



Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)

Thursday, November 26th, 2020 - 5:00 PM

Location: Electronic Zoom Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Present: Laurie Brett, Chair
Richard Kokovai, Vice Chair
(Lost internet connection at 5:41 pm)
Laurie Kowtiuk
Claudette Gauthier
Councillor Steve Bjorkman

Also Present: Rita Jabbour, Staff Liaison
Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Anthony Paniccia
Phil Pocock

Absent: Joseph Lucas

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 That the published Agenda for Thursday November 26th, 2020 EMHC Regular Meeting be adopted

Moved by Richard Kokovai

Seconded by Laurie Kowtiuk

(EMHC-2020-11-26) That the published agenda for the November 26, 2020 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee regular meeting be adopted with the following amendment:

1. Agenda Item 6 h) be moved to Agenda Item 6 a).

"Carried"

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 That the Special Minutes from the Thursday October 29th, 2020 EMHC Regular meeting be adopted.

Moved by Councillor, Steve Bjorkman

Seconded by Richard Kokovai

(EMHC 2020-11-27) That the special minutes from the Thursday October 29th, 2020 Regular EMHC Meeting be adopted as circulated.

“Carried”

5. Public Presentations

None.

6. Unfinished Business

h) Heritage Week 2021- ongoing

Rita Jabbour, states that the Committee was tasked with coming to administration with a theme for 2021 Heritage Week and asks if any members have a suggestion. She advises that administration has a suggestion that the theme be the lost settlements of Essex. She states it would be a theme that could be inclusive of the cultural history within the Town of Essex.

Laurie Brett, Chair states that the theme would be a good one to depict the cultural roots within the Town such as the indigenous, Portuguese, African-American, Irish, English, French, and the many others that encompass the Town.

Alex Denonville, Communications Manager states that he has been working on the Virtual 360 of some historically significant locations within the Town of Essex. He advises that St Clements Church, Colchester South House, Essex United and John R Park Homestead are a few of the locations that he has photographed.

He shows the committee a preview of the layout of the proposed website.

Councillor Steve Bjorkman, states that this is a great initiative to give residents a way to explore historically significant sights within the Town that they may have not otherwise been able to visit.

Alex states that he would like to committees assistance with pointing out particular historically significant artifacts in the photos to provide for a more interactive experience for the user.

a) Greater Marketing and Public Education about Heritage– Ongoing

b) Cemeteries –ongoing

c) Listing –ongoing

Rita advises the members that Ferris and Huffman cemetery owners have been contacted and advised of the interest in listing the properties. She advises that the owners have not contacted herself to oppose the listing process. She advises that she

will move forward with a report to Council with the recommendation to list both the Ferris and Huffman Cemeteries.

d) Heritage Designation and Interpretive Plaque Program – ongoing

Rita states that she would like to determine what plaque unveilings the committee would like to see in 2021. She states that there were multiple unveilings planned in 2020 and would like to get those completed in 2021.

Laurie Brett, Chair states that given the current COVID-19 circumstances that the committee should wait to discuss this item on the agenda under a more certain time is had within the community.

e) Reports to Council

f) Studies and Master Plans – on going

g) Friends of the Colchester Schoolhouse – Ongoing

h) Heritage Week 2021- ongoing (**MOVED TO TOP OF AGENDA**)

i) Charles Maedel Commemoration Project –ongoing

j) Heritage Walking Tour and Digital Component

Rita advises the members that Alex and Kevin Houf the GIS technician is currently working on the heritage walking tour and the tour will be tied to the 2021 Heritage theme.

k) Batten Schoolhouse and Iler Schoolhouse – ongoing

l) Cultural Master Plan – Ongoing

m) Historically Significant Name Registry – Ongoing

Laurie Brett, Chair encourages members to research some historically significant residents of the Town of Essex and provide their research to the committee in the New Year. .

7. Reports from Administration

None.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. New Business

9.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2021 Committee Season

Councillor Steve Bjorkman, states that quorum has been lost the vote for Chair and Vice Chair should wait until the first meeting in January 2021.

Laurie Brett, Chair agrees and states that the vote for the 2021 Committee season will be done at the January 28th meeting.

10. Notices of Motion

11. Adjournment

Moved by Laurie Kowtiuk

Seconded by Claudette Gauthier

(EMHC-2020-11-28) That the meeting be adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

12. Future Meeting

January 28th, 2021 at 5:00 pm Location: TBD

Chair

Recording Secretary