

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held Monday, June 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT: Lindsay Neale, Chair
Mary Watson, Vice-Chair, Archivist
Robbie Broad, Secretary
Marilyn Beecroft
Alex Noble
Art Dyer
Jen Martin, Records Manager & FOI Coordinator
David Foster, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by L. Neale at 2:02 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PRECUNARY INTEREST – None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Moved by D. Foster. Seconded by A. Noble. Resolution – 2019-0601
THAT the Historical Advisory Committee minutes of May 6, 2019, be accepted.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Interpretive Signs – War of 1812 Landing Site and History of Wasaga Beach Schools
M Beecroft noted that Fontasy has the panels in their production line with a four week estimate. Locations have been approved by Public Works and Ontario Parks. Fontasy will do Line locates and hopefully will complete the work by the end of the month.

b) Marlwood Sign Relocation – L. Neale met with Andrew Lapensee at the Marlwood parkette and the location was selected. Sign will be relocated by public works. R. Broad will take picture once complete. This item will now be removed from the Agenda.

c) Walking Tour Brochure – M. Beecroft provided copies of brochure. It was suggested that they not be provided to local businesses or places of interest until such time as the two new panels are installed. D. Foster noted the importance of having them out by Canada Day weekend. Suggested locations where they could be picked up included:

- Town office
- Library
- Chamber of Commerce

- Archives
- Hotels
- Skull Island

Committee members were encouraged to come up with other ideas about where the brochures could be available. M. Watson suggested the brochure be promoted on the Town's website with interested businesses contacting J. Martin. M. Beecroft announced that, due to other commitments, she would be stepping away from Committee after her Interpretive Sign and Walking Tour Brochure projects were completed.

- d) Historical Significance and Historical Appreciation Awards – L. Neale reported that the awards ceremony went well and that the recipients were quite happy. She requested that the Minutes note two things about the awards in the future:
- 1) That no member of the Historical Advisory Committee or member of Council be eligible for an award;
 - 2) That the application be amended to ensure that specific details about nominees be included.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doors Open Simcoe County – R. Broad noted that he had reached out to M. Watson and A. Dyer about items related to Communications that could be used that weekend. L. Neale provided a list of items from the Santa Fe that had previously been used for our Committee's school presentation. She also noted that Archives Head Volunteer, Sharon Bloomfield was willing to assist the Sub Committee in choosing items from the Archives for display during the event. M. Watson noted that she was concerned that Archive items may go missing. L. Neale stated that both members of the Doors Open Simcoe County Sub Committee as well as several HAC Committee members would be in attendance to ensure any items on display during the event would be protected.

Archives – A. Noble reported that one of the top priorities would be to get a more accurate handle on inventory and have it itemized electronically. A discussion ensued surrounding technological issues at the library. Other items discussed included:

- Hours of operation and potentially opening on weekends in the summer
- Searching for more volunteers with proper knowledge
- Possible purchase of display cabinets
- Potential trips to look at other archives or museums
- Training of library staff

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Correspondence - The Committee received thanks from the Marlwood Homeowners Association for our help in getting the Interpretive Sign relocated as well as from the daughter-in-law of Dr. McGavin for trying to locate his former office.
- b) Playland Park Carousel – Art Gordon, co-owner of the carousel, was in contact and wondering about the town's interest in having the carousel returned to Wasaga Beach. Mr. Gordon stated that the horses presently being used are not original, and that the carousel is currently in Port Dover. He indicated that he has some of the original horses

and is considering having a local woodworker's group do some restoration. The Committee discussed, and is supportive of returning the carousel, if authenticity can be determined, to the Town. It was suggested that John Robertson, from Albion Amusements, might be a good resource person for the Committee to contact regarding this matter. L. Neale will follow up and will discuss the next steps with Councillor Foster.

- c) Wasaga Under Siege – M. Beecroft indicated that in the past this was a two-day event. This year, as a result of Discovery Harbour holding its Grand Tactical the week before, it will be a one-day nautical themed event called Ships and Sails. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults and children will be free.
- d) Budget – L. Neale indicated the Committee has used its budget for the year.
- e) Staff Update - J. Martin had nothing to report.
- f) Council Report - D. Foster discussed Council's recent library tour (Georgetown) and how the process of building a new library was progressing. He indicated that Council was aware of the importance of history, art and culture to a small town.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – None

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

July 8, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

August 12, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.