



Essex Municipal Heritage Committee (EMHC)

Minutes

Thursday, January 27 2022 - 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
Anthony Paniccia, Vice-Chair
Richard Kokovai, Committee Member
Councillor Steve Bjorkman, Committee Member
Laurie Kowtiuk, Committee Member
Perry Basden, Committee Member
Phil Pocock, Committee Member
Jaqueline Baldwin, Committee Member

Also Present: Rita Jabbour, Staff Liaison, Manager Planning Services
Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary / Planning Assistant

Absent: Joe Lucas, Committee Member

1. Call to Order

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Agenda for January 27 2022

EMHC22-01-01

Moved by Member Basden

Seconded by Member Councillor Bjorkman

That the published agenda for the January 27 2022 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Regular Meeting, be adopted as amended to remove item 5.4. Community & Youth Heritage Preservation Award Winners and replace with Heritage Significance of Sports Field Property.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes for October 28th, 2021

EMHC22-01-02

Moved by Member Kokovai

Seconded by Member Basden

That the minutes of the Thursday October 28th 2021 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee Regular Meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. New Business

5.1 2022 Heritage Committee Meeting Schedule

EMHC22-01-03

Moved by Vice Chair Paniccia

Seconded by Member Councillor Bjorkman

That the 2022 Heritage Committee Meeting Schedule be adopted as amended with the February meeting to be held on the 17th February instead of the 24th.

Carried

5.2 Heritage Committee Members

Rita introduced and welcomed the newest member of the Heritage Committee, Jaqueline Baldwin. She stated that she is a member of the Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society (HEIRS) and was welcomed as an asset to the Committee.

5.3 Communications Manager

Rita advised the members that the newest Communications Manager is, Marc Tortola. She stated that he will be assisting in this years Heritage Week Facebook Post, media releases and assisting with other events planned for February 21st to the 25th.

5.4 Heritage Significance of New Sports Field Property

Chair Brett advised that the new sports field was once owned by John Milne. Milne operated his saw mill on the adjoining property. She stated that when naming the park, Council could consider naming it after John Milne who was also the first Mayor of the Town of Essex in 1890. Councillor Bjorkman, stated that naming of parks and facilities at times can be left for those who assist financially with the project, however that doesn't mean all items within that park or facility are required to be named after the donor. He stated example: Libro Park, with a Milne Sports Complex. He continued that there could also be a mural done at the park of Mr. Milne, and that the Arts, Culture and Tourism committee could investigate doing this at the location.

Vice Chair Paniccia stated that before the Committee recommend naming any historically significant members that a thorough background check be done. Chair Brett agreed and it was determined that a process should be determined for recommending historical members with a thorough review. Councillor Bjorkman stated that the committee would recommend a historical member to Council through administration and that Council and administration would do the thorough review.

6. Election Chair / Vice Chair Committee Season 2022

6.1 Election of Chair

EMHC22-01-04

Moved by Anthony Paniccia
Seconded by Perry Basden

That Laurie Brett be nominated for the position of the Chair of the Heritage Committee effective January 2022.

Carried

6.2 Election of Vice Chair

EMHC22-01-05

Moved by Laurie Brett
Seconded by Richard Kokovai

That Anthony Paniccia be nominated for the position of the Vice Chair of the Heritage Committee effective January 2022.

Carried

7. Public Presentations

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Greater Marketing and Public Education about Heritage– Ongoing

8.1.1 Committee to discuss any marketing or public education opportunity

Councillor Bjorkman advised that things have been closed due to the mandates and that once things open there may be an opportunity for public education and marketing in the coming months.

8.1.2 Committee to be updated on Essex Murals being uploaded to Google Maps.

Rita advised that she is working with Marc Tortola the Communications Manager to get the Plaques on Google Maps, she stated that once complete she will attend the Committee with it.

8.2 Cemeteries –ongoing

8.3 Listing and Designating Properties and Heritage Districts –ongoing

Rita advised the members that at the October meeting they discussed the benefits of Designating the Colchester School house provincially and reminded them that there are no provincial grants, however there are municipal grants that can be utilized by the Colchester School house.

Member Basden stated that the Heritage Colchester Committee will be reviewing the benefits of Provincial Designation and the only concern would be the decisions on any renovations. He stated that they would prefer authority be delegated to the municipality instead of speaking with the province when doing renovations on the schoolhouse. He advised he will review and advise later on the Provincial Designation.

8.4 Heritage Designation and Interpretive Plaque Program – ongoing

8.5 Reports to Council – on going

8.6 Studies and Master Plans- on going

8.7 Heritage Week 2022 – on going

8.7.1 Committee to review the Bursary Application for Heritage Students and the Riddle for students Grade 6 to 8.

Rita advised the members that the Bursary Application has received a few requests from the public. She advised that the submission date is March 10th 2022 at 4: 30 p.m.

She requested that the Committee provide a Riddle for students Grade 6 to 8 to complete during Heritage Week February 21st to 25th 2022. Winner will be provided with a pizza party when the Health Unit directives permit.

8.7.2 Committee to discuss Heritage Week Theme and Activities

Rita advised the members that the Theme for 2022 is “Stories of the Past” she stated that administration has contacted the High Schools, Essex and Kingsville requesting materials from the Youth for the Youth preservation award. She said that stakeholders and youth in the community have also been contacted and administration has requested their stories of the past.

Member Baldwin asked if stories from families would be accepted.

Rita advised that they would be welcomed and encouraged.

Member Baldwin advised that she would advise HEIRS members.

Member Basden advised that there is a member of Heritage Colchester that was a teacher in 1964 and has stories of the schoolhouse. He stated he will gather the information and pass it on to administration.

Rita advised the members that CTV news will be doing a broadcast regarding Heritage Week 2022 in Essex.

Member Kokovai stated that Essex High School is one of the oldest in Windsor Essex and suggested that we put a call out to the public for their stories of the High School experience.

Chair Brett stated that would be a great to obtain Harrow High and Essex High stories of the past.

Chair Brett recommended to Member Baldwin and Member Kowtiuk to put an email out to their members to request stories from both Harrow and Essex High.

Rita advised the members that this year's colouring book is completed. She stated that the Catholic Board has decided to submit the book digitally to students and that the Public Board will be provided physical copies. She advised it will also be available on the website www.essex.ca/Heritageweek

Chair Brett thanked Sarah Aubin for putting the colouring book together and administration for making Heritage Week a meaningful event.

8.8 Charles Maedel Commemoration Project –ongoing

8.9 Heritage Walking Tour and Digital Component – ongoing

8.10 Batten Schoolhouse and Iler Schoolhouse – ongoing

8.11 Cultural Master Plan – Ongoing

8.12 Historically Significant Name Registry – Ongoing

8.13 Century Farms – Ongoing

Rita advised that there is only one residence that is identified as a Century Farm in the Junior Farmers of Ontario registry. She noted that there have to be more century farms in Essex and she will be contacting the Essex County Federation of Agriculture for their input.

Member Kokovai noted that many farms have been in the hands of the same family for 100 plus years. Once we obtain more information, he recommended that we start a program that recognizes Century Farms, either by plaque or award.

Vice Chair Paniccia stated that we could also recognize businesses that have been running for 100 plus years as well.

8.14 Cultural Heritage; Indigenous History – Ongoing

Member Basden noted that he has a newspaper article with regards to an indigenous woman that is buried at Christ Church. He offered to scan it and send it over to administration.

9. Reports from Administration

10. Correspondence

11. Notices of Motion

12. Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chair Paniccia

Seconded by Councillor Bjorkman

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:06 PM

Carried

13. Future Meetings

Meeting February 17 2022 at 5:00 pm Location: Electronic Meeting via Zoom