



Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)

## Minutes

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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:	Anthony Paniccia, Vice-Chair Richard Kokovai, Committee Member Joe Lucas, Committee Member Laurie Kowtiuk, Committee Member Perry Basden, Committee Member
Also Present:	Rita Jabbour, Staff Liaison, Manager Planning Services Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary / Planning Assistant
Regrets:	Councillor Steve Bjorkman, Committee Member Laurie Brett, Chair Phil Pocock, Committee Member
Absent:	None

### 1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

### 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted at this time.

### 3. Adoption of Published Agenda

#### 3.1 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Agenda for October 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

##### EMHC21-10-26

Moved by Member Basden

Seconded by Member Kowtiuk

**That** the published agenda for the October 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Regular Meeting, be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

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

##### **4.1 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

##### **EMHC21-10-27**

Moved by Member Basden

Seconded by Member Kowtiuk

**That** the minutes of the Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Regular Meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

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

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

##### **6.1 Greater Marketing and Public Education about Heritage– Ongoing**

Vice Chair Paniccia stated that the Arts Culture and Tourism committee utilizes Google Maps to showcase the Essex Murals. He stated that this would be a good way to promote, cemeteries, listed and designated properties and plaques through out the Town of Essex.

Rita, Staff Liaison stated that she will contact Trevor Martin and discuss further.

Member Kowtiuk stated that Essex and Community Historical Society (ECHRS) will be hosting an Open House November 6<sup>th</sup> between 10 am to 3 p.m.

Vice Chair Paniccia recommended that the event be posted by the Town of Essex.

##### **6.2 Cemeteries –ongoing**

##### **6.3 Listing and Designating Properties and Heritage Districts –ongoing**

Rita advised the members that Scott Plancke, Heritage Student did research on the feasibility of 195 Bagot Street (Colchester School House) being provincially designated.

She stated Section 34.5 of the OHA allows the Minister to designate any property within a municipality as property that is provincially significant. The property needs to meet at least one of the criteria set out in the regulation.

If designated, the Owner of the property must obtain consent from the Minister to carry out alterations and they cannot carry out any demolition or removal of a building or structure on the property, whether it would affect the property's heritage attributes without consent from the Minister.

If an application for alteration/demolition is received, the Minister is only obligated to consult with the Trust and not the Municipal heritage committee. The Minister may delegate approval authority to alterations/demolitions to the Trust or Town Council.

Member Kokovai stated that he has concerns with the province having control over a local asset and the local municipality no longer being able to make decisions. He continued to state that if there is no monetary gain to designating the property provincially, he sees no need.

Rita stated that the concerns are viable. She stated she will contact the province to determine if the province would delegate authority to council and / or the Heritage Committee with regards to alterations and she will investigate other benefits to designating provincially.

Member Kokovai stated that there are two Farmhouses just outside Harrow Centre. He stated that one dwelling is at 2585 County Road 20 East and that the other dwelling is on the north side of County Road 20 East across from the Agriculture Research Centre.

He stated that these two properties have architectural value. He stated that these two dwellings are slated for demolishing and recommends Administration investigate listing the dwellings to ensure they are not demolished.

Rita advised that the two properties are owned Federally, and she stated that she will contact them to determine if there is a possibility at salvaging the dwellings. She will advise that the November meeting of her findings.

#### **6.4 Heritage Designation and Interpretive Plaque Program – ongoing**

Rita advised the members that the Essex Town Centre plaque will be erected in front of the Municipal Building (33 Talbot Street South) on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She stated that all members will be invited to attend.

She stated that the McGregor plaque was circulated to the Committee for their recommendations. She advised that the Marsh Collection will be assisting with collecting information regarding the St Clements and the early School History.

#### **6.5 Reports to Council – on going**

#### **6.6 Studies and Master Plans- on going**

#### **6.7 Heritage Week 2022 – on going**

##### **6.7.1 Committee to discuss Heritage Week 2022 themes**

Rita advised the members that no themes were suggested by committee members prior to the meeting. She stated that Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary recommended Stories of the Past as the 2022 theme of Heritage Week. Rita advised that this theme could be all encompassing of all the local history such as Indigenous, Portuguese, Polish, Irish, French, and many others. Vice Chair Paniccia stated that the theme was a good and recommended that the theme for 2022 be Stories of the Past.

6.7.2 Committee to discuss bursary requirements prepared by Anthony Paniccia

Vice Chair Paniccia stated that he is preparing the bursary requirements and will send them to the members and administration to review once completed.

**6.8** Charles Maedel Commemoration Project –ongoing

**6.9** Heritage Walking Tour and Digital Component – ongoing

**6.10** Batten Schoolhouse and Iler Schoolhouse – ongoing

**6.11** Cultural Master Plan – Ongoing

**6.12** Historically Significant Name Registry – Ongoing

**6.13** Century Farms – Ongoing

Rita advised the members that administration is working on mapping out the Century Farms within the Town of Essex. She stated that the document received listed 91 Essex County properties with only 15 Farms potentially listed in the Town of Essex, however two (2) are confirmed within the Town. She stated that administration would like to prepare a mapping system of all century farms within the Town. She stated that administration will provide clarity at the November meeting on the amount of registered century farms. Member Basden recommended that the members when driving through the Town of Essex look for the Century Farms Signs and note the property address to provide to administration.

**6.14** Cultural Heritage; Indigenous History – Ongoing

Vice Chair Paniccia recommended that this item be discussed when Chair Brett returns in November.

## **7. Reports from Administration**

## **8. Correspondence**

## **9. New Business**

## **10. Notices of Motion**

## **11. Adjournment**

### **EMHC21-10-28**

Moved by: Member Basden

Seconded by: Member Kowtiuk

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 5:55 PM

## **12. Future Meetings**

November 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 5:00 pm Location: Electronic Meeting via Zoom