

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held an electronic meeting on May 1st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Ralph Moore, Todd McIntosh, Kristine Pedicone, Dennis Scace (6:37p.m.) and Douglas Read, also present was Kaitlin Chessell, Heritage Advisory Committee Secretary and Becky Cunnington, Administration and Finance Assistant. Vice-Chair Tracey Webber and Member James McLean were absent. Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Moore shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Moved by Pedicone, Seconded by McIntosh that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Pedicone that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 3rd, 2023 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1. Interview Questions for One Room Schoolhouses

Members were reminded to send in their interview questions to be compiled for the next meeting to be reviewed. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

2. New Dates from Laura Camilleri for Research Visit to the Museum of Dufferin

The dates were discussed, and it was decided the Committee would go to the Museum on June 6th or 8th 6pm-8pm. These dates will be suggested to the two absent members to see which works best for them and then it will be booked. It was discussed that if members cannot make it, the rest of the Committee can show them how to do research at a later date.

3. Heritage Plaque Application from Marvin Bookman – Date for Plaque

Discussions with Mr. Bookman have been ongoing about the year the house was built and a date cannot be agreed upon. The Township system indicates that the house was built in 1913 and Mr. Bookman believes it was built in 1901. He sent in documents that he has for the house but none of the documents indicated specifically that the house was built in 1901. The Committee advised that we need accurate information before we put a date on the plaque, and the system will be the most accurate. Staff were directed to reach out to MPAC about where the data in the system comes from that indicates the house dates. Staff was directed to offer Mr. Bookman the following options: the year 1913 can be put on the plaque as the construction date, he can spend more time researching and can reach out to the Dufferin County Museum and they may have information for his property, or we can refund his money, but we cannot put an inaccurate date on the plaque. It was discussed that if Mr. Bookman wants to proceed with ordering the plaque, we would like to ask him if the Committee could present it to him at Melancthon Day.

4. Brainstorming Roundtable

It was discussed that we had two people reach out that attended one room schoolhouses in Melancthon, and Member Pedicone is going to reach out to them about conducting interviews, as one person is a relative and the other went to the schoolhouse she is researching. It was discussed that after we are done focusing on one room schoolhouses, we could look at historical accomplishments in the Township. Chair Moore advised that he is going to prepare a small write up for the Dundalk Herald regarding the Committee looking for information about one room schoolhouses in Melancthon.

5. Other/Addition

None.

6. Unfinished Business

1) Review Information on One Room Schoolhouses Provided to Chair Moore from Member of the Public and Information from the Museum of Dufferin's Website

This was discussed under General Business Item #4.

2) Discussion Surrounding a Bursary for the History Department at CDDHS

This was deferred to the next meeting.

3) Feedback from Member McLean on his Contact at CDDHS and any Feedback about Student Involvement in Committee Research

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Recommendations to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Pedicone that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

7:45 p.m. - Moved by Read, Seconded by McIntosh that we adjourn this Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to meet again on Monday, June 5th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY