

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held Monday October 5, 2015 at 2:15 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT: Mary Watson, Chair
Lindsay Neale, Vice Chair
Rod Reynolds, Secretary
Nancy Ludlow
Bonnie Smith, Councillor
George Vadeboncoeur, CAO

ABSENT: Marilyn Beecroft
Paula Chomiak

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PRECUNIARY INTEREST – none

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Moved by R. Reynolds, Seconded by L. Neale Resolution 2015-10-01

RESOLVED THAT the Historical Advisory Committee minutes of June 1, 2015, be accepted, as circulated.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Simcoe County Grant

The Committee was advised that the grant has been approved by the County and is part of the Town's budget. The CAO will contact the County to obtain the details. We can work on the contracts for the design, construction and installation of the Marlwood Sign. Estimators need to be aware Council has the final approval.

b) Historical Significance and Appreciation Award Program

Council has approved the programme. The interview with a member of the press did not happen as the Committee was in hiatus for the summer. The call for nominees must be posted in the local newspaper by October 16 with a closure of November 2. The Committee will review the nominees at our November 9 meeting and send our recommendation to Council on December 2. The awards night is in February, 2016.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff Update

The CAO will be filling in for the Town Clerk until a new Clerk is hired. The advertisement for the Town Clerk position closed today.

b) Council Update

B. Smith noted the dilemma of Council with the Dardanella which was part of the recent Beach One land purchase. The CAO advised that there is a fire wall separating the restaurant from the dance hall. The Dard needs a sprinkler system for fire safety and the dance hall portion also needs a roof beam repair. The estimate of the repairs begins around \$500,000 and the question is whether we spend money on repairs or demolish and replace it. It is to be discussed at a future Council meeting. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was made:

Moved by L. Neale, Seconded by N. Ludlow

Resolution No. 2015-10-2

RESOLVED THAT this committee has concerns with the historical significance of the Dance Hall portion of the Dardanella and its future as part of the redevelopment of the beachfront. Therefore, this Committee would appreciate the opportunity to provide comment as to the future of the Dardanella prior to a decision being made.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

a) R. Reynolds spoke about attending the "One Room School House" seminar on June 15, 2015, presented by the Springwater Heritage Committee. It was free, fun and educational. He is of the opinion that this Committee should host our own with a possible theme of post cards or the presence in the past of the OPP during the summer months.

b) There was discussion concerning the method of holding meetings in July, August and December as opposed to taking a hiatus as is normally done. The CAO advised that the Committee should pass a resolution the month before the desired unscheduled meeting if they wish to have one.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.