

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held Monday, August 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
In the Classroom. Town Hall

PRESENT: Lindsay Neale, Chair
Robbie Broad, Secretary
Alex Noble
Mavis Clarke
Jen Martin, Records Manager & FOI Coordinator
David Foster, Councillor

Absent: Mary Watson, Vice Chair, Archivist
Art Dyer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by L. Neale at 2:00 p.m.

The Chair introduced the newest member of the committee, Mavis Clarke, and introductions were made.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Moved by D. Foster - Seconded by A. Noble. Resolution 2019-08-01
That the Historical Advisory Committee minutes of July 8, 2019 be accepted.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

It was announced that the expected presentation from George Potopnyk was cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Interpretive Panel Files

D. Foster noted that he has touched base with former Committee member, M. Beecroft, regarding the particulars and will report at our next meeting.

b) Playland Park Carousel

L. Neale stated that she had reached out to Art Gordon but had not heard back. William Gordon had invited the committee to view the carousel but has not provided a date. She will attempt to contact the Gordons again and will report back to the Committee.

c) Heritage Walking Tour Brochure

It was reported that the Walking Tour Brochure initiative is going well. The Library has restocked its brochures and M. Clarke reported that she went on the guided walk provided by Nancy Island and that it was well presented.

d) Budget for Submission to Council

The committee reviewed the 2020 Budget Request to Council prepared by L. Neale. D. Foster described the budget process. A discussion ensued about the role of the Committee and it's interaction with the Archives. The Budget Request was agreed to by the Committee.

Moved by A. Noble - Seconded by R. Broad. Resolution 2019-08-02

That the Historical Advisory Committee 2020 Budget Request be accepted as amended to include a Contingency Fund of \$300.00

CARRIED

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doors Open Simcoe County – R. Broad noted that he will have the required application into Simcoe County by the August 15th deadline. He will touch base with local businesses about providing light refreshments. It was decided that it will not be necessary to include items from the Santa Fe collection as there were enough artifacts available from the Archives for this project. Discussion ensued about the possibility of having a walking tour included at some point during the day. A. Noble agreed to contact Nancy Island to see about the availability of any of their staff to conduct the tour.

Archives – A. Noble noted that 336 items have been catalogued and photographed representing over 100 volunteer hours. It is anticipated that the items in the storage facility will be inventoried by the end of September. An example of the new inventory was provided to the Committee for review. She reported that a new volunteer is now working at the Archives and there has been an increase in visitors thought to be due to the increased hours and advertising on social media. It was felt that M. Gennings should continue to promote the Committee and Archives via the Town Facebook and Twitter pages. A further request for new volunteers has been sent out by the Town Volunteer Coordinator. M. Clarke expressed interest in becoming an Archive volunteer. L. Neale added that the current Archive volunteers should be commended for their many years of service and their commitment to preserving the history of Wasaga Beach.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Community Inquiry – L. Neale indicated the Committee had received a request via the Library from George and Helen Greig about Riverview Villa. M. Watson is investigating and L. Neale will reach out to other sources to see if any further information is available.

b) Single Use Plastics – The committee was reminded that single use plastics are no longer permitted at Town Hall.

c) Heritage Research Project – L. Neale discussed the idea of doing research projects about iconic persons/places that have had a significant impact on the Town history.

She noted that if the Committee was to research several topics to share every year with the community it would be an ideal way to promote the past. She explained that on completion of each project, the Library could be approached in regard to hosting a historical presentation. The newspaper could also be contacted in the event that they felt that the topic might be of interest to the community. Town resident, G. Potopnyk, had previously put forward the idea of researching the TD Bank as it was thought to be the first bank in Wasaga Beach. D. Foster volunteered to take on this project in tandem with the community member, as he was once employed at TD and was familiar with the Bank and some former staff.

- d) **Staff Update** - J. Martin presented a UN Flag that had been left with her to donate to the Committee.
- e) **Council Report** - D. Foster noted that he had done an interview on CTV News about the Heritage Walking Tour.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – None

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

September 9, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.
October 7, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.