



HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held Monday February 23, 2015 at 2:15 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT: Mary Watson
Nancy Ludlow
Rod Reynolds
Lindsay Neale
Paula Chomiak
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk
Bonnie Smith, Councillor

ABSENT: Marilyn Beecroft

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PRECUNIARY INTEREST – None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – January 26, 2015

Moved by L. Neale, Seconded by P. Chomiak Res No. 2015-02-01
RESOLVED THAT the Historical Advisory Committee minutes of January 26,
2015 be accepted, as presented.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Historical Appreciation Award – L. Neale is drafting the guidelines. Presently, the award will be based on culture (Land or Building) or a person (contributing to the history of Wasaga Beach) – Presentation of the Award should coincide with the Municipal Volunteer Recognition Day in February.
- b) Simcoe County Grant – T. Nicholson has been informed by the County that the original grant of \$5,000 was issued in 2012 and directed to the Wasaga Beach Heritage Advisory Committee; the County now feels that too much time has lapsed and as the County is now under the direction of a new Council, they asked that the funds be returned to the County and that a new application be made for any future projects.

The Clerk will arrange for the money to be returned. L. Neale will start the process of researching and applying for a new County Grant for the Historical Advisory Committee projects, specifically, the interpretive signs.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

Beck Square update: T. Nicholson investigated the maintenance problem with Beck Square and the Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation advised that a major clean-up was completed last fall and direction has been communicated to staff to ensure the grounds and landscaping is properly maintained.

b) Council Update

Councillor Smith discussed the naming of the area lying just west of the Main Street Bridge to maintain the historical significance of Playland and the area.

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by R. Reynolds Res. No. 2015-02-02
THAT the Historical Advisory Committee recommends that the property known as "Festival Square" at Main St. be formally named "Playland Square" and the stage within Playland Square be named "Festival Stage" to maintain the historical significance of the property.
CARRIED

Councillor Smith explained the Friends of Nancy Island would be carrying on with their annual Siege, but on a much smaller scale.

c) Marlwood Golf Course interpretive sign

The Committee expressed concerns about the possibility of bankruptcy of Marlwood Golf course and the probability of the historical clubhouse being demolished. If an interpretive sign was to be placed at Marlwood, it could be put on the boulevard in front of the Clubhouse.

Other suggestions for interpretive signs were suggested such as the oldest church, beach, building, shop, tree or an event.

d) Meeting Dates

Concern was expressed that the minutes are reaching Council with information two or more months behind. The Clerk explained that the Historical Advisory Committee currently meets the fourth Monday of the month and with the change in the General Government schedule to the third week of the month, this put the Committee at least two months behind reporting to the General Government Committee. The Committee discussed and changed its meeting dates to the 1st Monday of the month.

The minutes should only be one month behind on this schedule. It was noted that there are no meetings for December, July and August.

Moved by P.Chomiak, seconded by L. Neale Res. No. 2015-02-03
THAT the Historical Advisory Committee meet on the first Monday of the month at 2:15 pm and can be amended from time to time.

CARRIED

The Committee agreed to meeting on March 2, 2015 to review the February 23rd minutes only in order that they be put on the March General Government Committee agenda.

e) Road Renaming

The Clerk explained that Council has noted as an immediate priority to rename an existing road as “Peacekeepers” or “Veterans Way” with the suggestion to rename Powerline Road. There was a general discussion regarding the renaming of Powerline Road as to any historical significance to the road. Mary Watson reported that Powerline Road was created as a feeder road for hydro coming off of Hwy 26 to the old substation that was located on the river across from Pizza Dee’s. It was also once proposed to put a 3rd bridge there but that never went through. She was of the opinion that there is no historical significance to the name “Powerline” and doesn’t believe anyone lives along there, so an address change would have minimal effect on property owners.

Moved by R. Reynolds, Seconded by L. Neale Res. No. 2015-02-04
THAT the Historical Advisory Committee recommends to Council the renaming of “Powerline Road” to “Veterans Way” as there is no historical significance to the name Powerline Road.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS - none

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 2, 2015

Meetings scheduled: April 13/15; May 4/15; June 1/15; September 7/15; October 5/15; November 2/15

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.