

**THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Boardroom C-12
Tom Davies Square**

**Monday, June 8, 2009
Commencement: 5:00 p.m.
Adjournment: 7:08 p.m.**

ORYST SAWCHUK IN THE CHAIR

Present Councillor Dutrisac; J. Drago; E. Landry; J. Larcher-Lalande; S. Prusila; A. Salach; M. Steedman; M. Stefura; S. Thompson.

Staff P. Baskcomb; J.Ferrigan; K.Longston.

Others Councillor Berthiaume.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof None declared.

Community Delegations

Item 1 The Chair tabled a revised Agenda. Several other additions were made to the Agenda.

Councillor
Berthiaume
Chelmsford
Convent

Recommendation #2009-17

Drago-Prusila: That the Agenda for the June 8, 2009 Meeting be amended by adding a new Item under Community Delegation titled "Chelmsford Convent/Stakeholder Group".

CARRIED

Recommendation #2009-18

Steedman-Prusila: That the Agenda, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

Community Delegations

Chelmsford
Convent/
Stakeholder Group

Councillor Berthiaume updated the Committee on the status of the Chelmsford Convent Stakeholder Group. This small group has met on several occasions to discuss how to preserve the building by acquiring and adaptively re-using the building. The Group met with Ministry of Culture staff and volunteers at the Northern Ontario

Community Delegations (cont'd)

Chelmsford Convent/
Stakeholder Group
(cont'd)

Railway Museum and Heritage Centre in Capreol. The Group would like to see the building preserved. Funding is required to acquire the site, perform essential upgrades (e.g. new roof) and adaptively re-use the building. Some potential uses include a museum, tea house, rental space and/or archives. Fundraising for these activities would be difficult given existing fundraising drives underway in the community for the new Long Term Care Facility. The Group would like to explore the feasibility of the City acquiring the Convent and using it as a museum and/or library annex for one to two years. This would help improve access to the building, raise awareness for its cultural heritage value, and provide the Group with time to raise the necessary funds. The Committee discussed the matter and felt that it should continue to be explored. City Planning Staff will arrange a meeting with City Library/Museum Staff to discuss the Group's proposal.

Minutes

Item 2
Adoption of
Minutes
May 11, 2009

Recommendation #2009-19

Steedman - Landry: THAT the Minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Referred and Deferred Items

Item 3
Downtown
Sudbury Street
Signs and 1887
Village Plan

City Staff presented and described the 1887 Plan for the Village of Sudbury. The Committee discussed how this plan could be reflected in the new street name signs, currently being considered for the Downtown Business Improvement Area. The Committee felt that there are four key elements from the Plan that should be shown on the new street name signs: boundaries; railway yards; grid and street names; and, Junction and Nolin Creeks.

Recommendation #2009-20

Salach – Prusila: THAT the 1887 Village Plan is a critically important part of Greater Sudbury's Heritage; and

THAT the Downtown Partnership be encouraged to celebrate the heritage of Downtown Sudbury in its revitalization work.

CARRIED

Managers' Reports

Item 4
2009 Strategic
Action Plan
Update

City Staff updated the Committee on the progress made towards the 2009 Strategic Directions and Actions. The Committee felt that the Navy League should be contacted to discuss the potential designation of their property at 19 Regent Street.

Item 5
May 13, 2009
Copper Cliff Italian
Club Site Visit
Update

City Staff updated the Committee on their site visit to the Copper Cliff Italian Club and describe the existing conditions of the building. The Committee discussed the building and felt that cultural heritage value assessment of the Club should be undertaken within the context of Little Italy.

Item 6
May 25, 2009
Ward 12 CAN
(Uptown Chapter)
Meeting

City Staff updated the Committee on their meeting with the Ward 12 (Uptown Chapter) CAN and discussed the key steps in the preliminary cultural heritage value assessment process. The Committee felt that in addition to establishing the boundaries for this area, the preliminary cultural heritage value assessment should also address the relationship between this area and Downtown Sudbury.

Item 7
Ontario Heritage
Trust 2009
Recognition
Program

City Staff tabled the request for nominations for the Ontario Heritage Trust's 2009 Recognition Program and invited the Committee to consider nominees for the Youth Heritage Leaders and Community Leadership Programs. The Committee will consider potential nominees and advise City Staff.

Item 8
1933 Home Video
of Flour Mill and
Downtown
Sudbury

S. Prusila shared a home video of the Flour Mill and Downtown Sudbury with the Committee. The Committee discussed the names of several figures in the video.

Addendum

Item 9
Building Renewal
Letters

S Prusila noted that several buildings with potential cultural heritage value have been upgraded in recent years including the DeMarco building, the Townhouse Tavern, the former Copper Cliff Hospital, the former Eaton's building. It was suggested that the Committee should recognize property owners that undertake building upgrades that are sensitive to the cultural heritage value of the buildings in the form of a letter. City Staff will consider how to best implement this idea, including evaluation criteria and form letters.

Addendum (cont'd)

Item 10
Farm Recognition
Plaques

S. Prusila noted that several Ontario communities recognize long established farms with plaques posted along the roadside of the farm and suggested that consideration be given to developing and implementing a similar system in Greater Sudbury. The Committee discussed this suggestion and felt that it would be a useful way to recognize the heritage of Greater Sudbury's agricultural community. City Staff suggested that this idea be discussed with the City's Agriculture and Topsoil Advisory Panel. S. Prusila will follow up with the Agriculture and Topsoil Advisory Panel.

Item 11
Downtown
Sudbury Heritage
Conservation
District.

S. Thompson suggested that Downtown Sudbury be subject to a preliminary cultural heritage value assessment exercise as outlined by City Staff. The Committee discussed the matter and agreed with the suggestion.

Recommendation #2009-21

Drago – Thompson: THAT the Municipal Heritage Committee should initiate a preliminary assessment of the cultural heritage value of Downtown Sudbury, using the 1887 Village Plan as a starting point, with a report back in September 2009.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Recommendation #2009-22

Thompson - Salach: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Jason Ferrigan, Secretary

Oryst Sawchuk, Chair