

**Heritage Advisory Committee
Mahone Bay**

MEETING NOTES

**November 9th, 2016
Fire Hall, 7PM**

Present: Dell Macomber, chair
Councillor: Penny Carver
Advisor/Secretary: Deborah Trask
Absent: Judith van Ryckevorsel

Without a quorum, committee members present decided to share information as this was the final scheduled meeting for the HAC.

HAC accomplishments over the past year:

The Heritage Advisory Committee held 7 meetings in 2016. Goals were set for the year in October 2015. These were:

- To register two properties, currently in the works.
One of these is still in process, the other fell through, perhaps through discouragement by a realtor. Since this came to the attention of the HAC, the committee has sought opportunities to address local realtors

- To sponsor one public information session.
Planning for this is ongoing, and may be a Heritage Expo in April 2017 with the NSCC Heritage Carpentry Program: Penny contacted Paul MacLellan of that program. He will be retiring in April 2017, but is very interested in the idea of a Heritage Expo. He also suggested that she contact the current Chair of Trades for NSCC, Blair Lipsett.

- To meet with the Mahone Bay Museum to discuss ideas about fun ways to engage the public and feature heritage properties.
The Museum Board appointed Kody Dagley to liaise with the HAC and discussions will continue on the proposed Heritage Expo. Dell will see if the Museum will help further with this project.

- To consider an appreciation process for good stewardship.
The HAC considered incentive programs in other municipalities in Nova Scotia and prepared and recommended a program to Council in June 2016. There is currently no budget for incentives so this initiative will stay on the 'back burner' for now.

- To respond to requests to alter existing municipally registered properties:
A proposed addition to the registered property at 17 Aberdeen was recommended to Council in February, and the renovation of the bell tower at the Mahone Bay Centre was recommended in April.

local realtors & heritage update: Dell contacted the NS Real Estate Commission in Halifax, and also the South Shore NS Realtors Association – contact person, Nicole Kreiger. It might make sense to include an info session on heritage registration and resale in the proposed Heritage Expo.

Review of the Bylaw:

To answer questions about the term of the public members of the committee and choice of the Chair, Deborah dug out the original correspondence between the Founders Society and the Town CAO from 2009. The role of the Museum is explained in the correspondence, but this and other terms need to be reflected in the Heritage property bylaw. Deborah will contact Tracy Sayer. Proposed revisions should be discussed at the first meeting of the new HAC.

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