

The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 14, 2008** at **6:00 p.m.**
in the Town of Huntsville, Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Councillor Fran Coleman, Chair
Councillor John Davis
Mayor Claude Doughty
Councillor Brian Thompson (arrived at 6:43 p.m.)
Lucille Frith
David Johns
Det Schumacher
David Lucas

Absent: Wayne Baker
Greg Reuvekamp
Tricia Markle

Staff: Cecile (Sue) King, Admin. Asst. Fire/Clerk's Dept.
Teri Souter, General Manager, Muskoka Heritage Place
Brian Crozier, Director, Community Services

1. CONVENE

Moved by David Johns and seconded by John Davis

HER08-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: we do now convene as the Huntsville Heritage Committee at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by David Johns and seconded by John Davis

HER09-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Huntsville Heritage Committee Agenda dated May 14, 2008 be hereby adopted as amended.

With the addition of the following items under Item # 7 New Business

Muskoka Visual Project
Village Signage
Ifracombe School Historic Plaque

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

-Nil-

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 12, 2008

Moved by David Johns and seconded by John Davis

HER10-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Huntsville Heritage Committee Minutes dated March 12, 2008 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

-Nil-

6. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

a) Huntsville Train Station – see attached Schedule "A"

Lucille Frith provided the update on the Huntsville Train Station:

- Heritage book sales numbers have been updated .(see attached Schedule "B")
- Ontario Northland has purchased three wheel chair lifts, one of which will be used in the Huntsville Train Station.

The new "Bike Train" was discussed, a system that transports bicyclists to a destination and then the bicyclists ride back to their departure point.

b) Muskoka Marine Museum

Tim Doyle updated the Committee on the status of the Muskoka Marine Museum:

- the Marine Museum is reviewing new locations for the boats that are in the MTO Building

c) Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village – see attached Schedule "C"

Teri Souter provided an update on the status of the "Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village"

Discussion followed on the need to recruit volunteers to assist with the work, fundraising and events that take place at the Village.

d) Huntsville and Lake of Bays Rail Society – (see attached Schedule "C")

David Lucas provided the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Rail Society report:

- members of the Rail Society attended a Narrow Gauge Railway Show and were presented with a donation
- the train is being prepared for the upcoming season

e) Muskoka Heritage Place – (see attached Schedule "C")

Teri Souter provided the update for Muskoka Heritage Place:

- advertising has been placed in the CAA magazine, Attractions Ontario and the Muskoka Vacation Guide
- a coupon system has been created where when participants visit an attraction they receive a coupon for another local attraction
- the Ontario Museum Association are promoting the fact that Museums are "Green" locations
- a number of events are being held throughout the season that will attract visitors
- trees for the lake area have been provided by a local service group
- a DVD has been created to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Muskoka Heritage Place
- a Casino Rama initiative is providing entertainment on Mondays throughout the working season
- suggestions for fiftieth anniversary promotions were presented

f) Historic Routes Trails

Mr. Johns is working with the GIS Department to create Historic Routes mapping.

Further research has been completed on the trails and roads that can become part of the Historic Routes Trails.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Ontario Heritage Trust – 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program

A discussion took place on which groups and organizations that would qualify for the Heritage Community Recognition Program.

b) Heritage Conservation Workshop

The Heritage Conservation Workshop will take place on June 25, 2008. Heritage Conservation Districts will be discussed at the workshop.

c) Ontario Visual Heritage Project

The Ontario Visual Heritage Project will launch the Muskoka Visual Heritage Project on June 19, 2008 in Partners Hall.

d) Village and Hamlet Signage

Further signage will be placed throughout the Town of Huntsville to recognize founding villages and hamlets. A new system of installing the signage will be considered.

e) Ilfracombe School Historic Plaque

Councillor Coleman updated the Committee on the status of the Ilfracombe School Historic Plaque.

Brian Crozier has contacted the Trillium Lakelands School Board for permission to install signage on the school.

f) Stephenson Hall

Upgrades are being completed to the facade of the Stephenson Hall.

The vault that was contained within the building was altered to become part of the new building to recognize the historic value of the building.

g) Town Dock and Swing Bridge

The Town Dock has recently been repaired. Research has revealed that the original construction took place approximately one hundred years ago.

The original Swing Bridge was installed in 1800's.

h) Vandalism at Muskoka Heritage Place

Vandalism has taken place at Muskoka Heritage Place that could have destroyed the entire site.

Staff conducted surveillance and some of the culprits have been apprehended.

People in the community must be encouraged to become stewards of the community to prevent the damage and destruction of publicly owned property.

The issue will be brought forward to the Safety and Enforcement Committee for further discussion and action.


8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by John Davis and seconded by David Johns

HER11-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Huntsville Heritage Committee adjourn at 7:59 p.m. to meet again on September 10, 2008 or at the call of the Chair, in the Municipal Council Chambers.

Carried.


CHAIR

The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 14, 2008** at **6:00 p.m.**
in the Huntsville Civic Centre

No recommendations contained within the Minutes