

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held Monday June 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT: Mary Watson, Chair
Lindsay Neale, Vice Chair
Rod Reynolds, Secretary
Nancy Ludlow
Marilyn Beecroft
Andrea Fay, Clerk
Bonnie Smith, Councillor

ABSENT: Art Dyer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by M. Watson at 2:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PRECUNIARY INTEREST – none

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Moved by N. Ludlow, Seconded by M. Beecroft Resolution 2017-06-01
THAT the Historical Advisory Committee minutes of May 1, 2017, be accepted as amended. It was noted by L. Neale that Art Dyer was absent and Joe Belanger was a guest.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - none

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Our walk through the Dard was interesting. We will wait until A. Dyer presents his report before we continue with the discussion.

b) Interpretive Signs – M. Beecroft advised that she & Mary have picked out the pictures and text for the signs together with the location, namely the back of the garden near the Main Street Bridge. The materials will be sent to the sign developers shortly.

c) Tourist Event – Canada 150 – No meetings have taken place to date. It would be nice to have a booth at the event.

d) HAC awards - L. Neale hosted the event and did a fine job. The awards were greatly appreciated. Lillian Cook received a standing ovation during her acceptance for the Cook Farm.

e) Grant Writing Workshop – N. Ludlow attended the workshop and said it was an excellent lesson in writing grant applications.

f) Archives – M. Watson noted they are always looking for volunteers to run the Archive gallery at the library, but she wants someone local with a good background knowledge of the area. They have decided to close from January to May as very few people attend. The items have been removed from upstairs storage at the old fire hall and are now locked in a room downstairs where they are dry and safe. There are enough items to fill the classroom. A tour by this committee will not work as the Archive room is quite small, but individuals can come to visit anytime with notification through Mary to open the room.

g) Historical Pictures – The Committee reviewed the pictures on the screen and M. Beecroft and M. Watson explained the background to them. There are 5 panels. Each panel is 4 feet by 8 feet with a sunless sunset over the beach as the background. Each panel has a different theme, namely Staying in Style, Buried Treasure, Bathing at the Beach, No Room for my Towel, and Sandy Trails. The Town will hang them on the Playland Parking Lot fence by Canada Day. The cost is about \$800 per panel.

Moved by R. Reynolds, Seconded by N. Ludlow

Resolution 2017-06-02

THAT the Historical Advisory Committee approve the Historic Poster Signs to be attached to the fence at Playland.

CARRIED

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) History Day Open House Committee – L. Neale, A. Dyer and N. Ludlaw had a meeting with Brenda Dyer, Bing Jowett and Joe Bickerstaff. They set a date of September 30, 2017 from 11 to 4 at Marlwood Golf Club or the RecPlex. They are working on venue prices at this time and are planning for 500 guests. They referred to the old History Open House “The Way Wasaga Was” at Waterside. They need more help, a website and a sponsor.

Moved by N. Ludlow, seconded by M. Beecroft

Resolution 2017-06-03

THAT the Historical Advisory Committee provide the History Day Open House Sub-Committee a budget up to \$2000.00

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff Update – The Clerk advised that we have a new Treasurer and a Parks Director. She has received a donation of a small Post Card collection and turned them over to M. Watson.

b) Council Update – B. Smith reported there is lots of painting happening. The exterior of the Dard is one project and volunteers are painting “sandals” at the crosswalks. A mural is coming to the Big Splash wall. There are paintings a wall for a background for tourist photo shoots. The Committees for the Hospital, High School and the Casino are active.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

a) The written memoirs of Rita Shaw Cook regarding the Cook Farm and family history was given to L. Neale. Ms Cook died in 1904 at 103 years of age.

b) Saving/restoring the Cook farm buildings.

c) Fred Klausner of the Marlwood Homeowners Association has requested to attend as a delegation regarding the possibility of designating the Marlwood Clubhouse as a Historical Site.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 10, 2017

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.