



Brant Heritage Committee Minutes

Date: June 5, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Councillors MacAlpine, and Howes, Members Brown, Dirycz, Telfer Faux, and Workman Rose

Regrets: Mayor Bailey

Staff: Gable, Kortleve, Beddard, and Pluck

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Member Telfer Faux in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Howes advised that he had two additions under other business.

Councillor MacAlpine noted that he had two additions under other business.

Moved by Councillor Howes

Seconded by Member Brown

That the Brant Heritage Committee agenda and addendum of June 5, 2025 be approved, as amended.

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 May 1, 2025

Moved by Member Workman Rose
Seconded by Member Brown

That the Brant Heritage Committee minutes of May 1, 2025, be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 RPT-0237-25 Brant Bowstring Bridge

Jazmin Beddard, Arts, Culture & Heritage Officer, appeared before the Committee and introduced RPT-0237-25 Brant Bowstring Bridge.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the Brant Heritage Committee receives Report RPT-0237-25 for information;

And, hereby endorses and submits this report to Council to satisfy the applicable condition(s) of the decision for permit application RPT-0237-25.H2 received by the County of Brant Operations Department, and inclusive of the proposed bridge rehabilitation;

And that Council consent to Application RPT-0237-25. H2.

Carried

7.2 Doors Open Metrics

J. Beddard appeared before the Committee and presented metrics on Doors Open Along the Grand 2025. She noted that the event featured 15 unique heritage buildings and sites across the three participating communities, and that the event saw 3,552 attendees from across Southern Ontario.

Moved by Member Brown
Seconded by Member Workman Rose

That the Doors Open Metrics be received as information.

Carried

7.3 Updated Ontario Heritage Toolkit

Brandon Kortleve, Manager of Policy Planning provided an overview of the updated Ontario Heritage Toolkit, noting the revisions were driven by changes to the Ontario Heritage Act and related planning policies. He further spoke to the introduction of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, and its change on heritage policy in comparison to the previous Provincial Planning Statement, 2020.

In response to questions, B. Kortleve spoke to the impact that the legislative changes have on the timing and triggers of designations, noting that the designation process remains the same.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Member Brown

That the Ontario Heritage Toolkit Update be received as information.

Carried

7.4 Bawcutt Centre - Verbal Update (Regarding Council Approved Report RPT-0205-25)

B. Kortleve provided a verbal update to the Committee with regards to the Bawcutt Centre.

8. Committee Workplan

None.

9. Communications

9.1 Ontario Heritage Trust - May 2025 Update

The Committee acknowledged the communication from the Ontario Heritage Trust.

10. Other Business

10.1 Invitation to Paris Plains Church Cemetery - July 3, 2025 Brant Heritage Committee Meeting

Discussion was held with regards to attending the Paris Plains Church Cemetery for the July 3, 2025, Brant Heritage Committee meeting. The Committee noted that the July 3, 2025, Brant Heritage Committee meeting will be held in the County of Brant Council Chambers as scheduled, with members attending the Paris Plains Church Cemetery following the conclusion of the meeting.

10.2 Paris Raceway

Councillor Howes spoke to the brick archway from the Paris Raceway which was uncovered during the construction taking place on Grand River Street North.

The Committee held discussion with regards to the Paris Raceway.

Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development & Tourism advised that bricks were salvaged from the arch and that he will follow up with the project team for additional details.

10.3 Former Paris Post Office Fountain

Councillor Howes shared details on the fountain erected in 1912 which stood outside of the post office located on Grand River Street North.

The Committee held discussion with regards to storytelling opportunities surrounding the history of the fountain.

10.4 Upcoming Events

Councillor MacAlpine spoke to upcoming events, noting that the Brant Museums and Galleries Association will be hosting an event in September. Councillor MacAlpine further advised that the Avenue of Music event will be taking place on June 12th at 7:00 p.m., at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, and that the St. George Business Association Car Show will take place on June 22nd in Downtown St. George.

Member Workman Rose advised that the Middleport Heritage Society is hosting a Grand River Heritage Cruise, taking place on June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 5:05 pm to meet again on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary