

**HERITAGE HALDIMAND**  
**Regular Meeting**

Monday March 23, 2023, 7:00pm  
Haldimand County Administration Building, 53 Thorburn Street S., Cayuga

**Present:** Patrick O'Neill, Sylvia Weaver, Cathy Blott, Deb Zynomirski, Ryan Graham, Rick Monture; **Regrets:** Toshia Shurr, Savannah Rayne; **Staff:** Anne Unyi, Supervisor, Heritage & Culture, Megan Turner, Community Partnerships, Liaison.

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by the Supervisor, Heritage & Culture at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Recommendation by Cathy Blott and Sylvia Weaver that the agenda dated March 27, 2023 be approved as presented. **APPROVED**

**3. Disclosure and conflict of interest and general nature thereof**

None.

**4. Orientation**

**4.1 Review of the Terms of Reference**

**4.2 Review of Member Binder**

**4.3 Review of Current and On-going Projects**

The Supervisor, Heritage & Culture discussed with the group the list of projects currently underway or possible projects for consideration by the committee or staff:

- i. Storyboard panels for Dunnville and Port Maitland;
- ii. Storyboard panels for other locations within Haldimand County (themes and locations to be determined);
- iii. Updates to Heritage Haldimand's webpage. Link provided and members requested to forward their ideas/suggestions to the Community Partnership Liaison;
- iv. Potential heritage designations: Old Caledonia Methodist Cemetery and Street Cemetery;
- v. Updates to Properties of Potential Heritage Significance Listing;
- vi. Heritage Permit (Supervisor to work with Community Development Division to develop a heritage permit and implement process); and,
- vii. Draft for consideration, a Designated Heritage Property Grant Program (Supervisor).

**5. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

The Supervisor, Heritage & Culture called for nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair.

For the position Chair: Deb Zynomirski selected Chair.

For the position of Vice-Chair: Ryan Graeme selected as Vice Chair.

The meeting was turned over to the newly elected Chair.

**6. Approval of the Minutes (October 27, 2022)**

Recommendation by Cathy Blott and seconded by Sylvia Weaver that the minutes of the Heritage Haldimand Committee dated October 27, 2022 be accepted as presented. **APPROVED**

**7. Business Arising**

**7.1 Signage Strategy**

The Community Partnerships Liaison gave a brief introduction to the current Storyboard signage project being undertaken by Heritage Haldimand in partnership with the Dunnville and District Heritage Association. The project encompasses 13 storyboards - 12 in Dunnville relating to the history of the community, are to be placed along the walkway of Garfield Disher and Wingfield Parks and, the thirteenth in Esplanade Park, Port Maitland, features Dollier & Galinée. Eight (8) of the Dunnville boards are complete with panels featuring the Grand

River; Bridges, Dams and Floods; Electric Company and TH&B railway; and Indigenous history to be completed.

With the County's Comprehensive Signage Strategy in place, Heritage Haldimand is now in a position to implement the requirements relating to signage specifications.

The timeline for installation of the storyboards is not set; however, it is expected that the signage will be installed before the fall of 2023.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Heritage Haldimand will meet the last Monday of each month:

- April 24
- May 29
- June 26
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27

Meetings will take place at the Haldimand County Administration Building, 53 Thorburn Street, Cayuga beginning at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

### **8.2 Municipal Heritage Committee Training (April 24, tentative)**

Tentative (virtual) workshop with Chris Lawless from the Ministry of Culture is being planned. The session would cover the Ontario Heritage Act, the role of a Municipal Heritage Committee and a review of Bill 23.

### **8.3 Emancipation Day Event (July 30)**

To commemorate Emancipation Day, Heritage Haldimand is planning a special event to take place on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Canfield Hall and will feature guest speakers and possible screenings from the Canfield Roots documentary series. Sylvia Weaver will contact historian and expert on Black History in Niagara and the Underground Railroad, Rochelle Bush to be the keynote speaker.

Emancipation Day observes the August 1, 1834 date when the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 came into effect across the British Empire.

## **8. Discussion/Comments from the Floor**

## **9. Adjournment:**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

## **Next Meeting – April 24, 2023; 7:00pm**

Location: Haldimand County Administration Building, Haldimand Room, 53 Thorburn Street South, Cayuga.