Heritage Advisory Committee Mahone Bay

MINUTES

Mahone Bay Fire Hall January 10th, 2018

Present: Councillors Joseph Feeney (chair), Penny Carver,

Michael O'Connor, Dell Macomber Advisor/Secretary: Deborah Trask

Regrets: Chris Berkeley

Call to Order the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

1. Approval of agenda: moved by Michael, seconded by Dell. *carried*

2. Approval of minutes of meeting held November 8th, 2017:

moved by Penny, seconded by Michael. carried

3. Business Arising –

a. Spring 2018 Public Information Session

This is still worth pursuing, and will be considered further following the February meeting with representatives from the NS Association of Architects.

b. South Shore Chapter of the NS Association of Architects

Gregory McNeil, President of the NSAA and Sharon Fogo of the South Shore chapter will attend the February 14th meeting, at 6 PM.

c. List of potential heritage properties

Deborah provided an updated list [confidential] based on suggestions from the November meeting. The Town office will be asked to update the ownership information. For the next meeting, committee members will choose their top 10 choices. The process will then be to score these and a letter will go to select property owners asking that they consider registration.

4. Standing Agenda Items:

a. encouragement for property owners

This will include the spring public information session

5. Correspondence:

Received from the Town, a notice that a new tab has been added to the website for Bayview Cemetery, covering the recently completed mapping project.

6. New Business:

- a. Mayor's newsletter. The HAC last contributed to the mayor's newsletter in November 2011. After some discussion as to direction, Penny offered to draft brief content.
- b. Federal private member's bill. Penny provided information on private member's bill C323, sponsored by Peter VanLoon [MP York-Simcoe, official opposition critic for Heritage]. The bill proposed amending the Income Tax Act to establish a tax credit for expenses related to the rehabilitation of an historic property. Although this bill died after 1st reading, it is relevant to the HACs 2016 proposed incentives for heritage property owners. See: http://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-323/first-reading
- 7. Date of next meeting: February 14th, 2018
- 8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM on a motion by Penny, seconded by Dell. carried

 Joseph Feeney, Chair HAC

 Deborah Trask, Recording Secretary