



Brant Heritage Committee Minutes

Date: November 7, 2024
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Councillors MacAlpine, Howes (left at 4:40 p.m.), and Garneau (left at 5:10 p.m.), Members Brown, Dirycz, Telfer Faux, Varney (left at 4:57 p.m.), and Workman Rose

Regrets: Mayor Bailey, and Member Kavanagh

Staff: Crozier, Gable, Kortleve, Beddard, and Pluck

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Member Telfer Faux in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Member Dirycz

That the Brant Heritage Committee agenda of November 7, 2024, be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Brant Heritage Committee minutes of October 3, 2024

Moved by Member Dirycz
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the Brant Heritage Committee minutes of October 3, 2024, be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Heritage Aspects - Downtown Paris Master Plan Implementation

Adam Crozier, Director of Corporate Strategy, appeared before the committee and presented on the Downtown Paris Master Plan Implementation. He provided a background and overview on the Downtown Paris Master Plan, highlighted how heritage features could be incorporated into the plan, and concluded with seeking comments from the Committee.

Discussion was held regarding heritage characteristics that could be included in the downtown streetscape, with the committee discussing signage, storyboards and plaques.

7.2 Downtown Paris Zoning Project

Brandon Kortleve, Manager of Policy Planning, appeared before the committee and provided an overview of the Downtown Paris Zoning Project. He advised that the County has been in consultation with the Grand River Conservation Authority and noted that engagement sessions will be held in the County of Brant Council Chambers on November 27, 2024. B. Kortleve concluded with presenting a 3d model of Downtown Paris and advised that this project will return to the committee in the future.

In response to questions, B. Kortleve advised that there are multiple zoning categories in Downtown Paris that influence maximum building height. He noted that the current maximum height is 15 meters in the Core Area zone. In response to further questions, B. Kortleve advised that certain zones of Downtown Paris do not have a parking space requirement, and that staff are investigating developing a parking strategy for Downtown Paris.

7.3 Joint Heritage Committee Meeting: Update & Discussion

Councillor Howes left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Jazmin Beddard, Arts, Culture and Heritage Officer, provided an update on the Joint Heritage Committee meeting, noting she has further investigated venues and recommended that the Dominion Telegraph Centre be chosen based on feasibility, cost, capacity, and that the location is registered in the County of Brant Heritage Inventory.

Further discussion was held regarding venues, noting additional options such as the Howell Block which contains the St. George Museum and the Paris Presbyterian Church, and venue features such as kitchen space, catering capabilities, and audio-visual connections.

Moved by Member Workman Rose
Seconded by Member Brown

That the Joint Heritage Committee meeting be tentatively held at the Dominion Telegraph Center, with the final decision to be made at the December 5, 2024, Brant Heritage Committee meeting.

Carried

Member Varney left the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

7.3.1 Joint Heritage Committee Meeting: Guest Speaker

Member Brown volunteered to be a speaker at the Joint Heritage Committee meeting, noting that he would like to share his experiences and discuss the topics of demolition permits and salvage.

Discussion was held regarding having three to four guest speakers attend the meeting and inviting a representative from the insurance industry to speak to insurance coverage for designated properties. The committee further discussed the format of the meeting and ensuring that there will be opportunities for discussion and breakout sessions.

Councillor Garneau left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

The meeting continued for information purposes only, as quorum was lost.

7.3.2 Joint Heritage Committee Meeting: City of Waterloo Gathering Spaces Mapping Tool

Member Telfer Faux spoke to the City of Waterloo Gathering Spaces Mapping website.

7.4 Culture Days 2024 Wrap-Up

J. Beddard updated the committee on the Culture Days 2024 wrap-up, noting that there were over 2,500 attendees across the 48 scheduled events, and that the attendance exceeded projections. She shared received feedback from event organizers and noted that surveys are being collected and an initial round of surveys has been sent to the province. She concluded with highlighting that the County of Brant has been invited to be a festival hub again in 2025.

7.5 Scavenger Hunt 2024 Wrap-Up

J. Beddard advised that 45 submissions were received for the 2024 scavenger hunt, and two grand prizes and two runners up packs were awarded. She provided an overview of the prize packs and noted that there was lots of constructive feedback about the scavenger hunt but it was overwhelmingly positivity received.

7.6 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism December Meeting Training Session

Spencer Pluck, Deputy Clerk, advised the committee that a training session guided by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism will be held at the December 5, 2024, Brant Heritage Committee meeting.

8. Committee Workplan

None.

9. Communications

J. Beddard shared that a communication was received from the City of Brantford, advising of a project pertaining to missing World War Two names from the Brant War Memorial. She indicated that they are seeking a member from the Brant Heritage Committee to join a group who will review names on a predesigned master list and determine eligibility for addition to the war memorial, and that the group will meet in 2025. J. Beddard to bring this forward at the December 5, 2024, Brant Heritage Committee meeting.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 5:29 pm to meet again on December 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary