

MINUTES OF THE LAIRD HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE LAIRD TOWNSHIP BOARDROOM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shawn Evoy, Colleen Orr, Suzanne Evoy, Linda MacDonald

REGRETS: Beth Bruce

SECRETARY: Jennifer Errington

Council Representative Shawn Evoy opened the meeting with a brief update on discussions Council has had to date regarding the Heritage Committee's request for a museum, as the original museum building was rented by the Municipality and has since been sold. Council investigated renovating the Knox Church to be used as a museum, however, it has determined that this would not be feasible.

Routine Matters:

ON MOTION (No. 01-23) Moved by Suzanne Evoy, seconded by Colleen Orr
"That the Heritage Committee appoints Shawn Evoy as chair." **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 02-23) Moved by Shawn Evoy, seconded by Colleen Orr
"That the Heritage Committee appoints Suzanne Evoy as Recreation Committee Seat Representative." **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 03-23) Moved by Linda MacDonald, seconded by Suzanne Evoy
"That the minutes of August 25, 2022, be approved as presented." **CARRIED**

Delegations and Presentation:

ON MOTION (No. 04-23) Moved by Colleen Orr, seconded by Suzanne Evoy
"That the Heritage Committee received the Recreation Terms of Reference as presented." **CARRIED**

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

The historical designation of the Knox Church was discussed. The committee needs to decide if they will continue to pursue the designation process. Linda MacDonald volunteered to do research on the designation process and present it to the committee at the next meeting.

The committee also discussed creating a map of the heritage sites in Laird and having the Knox Church and the cemetery on the map. The committee discussed having the church rolled under the Heritage Committee if it is not already.

New Business:

The hiring of a summer student was discussed. Linda MacDonald volunteered to participate in the interview process. A project for the summer student to work on was discussed. Shawn Evoy presented an e-mail that was sent by Jeff Dorvault outlining ideas for developing a virtual museum project, Jeff Dorvault has volunteered to assist

with the project. The committee would like to have Jeff Dorvault join the next meeting to discuss this project in further detail.

Five-year plan:

The first step, before the development of a five-year plan, is to determine from Council when the committee will have a building.

Budget:

ON MOTION (No. 05-23) Moved by Linda MacDonald, seconded by Colleen Orr
“That the Heritage Committee approves the draft Budget with an amendment to request \$15,000.00 for a new museum building at the fairgrounds.” **CARRIED**

The next meeting will be the first week of June 2023.

ON MOTION (No. 06-23) Moved by Colleen Orr, seconded by Suzanne Evoy
“That the March 25, 2023 meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m.” **CARRIED**