

HERITAGE GUELPH/ERAMOSIA COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

4:30 p.m.

Township of Guelph/Eramosa Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Chris White, Councillor Doug Breen (4:44 p.m.), Joyce Blyth, Dot Daynard, Frank Hurnik and Robert Edwards.

Staff: Deputy Clerk Meaghen Reid.

1. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Frank Hurnik

Seconded by: Joyce Blyth

That the agenda be approved.

Carried Unanimously

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes

Moved by: Dot Daynard

Seconded by: Joyce Blyth

That the minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting on March 26, 2008 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

5. Regular Business

5.1 Delegation of Mr. Ken Gagnon, Manager of Public Works and Mr. Steve Riley of R.J. Burnside and Associates
re: Bridge 22, Bow String Bridge

At this point in the agenda, Councillor Breen assumed the role of the Chair.

Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Riley addressed the Committee with respect to the three rounds of COMRIF grants that the Township was successful in obtaining and the bridges identified for replacement within the approved COMRIF applications. Mr. Gagnon discussed the replacement of the Bow String bridge in Eden Mills in 2003 and noted that this bridge was lifted and moved to the Wellington County Museum and Archives. Mr. Gagnon indicated that another bow string bridge, Bridge 22, had been identified for replacement. Mr. Riley discussed the current defects of the bridge.

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The Committee discussed their viewing of the preserved bow string bridge at the County of Wellington Museum and Archives tour. They discussed the historical value of the bridge, the existing preserved bridge at the Museum and the role of bridges as basic infrastructure. The Committee discussed whether there was a need to preserve another bridge of this kind and the safety issues associated with bridges.

Moved by: Robert Edwards
Seconded by: Dot Daynard

Be it resolved that it is recognized by the Township of Guelph Eramosa Heritage Committee, that there is value in the preservation of certain municipal road structures of local historic and or aesthetic interest, such as The Township of Guelph Eramosa Bridge 22; and

That the Township of Guelph Eramosa Heritage Committee, previously sought and secured the preservation and relocation of the superstructure of the 6th line Concrete Bowstring Arch Bridge, a similarly configured and sized structure, to the Wellington County Museum; and

That the Township of Guelph Eramosa Municipal Heritage Committee acknowledges that a funding opportunity exists for the Township to improve its road infrastructure, by the replacement of Bridge 22; and

That the Committee recognizes the fact that bridges also serve a utilitarian purpose, particularly to the agriculture sector and are basic infrastructure in rural Ontario; and

Further that it is recognized that a replacement two lane bridge would be safer for the traveling public than the existing one lane bridge; and

Be it resolved that the Township of Guelph Eramosa Heritage Committee, has no objection to the proposal to replace Bridge 22 with a new structure.

Carried Unanimously

6. Correspondence for Information

6.1 Grand Actions – March/April 2008

6.2 Guelph Museums Annual Report - April 2008

The Committee discussed this correspondence and asked that staff send a thank you letter to the County of Wellington Museum and Archives for the tour that they provide to the Committee.

6.3 CHO – Architecture and the Cultural Heritage Workshop

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- 6.4 Guelph Historical Society – March 2008
- 6.5 Ontario Heritage Trust – Heritage Community Recognition Program
- 6.6 Wellington County Genealogical Society Meetings for April/May/June 2008
- 7. Library Display Schedule Reminder

Joyce Blyth.....March & April 2008
Dot Daynard.....May & June 2008
Robert Edwards.....July & August 2008
Doug Breen.....September & October 2008
Frank Hurnik.....November & December 2008

- 8. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2008

- 5. Regular Business Continued

- 5.2 Essay Writing Contest

The Committee discussed the idea of an essay writing contest and asked that staff contact the local school boards to see if a Heritage representative could address with them the possibility of working together with respect to a heritage essay writing contest.

- 5.3 Scrapbooking and Preservation of Heritage Materials

The Committee asked that Dot look into preserving newspaper articles found within the Heritage Committee's resource library.

- 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.