



Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)

Minutes

Thursday, January 28th, 2021 - 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”

Present:	Laurie Brett, Chair
	Richard Kokovai, Vice Chair <i>(Lost connection at 5:34pm)</i>
	Anthony Paniccia
	Phil Pocock <i>(Left the meeting at 6:09pm)</i>
	Laurie Kowtiuk
Also Present:	Rita Jabbour, Staff Liaison
	Alex Denonville, Communications Manager
	Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services
Regrets:	Claudette Gauthier
	Joe Lucas
	Councillor Steve Bjorkman
	Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary
Member of Public	Perry Basden

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declaration of conflict of interest noted at this time

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 That the published Agenda for Thursday, January 28th, 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Meeting be amended to allow for Mr. Perry Basden of Heritage Colchester to be a delegate and added to item 5. Public Presentations on the Agenda to address item 6.7 regarding the Friends of Colchester Schoolhouse
Moved by Richard Kokovai

Seconded by Laurie Kowtiuk

(EMHC 21-01-09) That the published agenda for the Thursday, January 28th, 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted as amended
Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 That the Minutes from the Thursday, January 14th, 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Special Meeting be adopted.

Moved by Richard Kokovai

Seconded by Anthony Paniccia

(EMHC 21-01-10) That the minutes of the Thursday, January 14th, 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Special Meeting be adopted as circulated.
Carried

5. Public Presentations

5.1 Perry Basden, 70 Harrison Street

Perry Basden provided the members with an update regarding the Friends of Colchester Schoolhouse. He advised that the group has chosen the name Heritage Colchester to allow for other opportunities for heritage preservation should they arise in the future. He advised that he is the president of the group with 5 board members. They have been in contact with the Ontario Historical Society to incorporate. He advises the members of the phased plan for the schoolhouse should Essex Council approve them to conserve the property. He advised that they have a domain name heritagecolchester.com and a Facebook page.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Greater Marketing and Public Education about Heritage– Ongoing

Rita advised the members that Heritage Week 2021 will be held February 15th to February 21st 2021 and that there will be many opportunities to market Heritage Week and events.

6.2 Cemeteries –ongoing

6.3 Listing –ongoing

Rita provides an update on the Huffman and Ferriss Cemetery Listing. She advised that a report was being prepared with the recommendation for listing will be on the February 16th Regular Council agenda.

Rita advised that she was approached by a resident to list the property at 388 CTY RD 50 East “The Little Family House”. The resident provided cultural significant information regarding the property. The Homestead is a heritage residence prior to 1820. Captain John Little was the original owner he was in the American revolution.

The residence was moved back from the cliff edge as there were fears that it would go into the lake. She stated that he was an important name in the area, he holds the distinguished honour of hosting the first church service in Colchester. She advised that more information is required to validate its cultural significance. She asked the committee if they would recommend she contact the current owner to invite them to a committee meeting to discuss listing the property due to its cultural value.

Laurie Brett, Chair stated that she would like the current owners to attend the committee to discuss the property and the heritage value.

Rita advised that Chris Carter advised her of this property she stated that she will invite him to the next committee meeting to discuss further.

6.4 Heritage Designation and Interpretive Plaque Program – ongoing

6.5 Reports to Council – on going

6.6 Studies and Master Plans- on going

6.7 Friends of the Colchester Schoolhouse – Ongoing

Laurie Brett provided a summary of Council's decision on the Colchester Schoolhouse matter at the Regular Council meeting that was held January 18th 2021. She stated that she brought forward the three motions the Heritage Committee discussed at the January 14th meeting for Council's consideration. She advised that these motions were tabled and will be considered when the Special Heritage Meeting Minutes are presented on a regular council agenda for adoption. She advised that Council has at this time deferred the decision to sell the subject property to a later date.

Lori Chadwick, advised the members that the offer from the proposed developer has been extended until March 15th 2021.

Laurie Brett requested clarification from administration on what the offer being extended between Council and the proposed developer means for the grass roots group Heritage Colchester with regards to the schoolhouse.

Rita advised that Mr. Basden should proceed to the February Regular Council meeting with the updates on progress of the Heritage Colchester group.

Anthony Paniccia asked why the subject property for the Colchestser Schoolhouse was to be sold.

Lori Chadwick, advised that-Council on January 18th 2021 deferred the decision to sell and the proposed purchaser has agreed to defer the sale.

Anothny questioned if the property ever had a for sale sign on the property for the general public to purchase and if the proposed purchasers approached the town knowing the property was for sale to purchase.

Lori advised that the Surplus Lands By-law allows for the sale of any subject

property that is owned by the Town of Essex. She advised that the Clerks Department would have further information regarding the By-law. However, she advised that everything was done within the boundaries of the by-law. She stated that the subject property has been owned by the Town of Essex and that anyone with interest in the property could approach the Town for a further discussion. Laurie Brett advised that the Heritage Committee at the January 14th meeting passed a motion to amend the surplus By-law with regards to heritage properties as the committee and members of the public feel heritage properties should receive public and committee consultation before declaring them surplus..

6.8 Heritage Week 2021 – on going

Rita advised members that Heritage Week is February 15th to February 21st. She advised that there will be two speakers, Chris Carter and Elise Harding-Davis with regards to the lost settlements within the Town of Essex.

Elise will be focusing on the lost cemeteries within the Town of Essex and Chris Carter will be focused on the content of his books the lost settlements in Essex. She stated they will be on Zoom over YouTube on February 17th and February 18th. She advised that youth participation this year will be minimal if any. She stated that colouring books will not be distributed with crayons due to COVID restrictions and the High School was unable to do any submissions due to the Hybrid school year.

She advised that she received four (4) nominations for the Heritage Preservation Awards.

The nominations are as follows:

Chris Carter for his many books of detailing of the past and involvement in HEIRS
Bill Gay for his efforts to save and fundraise for the Essex Train Station.

Elise Harding Davis an advocate for black history and designating BME cemeteries
Perry Basden interest in collective Heritage strong voice for Colchester preservation.

The committee agreed that all four nominated individuals should receive the preservation awards.

6.9 Charles Maedel Commemoration Project –ongoing

6.10 Heritage Walking Tour and Digital Component – ongoing

Alex Denonville reviewed the Heritage Virtual Tour layout with the Committee members. He advised that he would appreciate the assistance from members to pin point specific heritage value items within a room or on a building to describe so that residence viewing the 360 can point on a the specific item and gain some background information on the item.

6.11 Batten Schoolhouse and Iler Schoolhouse – ongoing

6.12 Cultural Master Plan – Ongoing

6.13 Historically Significant Name Registry – Ongoing

6.14 Century Farms

Rita advised that she contacted the Junior Farmers and she is waiting to hear back from them.

Laurie agreed to contact HEIRS while waiting for Junior Farmers to contact Rita.

Rita also advised that she will be doing a Facebook post regarding Century Farms and requesting any community information on them.

7. Reports from Administration

None.

8. Correspondence

9. New Business

9.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2021 Committee Season

Committee to elect a chair and vice chair for the 2021 committee season.

Deferred due to loss of quorum.

10. Announcements

11. Notices of Motion

12. Adjournment

Moved by Anthony Paniccia

Seconded by Laurie Kowtiuk

(EMHC 21-01-11)That the meeting be adjourned at 6:41p.m.

Carried

13. Future Meetings

Thursday, February 25th, 2021 at 5:00 PM Location: Electronic Meeting via Zoom

Chair

Recording Secretary