

**Heritage Advisory Committee
Mahone Bay**

MINUTES

**Mahone Bay Fire Hall
March 13th, 2019**

Present:

Councillor members: Joseph Feeney (chair); Penny Carver

Community members: Chris Berkeley, Greg Matear

Founders Society representative: Willian DeGrace

Advisor/Secretary: Deborah Trask

Call to Order the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

1. Approval of agenda:

Moved by Penny, with some additions, seconded by Chris

Approved, as amended

2. Introductions

This was the first meeting of the new committee, so we took a few minutes to introduce ourselves and talk about our respective interests in built heritage and the town. The Chair expressed appreciation for the contributions of Michael O'Connor to the last committee, and also that of the late Dell Macumber.

3. Review of Terms of Reference

A printed copy of the current terms of reference was provided, with ensuing discussion.

4. Approval of minutes of meeting held October 10th, 2018:

Moved by Penny, seconded by Chris.

Carried

5. Business Arising –

a. follow-up on outreach letters

- Joe reported on 24 Pleasant St.- the registration is in process. There is a technical holdup, but it is proceeding.

- Penny met with Pastor Bezanson of Calvary Crossroads Church, but they are not interested in registering at this time.
- Dell had met with the owners of the Biscuit Eater and they were interested to proceed. Penny will speak with them about sending a request to the Town.
- Deborah will review the list of letters that went out, and responses received to determine if more follow up would be helpful.

b. financial incentives proposal

Joe reported that the Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy was ratified by Council. A request was made for the approved version of the incentives to be provided to HAC members.

MOTION: that there be a modest budget appropriation for the Heritage Property Grant Fund included in the 2019 budget, which if not spent can be accrued for future grants.

Moved by Greg, seconded by Bill, *passed unanimously*

c. Heritage Information on the Town website

Further to the October 2018 minutes, Joe will speak with the CAO to see if there are any funds remaining in the HAC current budget to support payment for Deborah to prepare revised text for the website.

d. Status of properties not fully registered

Joe and Penny provided some information about the discovery that the heritage registration process has not been completed at the Land Registry for five properties which had been approved by Council for heritage registration. Penny and Deborah will meet with Town staff to learn more about this situation and next steps.

4. Correspondence

An e-mail was received from Kevin Barrett of the NS Heritage Property Program, outlining support programs for registered property owners. The contents of his message should be sent out by the Town office to registered heritage property owners in the town.

5. New Business

a. Centennial celebrations

The centennial of the incorporation of Mahone Bay as a town is March 31, 2019. The town has held public meetings to see what community events are possible or being planned. Several ideas for the HAC participation were discussed, with interest focusing on possible events to take place on Saturday, September 28th. This could take the form of plaquing celebrations [2-3

properties]; a public lecture on the evolution of Mahone Bay, with a display of old postcards of the town from private collections.

b. Insurance

It was agreed to table concerns about insurance and resale of heritage properties to the April meeting.

6. Date of next meeting: April 10th 2019, 5:30 PM at the Firehall

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM by consensus

Joseph Feeney, Chair HAC

Deborah Trask, Recording Secretary