



## **Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)**

A special meeting of the Essex Municipal Heritage Committee was held on

Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM via Virtual Zoom Meeting.

"The EMHC is the resource base for information and knowledge for Council, administration and the community on all matters of heritage"

### **1. Roll Call**

Present:

Laurie Brett, Chair

Richard Kokovai, Vice Chair

Phil Pocock

Laurie Brett

Richard Kokovai

Laurie Kowtiuk

Anthony Paniccia

Joseph Lucas

Councillor Steve Bjorkman

Also Present:

Rita Jabbour, Staff Liaison

Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary

Corinne Chiasson, Assistant Planner

Regrets:

Claudette Gauthier

Members of the Public:

Anne Marie Grant, Resident

Sherry Bondy, Councillor

Kevin Money, Essex Region Conversation Authority

Kris Ives, Essex Region Conservation Authority

Danielle Stuebing, Essex Region Conservation Authority

### **2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

### **3. Adoption of Published Agenda**

- a) That the published Agenda for Thursday July 9, 2020 EMHC Special Meeting Agenda is adopted as amended:

- i. Moved by Phil Pocock

Seconded by Richard Kokovai

**(EMHC-2020-07-12)** that the County Road 50 Sign By-law Review be discussed for information purposes under New Business and be made item 9.2.

**"Carried"**

ii. Moved by Phil Pocock

Seconded by Anthony Paniccia

**(EMHC-2020-07-13)** that the Agenda be adopted with the amendments.

**“Carried”**

#### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

- a) That the Regular Minutes from the Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 EMHC Regular Meeting be adopted.

Moved by Laurie Kowtiuk

Seconded by Richard Kokovai

**(EMHC 2020-07-14)** That the regular minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular EMHC Meeting, be adopted

**“Carried”**

#### **5. Public Presentations**

None.

#### **6. Unfinished Business**

#### **7. Reports from Administration**

None.

#### **8. Correspondence**

None.

#### **9. New Business**

##### **9.1 Site Plan Application: John R Park Homestead (915 County Road 50 East)**

Rita Jabbour advises the members that there is a Site Plan application (SPC-02-20) set to be presented to Council at the August 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting with regards to the John P Park Homestead and their proposed Heritage Centre.

Rita advises that Kris Ives of the John R. Park Homestead would like to do a presentation for the Committee members with regards to the proposal.

Moved by Phil Pocock

Seconded by Richard Kokovai

**(EMHC-2020-07-15)** That Kris Ives be able to present on the proposal at the John R Park Homestead under item 9.1.

**“Carried”**

Ms. Ives presents on the proposal.

Rita advises the members that 915 County Road 50 East is a designated parcel under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA). She states that due to its designation, the owner is required to get approval from Council for any alterations that will impact the heritage attributes of the property as set out in the designation bylaw. She

explains that the Council can only make their decision after consultation with the Heritage Committee.

She advises that the Committee will need to make a recommendation with regards to the application.

Kris Ives advises the members that the proposed Heritage Centre will help alleviate some of the pressure on the historical buildings. She states that the park sees roughly 18,000 visitors per seasons. One central location reduces foot traffic, wear and tear, and vibration on the current structures. She advises that the centre will also serve as a class room, a warming shelter and a cooling shelter during the changing seasons for visitors. She states that the Heritage Centre will also allow the park to host a larger capacity of student to during field trips.

Richard Kokovai states that he believes the Heritage Centre will be a good asset to the property.

Joseph Lucas states that he is opposed to the Heritage Centre and states that it will in fact deteriorate the heritage value of the property. He states that newer structures should not be introduced to keep with the existing heritage features.

Laurie Brett states that she believes the Heritage Centre has been well considered by the Essex Region Conservation Authority and will provide a learning centre for students as well as allowing visitors to the park to remain a bit longer during the various seasons.

Phil Pocock questions the parking area that is off site from the main facility on the opposite side of County Road 50. He questions if it will remain as a gravel parking area.

Kris Ives, Essex Region Conservation Authority, states that the overflow parking lot is traditionally a dirt parking lot, however, gravel has been placed for resurfacing. She states that at this time, there will be no additional features added to the overflow parking as they are currently pursuing paved parking in the main parking location to allow for more accessibility to the park.

Moved: Richard Kokovai

Seconded: Anthony Paniccia

**(EMHC-2020-07-16)** That the Essex Municipal Heritage Committee supports the proposed alteration at the John R Park Homestead to allow for the construction of a new heritage centre.

**“Carried”**

## **9.2 County Road 50 Sign By-law Review**

Rita Jabbour, advises that By-law 1350 regulates the location and types of signs within the districts of the Town of Essex. County Road 50 specifically is becoming a large tourist destination, popular for cyclist, heritage and winery enthusiast. It's a very unique area with mixed uses, agricultural, commercial and residential.

She states that within By-law 1350 the Town does not have any specific provisions with regards to signs along County Rd 50. She explains that administration would like to ensure they are balancing the interest of residents and businesses in the area. She states that a public meeting will be held on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 via Zoom to address this matter.

She states that residents along County Road 50 East and West were notified of the meeting and encouraged to attend and submit their survey to administration. She continues to state that residents within the Town of Essex that do not reside along County Road 50 were also encouraged to attend the public meeting and fill out the survey through the [www.essex.ca](http://www.essex.ca) website, Facebook page, and other media outlets.

Richard Kokovai states that he understands that the current sign by-law survey is only to gather information so administration can determine the next course of action.

Rita states that the questions on the survey are geared towards Pole Signs and Electronic Media signs and to determine if there is a desire for these types of signs along County Road 50. She states that they will only present the survey findings at the Public Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> and wait for Council's direction at the meeting to either draft a new Sign By-law, amend the current By-law or leave it as is.

Phil Pocock explains to the members that he was looking for a possible resolution or recommendation from the Heritage Committee with regards to the Sign By-law review that could be brought to Council at the Public Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Bjorkman advises that the meeting with regards to the Sign By-law will transpire on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and should anyone want to participate they can do so by contacting the clerks department and request to be in attendance and a part of the discussion.

He states that the discussion at this meeting is only for information purposes.

## **10. Notices of Motion**

## **11. Adjournment**

Moved by Anthony Paniccia

Seconded by Laurie Kowtiuk

**(EMHC-2020-07-17)** That the meeting be adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date** September 24<sup>th</sup> TBD at 5 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary