Municipality of Digby Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 21 2021

6:30 pm Chambers

Present: Chair Andrena Teed, Vice Chair Allan Puxley, Councilor George Manzer, Councilor Angela

Thurber, Louise Mullen, David Irvine

Regrets: Dianne Theriault

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Allan

Seconded: Angela

To accept the agenda as presented.

Passed

Approval of the April 28 Minutes.

Motion: George

Seconded: Allan

April 28 minutes accepted with the suggested grammar corrections

Passed

Business from the Minutes

No business from the minutes as the current agenda will cover those discussions.

Heritage Advisory Committee member renewal discussion.

The committee discussed their time on the committee and that most of them have served past the two term renewal period. The committee decided to advertise for one new member at this time to replace David Irvine who wishes to step down.

Weymouth Falls Langford Community Centre Municipal Heritage Registration Application

The committee reviewed testimonials from former residents of the Weymouth Falls community. The committee discussed the heritage values of the property and the significance of the land and building to the African Nova Scotian Weymouth Falls Community. The report being developed by Chute Contracting was not available for the HAC meeting due to the lock down restrictions. The report will outline the needed renovations with cost estimates to bring the building back to a public space. Chute Contracting

have indicated that the report should be completed by the end of August. This report will be part of a public meeting to be held in Weymouth Falls so that community residents are aware of the status of the building and the amount of money and effort from the community and funding partners that will be needed to bring the facility back to the community.

The HAC directed Rob Hersey to contact the Langford Heritage Community Council and request that members attend a HAC meeting and present the merits of the property and why they think the building should be registered as a Municipal Heritage Property. The presentation will take place after the Building report is completed and the public meeting has happened.

Rob reported that the Langford Heritage Council has conducted a yard sale event and raised \$1000. Walmart in Digby has donated \$1000 and the Langford Heritage Council is conducting a bottle drive to raise funds.

Bear River Lighthouse Divestiture

The Bear River lighthouse is now owned by the Municipality. Rob has met with members of the Smith Cove Historical Society who are taking stewardship of the property. Rob suggested the Smith's Cove Historical Society apply for Municipal Heritage Registration. This would open potential funding resources that could be leveraged to access potential federal funding.

David Hall Property Front Door Replacement Update

The Hall family has commissioned a wooden door to be custom made for the front entrance way. There is considerable amount of rot and carpenter ants located at the door entrance. The side lights will be slightly smaller to accommodate structural requirements. The committee agreed the alterations was acceptiable.

Other business: Nil

Adjournment

Motion: David

Seconded: George