is also meant to be a volunteer recognition event, so volunteers should be invited to the launch.
 - Mrs. Paterson will provide the volunteer list to Committee members for review. The event requires volunteers from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but can split the day. Some of the private homes will need volunteers. High School Co-op Students are a possibility.
 - Ms. Paterson is soliciting sponsor representation from each community along with items for the silent auction.
 - Invitations have been sent to Liz Lundel for preparation.
 - Train rides will be promoted at the Muskoka Heritage Place.
 - Information on how to make dinner reservations at Bigwin Island, if so desired, will be included in the invitation.
 - Overall the Committee is fairly happy with how the preparations are progressing to date.

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

Chair Tapley advised Committee that she spoke to the Dwight Lions Club, who in turn will speak with their board, but it appears that they are happy to partner with Committee on the Gouldie Park plaque. Mike Lowe has offered to assist Committee with the

wording and history for the plaque information. Another ratepayer group in Dwight is looking to partner as well.

Chair Tapley will call a special meeting to work on plaque wording as a sub-committee.

7. DISCUSSIONS

(a) Alan Andersen, re: Old Sawmill Site

Mr. Andersen distributed a handout regarding the built heritage on Pell Lake and advised Committee of the following with respect to the subject property:

- Purchased by Henry Field;
- In 1914 he built a small Saw Mill on the property;
- An accident occurred in 1915, which killed two (2) of Henry's sons;
- Stone foundation still exists;
- Excepts in handout which identifies area;
- Encampment of two (2) Indian families on the property;
- Supplied pictures, showing the property is fairly well intact and believes it would qualify as a heritage site in the Township;
- It is private property on Pell Lake, off Limberlost Road
- Requested it be added to the Heritage Register to see if it is worthy of protection;
- It is close to the waters edge and within the road allowance.

Chair Tapley advised that an application has been submitted to Planning for three (3) severed lots, the centre lot of which would include this property. An archeological study was requested on this because of the First Nation's encampment and the saw mill and the Heritage Committee is charged to work with the Planner and the Archeological Consultant through the process.

Can Committee designate the foundation so that it could not be demolished if the property were sold? The Committee can designate without getting the permission from the owner, but would like to work with the owner.

Committee determined the next steps as follows:

- Find out if it has heritage value,
- work with the consultant and Planner, as there may be something with the First Nation's encampment; and
- work with the owner to see if that specific piece can be designated.

Mrs. Poirier speaking as a Planner advised Committee that this will affect the property owner's shoreline. Will this be an impact on this property being so close to the water?

Chair Tapley will check this with the Planner and will be working with Mr. Hutchinson the owner.

Mrs. Poirier expressed an interest in also working with the Planner regarding this matter.

Committee agreed that this item was worth pursuing.

(b) Discussion re: Heritage Property Tax Relief Applications

Chair Tapley advised that the following inquiries have come forward with respect to the program:

- (i) **Wendy Kimmel, Rebecca Lake, Sinclair Ward**
Who is looking at the possibility of designating all of the buildings and putting the property into a conservation trust
Pictures were provided
This property is, a construction example, an era example and important person example, etc.
- (ii) **Mrs. Morrison who has completed a tax relief application but not a designation request; therefore, more information is required.**

Chair Tapley directed staff to send a letter to Mrs. Morrison asking her for proof that the property would meet the designation criteria and request further information.

Committee determined that a review of their website information was necessary.

- (iii) Elizabeth Stewart wrote regarding two (2) of the Stewart Cottages next to the Stewart Memorial Church. She understood that the cottages were already designated because they are listed on the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation and also listed in the Lake of Bays Official Plan.

Chair Tapley replied to Mrs. Stewart's request advising that the cottages are included on the cultural register, but that does not mean they are designated.

Chair Tapley noted that she has since received a call from an owner of another Stewart cottage who believes his cottage is

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designated and was requesting more information about the program.

Chair Tapley expressed her encouragement with respect to these contacts.

(c) Website

Chair Tapley read an e-mail from Mark McLean dated April 22nd, 2008 regarding wording and information relative to the Heritage Committee website:

Committee discussed how the information should be presented on the website, so that staff can make the required changes and follow through on the brochure.

Chair Tapley directed Mr. McLean and Mrs. Poirier to work together on defining the queries around provincial versus local criteria for the website information.

8. OTHER BUSINESS**(a) Brochures****Tax Designation Brochure**

Chair Tapley presented a very rough draft of the brochure to Committee; noting that “reduction: would be changed to “relief” and requested feedback from Committee.

Mr. McLean to provide pictures of the Wawa for inclusion on the brochure.

This matter is to come forth for further discussion at the next Committee meeting

Tax Relief Brochure

Chair Tapley reviewed all the wording for Committee to provide comments, as well as, the overall layout of the brochure.

Chair Tapley advised Committee that the brochure would be submitted to Ms. Arbuckle as draft two (2) for changes and requested that they forward their feedback to her as soon as possible.

Chair Tapley to forward the brochure to Mr. McLean electronically.

(b) Heritage logo

Deferred indefinitely

(c) Conservation Easements

Chair Tapley advised Committee that she would like to have Heritage Designation information, Tax Relief Information and Conservation Easement or Trust information available as a comprehensive handout for the public.

Mr. McLean to provide a brochure letter for the Committee explaining what an easement and conservation trust, etc.

(d) North Portage Plaque

Chair Tapley advised Committee that new owners of North Portage Inn were quite willing to have a plaque placed on Township property just outside the Inn, but was then approached by a member of the Peninsula Lake Association who advised that the Moffat Family owns the old railway bed across from the Inn and are interested in providing an easement where the Committee can place the plaque.

The plaque wording provided by the province was distributed for Committees perusal and subsequent feedback within the next week.

(e) Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition

Chair Tapley advised Committee that submissions are required by July, so Committee needs to discuss any names to be put forward in May. Chair Tapley noted that one of the names suggested to her was Mrs. Alice Allison who is responsible for the Veterans Wall in Dwight as a historic site.

Chair Tapley provided Committee with the various categories open for nominations and advised that she would be providing copies to Committee members.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 10/04/29/08

Kelly Haywood and Barb Paterson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 5:55 p.m. to meet again on May 27th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried.

Chair

Clerk

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