

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 6th, 2010
Minutes**

There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee held at 4:00 p.m., on April 6th, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Attendance

Chair
Co-Chair/Councillor
Members of Committee

Nancy Tapley
Ruth Ross
Mark McLean
Russ Nicholls
Kelly Haywood
Harriet Muirhead (*arrived at 4:15 p.m.*)
Jacqueline Godard
Rebecca Krawczyk
Penny McEachern (*arrived at 4:30 p.m.*)
Carrie Sykes

Deputy Clerk

Regrets

Members of Committee
Mayor

Marie Poirier
Janet Peake

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on April 6th, 2010 by Chair Nancy Tapley.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #2/04/06/10

Jacqueline Godard and Russ Nicholls

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee Agenda dated April 6th, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) Resolution #4(a)/04/06/10

Jacqueline Godard and Russ Nicholls

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes dated March 2nd, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

(a) 4:30 p.m.

Jeff Gabura

Lake of Bas Marine Museum

Re: S.S. Bigwin Steamship Restoration

Mr. Gabura provided the committee with an update on the status of the S.S. Bigwin Steamship Restoration project and noted the following:

- Tentatively scheduled July 15th, 2010 as the launch date;
- \$158,000 still left to fundraise;
- Hull completely finished;
- They have gone back to the original design;
- All mahogany interior;
- Galley, wheel house and washrooms are complete;
- Replaced steering to hydraulic as it is most reliable;
- Railing was built to today's code and is solid bronze;
- Steam engine restored and installed – bronze propeller shaft is new;
- Boiler is in production;
- Stand-by diesel generator for emergencies;
- Windows and doors should be in by the end of the month;
- Needs to sit in the water to get into final position (will settle);
- Little finish work left;
- Will operate as a pleasure boat – admission by donations;
- Bookings for birthday parties, weddings, etc for \$700 an hour;
- Boat will be fed by wood – less emissions – once out on the lake can feed a couple shovels of coal for more authenticity – more steam;
- \$110,000 to replace the boiler;
- On wharf, the main floor of the marine building will eventually go back to being a museum and the art gallery will be moved upstairs;
- Have received two glass cases for museum displays;
- Route will be to Bigwin Island and back during the day – no night time runs;
- Three crew members required to navigate the boat;
- Will eventually take down the old Claytons store for required parking;

- Will accommodate up to 32 people; and
- Will dock at the original dock on Bigwin Island for its inaugural trip and the Muskoka Condo Corporation has organized a party at the Indian Head Room.

It was noted that the original S.S. Bigwin would go out on the windiest days because it was 90 feet in width and better suited to handle the conditions as the S.S. Wanda would turn turtle and roll over.

Chair Tapley thanked Mr. Gabura for his presentation and advised that the committee would love to embark on one of the S.S. Bigwin tours once launched.

6. REPORTS

Nil

7. DISCUSSIONS

(a) Discussion re: North Portage Plaque

Discussion was held with respect to the proposed wording for the back side of the plaque, and the permission for use of certain lands. The committee reviewed the event detail timeline in preparation of the event. Staff advised that they were awaiting quotes.

(b) Discussion re: Historical Tour

Committee members, Councillor Ross and Penny McEachern presented a draft of the Dorset Walk-About (copy attached to these minutes) which includes 19 points of interest. It was noted that the Dorset Strategic Plan Committee is interested in participating in the creation and implementation of the Dorset Walk-About. Councillor Ross and Ms. McEachern will be presenting the same information at the April 14th Strategic Plan meeting.

Discussion was held with respect to distribution and mapping.

(c) Discussion re: Youth Achievement Nominations

Staff presented the nominations received for this year's Youth Achievement award and committee selected the 2010 recipient based on the criteria of the township policy.

Resolution#7(c)/03/06/10

Mark McLean and Kelly Haywood

WHEREAS the Youth Achievement Award nomination period for 2010 is now closed and the Heritage Advisory Committee has reviewed the submissions of this year's nominees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee **AWARDS THE 2010 Youth Achievement Award to Thomas Ransom** for his outstanding contributions to this municipality, demonstrated community involvement and tireless actions through his environmental conservation efforts with the Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Program that have resulted in positive benefits to this municipality.

Carried

Staff was directed to prepare correspondence to notify the recipient and Chair Tapley was to obtain the award funds for purchase of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate. A presentation will be scheduled for a Council meeting convenient to the recipient.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) Report re: Mansell-Kimmel designation plaque
- (b) Report re: Permission for North Portage plaque installation
- (c) Report re: Notice of Intention to Designate (Moffat – Korea Cottage)
- (d) Report re: Notice of Intention to Designate (Stewart – Cedar Chest Cottage)
- (e) Report re: Notice of Intention to Designate (Stewart – Cedar Chip Cottage)
- (f) Report re: Notice of Intention to Designate (Allen – Beacon Lodge)
- (g) Report re: Notice of Intention to Designate (Vichert – Barnaby Cottage)
- (h) Report re: Notice of Intention to Designate (Stewart – Pine Cone Cottage)
- (i) Report re: Development of On-line Heritage Register

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Beth Anne Mendes, Coordinator Plaque Programs, re: Approval of Local Marker for "Settlement of North Portage."

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution#10/04/06/10

Mark McLean and Rebecca Krawczyk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 5:40 p.m. to meet again on May 4th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dwight Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried

Chair

Clerk

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Draft Dorset Walk-About Map 2010

1. Dorset Parkette Mention Bobcaygeon Road plaque. Have lunch and a swim then walk south over the bypass bridge that was built in 1957. The piers are resting on sawdust from the MacKay sawmill. Stop in the middle of the bridge and enjoy the view of the channel that splits Dorset in two. Notice the little hump-backed bridge. (approx 10 minutes)
2. Turn west on Harvey Avenue and on your right will be the present day Moose B & B. Originally Angus MacKay's home was built on this spot, also on the reclaimed land over sawdust from the mill that started in 1894. (MacKay house history)
3. On your left is Clayton's barn, now a pottery studio, called ---- (approx. 5 minutes)
4. Knox United Church on your left started its life as a Presbyterian Church in 1894. Look for the plaque set into the stone wall that was rebuilt in 1994 that commemorates one of the original settler family members, Norm MacKay. It should be noted that if the weather was unfavourable on Sundays, then church services would be held on another day of the week.
5. By now you're at the bottom of Harvey Avenue. Continuing your journey on the left is Gregory Brand's Furniture. This house, the oldest in Dorset, was built in --
6. Follow the Main Street over "Pill Hill" so named because it was the site of Dorset's drug store, once owned and operated by Mr. Fisher. The building is no longer standing.

7. On your right is Mary Magdalen Anglican Church originally built in 1894.
8. Continuing south, on your right you will notice Warkentin's house that was originally Burk's boarding house.
9. Dorset Garage, on your right, was established in 1935 by Hiram Barry. Hiram was the first person to drive a car from Dorset to Bobcaygeon in 1909.
10. Another 5 minute walk will bring to the yellow Lockman House that was originally the Mickel & Diamond Lumber Company storage shed and office. Lockmans renovated the house with the intent to farm.
11. Continuing your walk on the right, have a short rest in Chimney Park and enjoy the view of Lake of Bays. The Park was maintained by the Women's Institute and originally offered change rooms for swimmers. It was named after the stone chimney that still stands today in the fire pit. (30 minutes)
12. Turn around now and start back into the village. At the bottom of Pill Hill on your left is the original Clayton's Store that now houses the Lake of Bays Navigation Society and Marine Museum – Home of the Bigwin boat. The smaller building on the dock was used as sleeping quarters for the captain and crew of the steamships that plied the waters of Lake of Bays in the 1930's and 40's.
13. You are now standing on the hump-backed bridge that was originally a floating bridge built in 1859. The first hump-backed bridge was built in 1914. If you go back down on the Bigwin side of the dock you can still see the mark where the SS Iroquois hit the bridge. Facing west is the main part of Lake of Bays and east is Little Trading Bay previously called Johnny Cake Bay. It is a local legend that the Shrigley family (one of the original settlers in the area) lived on Johnny cakes and maple syrup their first winter in Dorset.

14. You are still following the Old Bobcaygeon Road built in 1856 as a colonization road to open up the area. On your right as you leave the bridge is Robinson's General Store. There has been a general store or trading post on this site since 1859 when Francis Harvey traded goods with the Chippewa natives. The current owners, the Robinsons, have been operating a general store continuously since 1919.
15. To the left the docks under your feet have witnessed many changes in Dorset's history including the arrival of the steamships that encouraged tourism at the end of the logging era. The Northern D'Lights Ice Cream shop on the dock has been a storage building for the Mickel & Diamond Logging Company, a dance hall and a gift shop throughout its life.
16. Coming up the little hill from Northern D'Lights, on your left is Zachary's, the site of Zack Cole's house. Zack was Dorset's original farmer.
17. On your right past Robinson's parking lot is Clayton House (Ask Brad Robinson)
18. Walking on Lover's Lane (Main Street) past the skating rink or "Dorset Ice Palace", look up and get your first view of the Dorset Tower. At the base of the hill is the Dorset museum, housed on the original property of the Fire Ranger headquarters in 1932. The museum has many exhibits and knowledgeable guides so drop in here for a visit.
19. Standing at the door of the museum and facing the lake you can almost see your car at the parkette and the end of your walking tour of Dorset. Please visit us again! (estimated time 1 hour)