



Brant Heritage Committee Minutes

Date: July 3, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors MacAlpine, and Howes, Members Brown, Campbell, Dirycz, Hart, Telfer Faux, and Workman Rose

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

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Member Telfer Faux in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Introductions were made, and a welcome was extended to Member Campbell and Member Hart.

2. Approval of Agenda

An addition was noted under other business (Culture Days Information).

Moved by Member Workman Rose
Seconded by Councillor Howes

THAT the Brant Heritage Committee agenda of July 3, 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 June 5, 2025

Moved by Member Brown
Seconded by Councillor Howes

THAT the Brant Heritage Committee minutes of June 5, 2025 be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Downtown Dig Update

Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development and Tourism provided an update to the Committee with regards to the Paris Downtown Dig. He advised that several hundred bricks from the Paris Mill Race are in the County's possession, with the possibility to incorporate the bricks back into a future piece of the Downtown Dig project.

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Howes

THAT the Downtown Dig Update be received as information.

Carried

7.2 Bawcutt Centre Expressions of Interest

Z. Gable advised the Committee that the County of Brant has released an Expressions of Interest to establish a public-private partnership to support the redevelopment of The Bawcutt Centre. He noted that the Expression of Interest is available at bidsandtenders.ca under the County of Brant.

In response to questions, Z. Gable advised that the conservation plan which the Brant Heritage Committee endorsed is included in the tender documents.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

THAT the Bawcutt Centre Expressions of Interest announcement be received as information.

Carried

7.3 452 West River Road Farmhouse - Verbal Update

Brandon Kortleve, Manager of Policy Planning updated the Committee on the status of 428-452 West River Road, noting that there is a new single single-detached dwelling, and an old farmhouse dating back to the late 1800s. He advised that a temporary zoning by-law to permit two dwellings for a period of three years was approved in September 2022, to provide time for the evaluation of the farmhouse and find a permanent solution to conserve the historic dwelling. He further advised that a full application should be forthcoming, and that staff are proposing to extend the time of the temporary zoning.

In response to questions, B. Kortleve spoke to the Provincial Planning Statement and County of Brant Official Plan, noting the permitted uses for Additional Residential Units on a lot in a prime agricultural area.

Moved by Member Workman Rose
Seconded by Member Brown

THAT the verbal update on 452 West River Road be received as information.

Carried

8. Committee Workplan

None.

9. Communications

None.

10. Other Business

10.1 Committee Business

Discussion was held with regards to the role, objectives, and expectations of the Brant Heritage Committee, with the desire to explore topics in greater detail being expressed.

B. Kortleve advised that a review of the Brant Heritage Committee's Terms of Reference will begin in September, and that a further training session surrounding the role of the Brant Heritage Committee under the Heritage Act, will also take place at the September meeting.

10.2 Culture Days Information

Jazmin Beddard, Arts, Culture and Heritage Officer advised that the 2025 Culture Days event will be taking place from September 19th until October 12th, with the County of Brant hosting a festival hub event at Paris Lions Park the afternoon of Sunday, October 5th.

She further noted that a Geocaching event will be held at the Burford Agricultural Society Fairgrounds from September 25 to September 28th, 2025, and that the Brant Heritage Committee has been invited to participate, following the success of the previous Culture Days heritage scavenger hunt. J. Beddard further advised that staff have a compiled list of locations based on previous recommendations by the committee and community groups for a scavenger hunt associated with the

Geocaching event, where participants would retrieve commemorative coins. She sought feedback from the Committee on both upcoming events.

In response to questions, J. Beddard advised that the organizers of the Geocaching event indicated they wanted to include heritage elements as part of the free event programming, where appropriate.

The Committee held discussion surrounding the design, locations, and distribution of the Geocaching event coins. Members were encouraged to submit their ideas to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Officer.

In response to questions, Z. Gable advised that a plan will be brought forward at the September meeting regarding the Committee's involvement with the Geocaching and Culture Days events.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Member Brown

THAT the Brant Heritage Committee supports the involvement of heritage elements in the Geocaching and Culture Days events;

AND that the Brant Heritage Committee submit their input for these events to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Officer.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Member Brown

THAT the Brant Heritage Committee supports the inclusion of a Heritage Scavenger Hunt within the Culture Days programming.

Carried

11. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 5:19 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary