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City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee
Wednesday June 1, 2022
5:30 p.m., via Zoom

Present: Connie McCutcheon, Chair; Jessica La Hay, Vice Chair, Tom Higginbotham, Mary Adelle Patterson, Aldo Parrotta; John Mastroianni, City Council Liaison; Nicolas Aiello, Staff Representative; Nora Reid (Secretary/Treasurer, Researcher)

Guests: Elaine Anderson, Rose Dzugan

Regrets: Tia De Agazio, Mark Falovo

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chair Connie McCutcheon at 5:34 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chair read a statement recognizing the land we meet on as traditional territories of the Indigenous Haudenosaunee, Anishenaabe and Ojibwe (Chippewa) people of this area.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2022

Moved by Jessica La Hay, seconded by Tom Higginbotham, that the Minutes of the City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on May 4, 2022 be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Designation Ceremony for Feeder Canal Junction Lock Saturday May 14th and permanent sign at the road,

The Chair reported that she had sent thank you notes to the speakers at the ceremony. Secretary noted that it is difficult to find the entrance to the lock and suggested that there might be a permanent sign pointing to it installed on Prince Charles Drive south.

Action: Secretary will follow up with City and Region to find out how we would go about getting a sign

Cooks Mills War of 1812 Heritage Trail

Connie has compiled a list of locations. She reviewed the highway signs needed in Welland, along the way to and in Cook's Mills. Signs in Welland/Cook's Mills would be paid for by Committee. Not sure who would pay for highway signage at East Main and Shisler Road. Committee feels that local (Cook's Mills) signs should be done first. She

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reported that former City Councillor Dan Fortier would like to see a recognition plaque or sign at the Peace Garden for members of the War of 1812 Committee who established the Peace Garden.

Action: Secretary will investigate requirements for all signs on local and Regional Roads (East Main/Shisler, Doan's Ridge, Lyons Creek, Moyer; also for interpretive sign posts of the type already in place at the Main Street Bridge.

Peace Garden Signs

Secretary reported that Dolores Bujold sent corrections for the French translation which were forwarded to Adrian Rittner. Adrian's sister will make the necessary corrections to the sign templates. Asked if any corrections needed to the English version. Members had no corrections.

Action: Secretary will forward approval of English version to Adrian Rittner. Secretary will compose a thank you letter to Dolores Bujold Wright.

Committee discussed possible honorarium for Adrian Rittner's sister.

Moved by Jessica La Hay, seconded by Tom Higginbotham, that Committee give Adrian Rittner's sister an honorarium of \$150 for her work on the Peace Garden signage. Carried.

211 Church Street

Researcher N. Reid reported that she had not yet received a response re: site visit. Jessica will accompany Nora on a site visit when it is arranged.

Action: N. Reid will follow up with owners of 211 Church Street

Additions to List of Properties Not Yet Designated for Clerk's Office

Chair noted that it was decided to submit these additions to the Clerk's Dept. in June and December. Committee discussed whether to ask the city to add 349 Ridge Road to the List on an urgent basis as it is no longer being researched for designation. It was suggested that the owner may not wish to be included on the list at this time.

Action: Chair Connie McCutcheon will compose a formal letter to be sent to the owner to see if she wishes her property to be added to the list. If no response, she will reach out informally. If owner is agreeable, Committee will request that the City add this property to the list as soon as possible.

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Staff Advisor Nicolas Aiello noted that the City Staff is currently reviewing the large list already submitted and would find it difficult to process additions at this time.

Replacement Plaques for Canal Construction Mural and Worker's Monument

Chair has signed the contract to have these plaques made.

Aqueduct Designation

Staff Advisor Nicolas Aiello reported that the Bylaw is scheduled to be passed at the June 7th meeting of Council and there will be a waiting period for possible objections for one month.

Committee determined that the plaque for the Aqueduct will be aluminum and discussed where it should be located. Committee felt it should be more visible than the historical plaque that is already there and would like to have it located at top, possibly in a manner consistent with Main Street Bridge where the plaque is located on a stone and there is a post with QR code and access to interpretive/historical info. Chair felt all Welland Canal sites should be consistent. Members would like to have a historical interpretive sign as well in addition to a post with QR code. Rose Dzugan referenced the large wooden sign erected for the old rail corridor at Thorold Road.

Action: Members will look at the site.

Secretary will investigate costs with City Parks and Recreation and or Public Works for placing plaque on rock and erecting post similar to Main Street Bridge site, also for costs spent for interpretive railway sign at Thorold Road across from Food Basics and will forward these to Committee.

Central Fire Station Committee update

N. Reid updated the Committee on restoration work at the Fire Hall and reminded them they are welcome to come through at any time. Please contact her or Tia to arrange. CSEI is currently still working on infrastructure – heat, light and water. Major exterior work this summer will be restoration and repointing of brickwork.

Other Business/New Business

Update of Operating Bylaw and Addition of Council Liaison

Information was received from the City Clerk indicating that Councillor Mastroianni was not formally appointed to this Committee as a Council representative as this position is

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not part of the Committee's current Operating Bylaw. The Secretary noted that a few years ago the Committee drafted a proposed updated Bylaw but this was never forwarded to the City. The Secretary forwarded the draft Bylaw update to Committee members.

Action: Secretary will revise draft Bylaw to reflect appointment of both a Council Liaison and a Staff Advisor to the Committee and circulate to Committee. Committee members will review the proposed Bylaw and discuss at the September meeting.

Designated Property for Sale: Informing designated property owners of requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act

A portion of the Morwood House, a designated property, is up for sale. This is semi-detached. Online photos indicate that some changes have been made to designated elements inside the side that is up for sale, which is the oldest part of the building. The Committee discussed how to get information out to designated property owners about what needs to be preserved under their Designation Bylaw.

Nicolas Aiello stated that changes in property ownership only go through finance rather than planning. The Secretary noted that recently notices were sent out to all designated property owners through the Clerk's Dept. and that historically the Committee has been working to educate real estate agents about making sure that potential buyers know the property is designated and are aware there is a Bylaw that places restrictions on the property. Councillor Mastroianni noted that we have come a long way with the real estate agents but perhaps the Building Dept. should be reminded. Secretary suggested perhaps some publicity on City website home page i.e. "Did you know...?"

Action: Staff Advisor Nicolas Aiello will reach out to finance. Secretary will contact other Heritage Advisory Committees to see how they handle this issue and report at September meeting. Chair and Secretary will work on getting a notice up on the City website.

Change to Start Time for Committee Meetings

Moved by Mary Adelle Patterson, seconded by Jessica La Hay, that the Committee move the start time of the meetings from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Carried.

In person Committee meetings

Secretary reported that there are no current restrictions on in person meetings at City Hall.

Moved by Aldo Parrotta, seconded by Jessica La Hay, that the Committee begin meeting in person at City Hall in September. Carried.

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Action: Secretary will book a meeting room for the regular Committee meetings in advance for the next year.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Mary Adelle Patterson, seconded by Tom Higginbotham that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried.

Correspondence

Secretary circulated a list of correspondence received and sent between May 4th and May 31, 2022. Committee members had no questions.

Motion to Adjourn by Aldo Parrotta at 6:49 p.m.

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3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2022

Moved by Tia De Agazio, seconded by Jessica La Hay, that the Minutes of the City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on April 6, 2022 be approved. Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Cooks Mills War of 1812 Heritage Trail

Connie reported that she had posted the surveys on the Cook's Mills Facebook page and had received much more engagement than with the paper flyers. There is a house in Cook's Mills that once belonged to a member of Butler's Rangers (Loyalists from Revolutionary War) and she will follow up with this. The Pearson family has information about businesses that existed in Cook's Mills in 1812. This information will be used to help determine locations to be marked along the Trail. Aldo Parrotta suggested that there could be a Bell Box with an 1812 theme.

Peace Garden Signs

Secretary reported that Dolores Bujold is checking the French translation. As soon as this is done, the templates for the signs will be forwarded to the City Parks Department so new signs can be made and installed by them.

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Action: Secretary will follow up with D. Bujold

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Committee discussed whether new properties can be added to this List they submitted, specifically 349 Ridge Road, which was not included in the original list as it was being researched for possible designation. Owner has now asked the Committee not to pursue the research. The Chair noted that conversations with Cook's Mills property owners could add other properties. Council Liaison Mastroianni suggested gathering a few to send in to the Clerk's Dept. at the same time. Secretary suggested doing this submission every six months. The Committee decided to prepare a list of additions to be submitted to the Clerk's Dept. in June and December.

Replacement Plaques for Canal Construction Mural and Worker's Monument

Secretary N. Reid reported that Kirkpatrick Stoneworks have been instructed to manufacture these aluminum replacement plaques.

St Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church – Committee Tour

Father Jaroslaw (Jerry) Lazoryk will lead the Committee on a tour of the Church Thursday May 5th at 7p.m. Everyone welcome. Individual members may wish to donate to relief for Ukraine but no donation will come from the Committee itself as this would not be an appropriate use of City funds.

Aqueduct Designation

Staff Advisor Nicolas Aiello reported that the Notice of Council's Motion to Designate will be published tomorrow. The waiting period for objections is one month. As this is City property no objections are expected, however, the Council can vote to pass the designation even if there are objections.

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Central Fire Station Committee Tour; update

N. Reid updated the Committee on restoration work at the Fire Hall and reminded them they are welcome to come through at any time – please contact her or Tia to arrange. Mary Adelle suggested that the Committee go in a group this fall. Jessica suggested September would be the best time for her.

Designation Ceremony for Feeder Canal Junction Lock Saturday May 14th , 1 p.m.
Corner Broadway and Highway 58 next to Dog Park

The Secretary reported that she had reserved the Welland Museum Community Room for the reception after the ceremony and obtained costs for sandwich, fruit, veg and dessert trays for the reception at three places: Evelyn's Sandwich Shop, Sweet Treats by Melanie and Zehrs. The Committee decided to support local businesses by purchasing a sandwich tray from Evelyn's for \$130.00 and fruit, veg and dessert trays from Melanie for \$192.07. The Secretary will purchase tablecloths, napkins, cups and cold drinks.

Action: Jessica and Mary Adelle will help pick up trays and set up at the Museum before the event, Connie and Tia will assist with clean up afterward.

Action: Secretary will order refreshments, purchase drinks, etc. and find out if there are any Covid restrictions at the Museum.

Moved by Jessica LaHay, seconded by Mary Adelle Patterson, that Secretary Nora Reid be authorized to spend up to \$400 for refreshments for the event. Carried.

Moved by Mary Adelle Patterson, seconded by Jessica LaHay, to approve payment of \$100 to the Welland Historical Museum for the rental of their Community Room for four hours on May 14th. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported that she had picked up the cheque for this year's Operating Grant from the City in the amount of \$14,108.00 and deposited it at Pen Financial.

Moved by Jessica LaHay, seconded by Aldo Parotta that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried.

Correspondence

Secretary circulated a list of correspondence received and sent between April 5th and May 3, 2022. Committee members had no questions.

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Motion to Adjourn by Tom Higginbotham at 6:28 p.m.

Approved