



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Municipal Heritage Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:00 pm
Video Conference

Meetings may be viewed live on the City's Youtube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaultSteMarieOntario>

Present:	A. White, S. Walker, J. van Haaften, L. Joyal, S. Spina, H. Ellis, V. Ferlaino
Absent:	C. Tomchick
Officials:	V. McLeod, S. Marchese, A. Hornblower
Others:	Dan Moody

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: S. Walker

Seconded by: S. Spina

Resolved that Minutes of Municipal Heritage Committee meeting of February 5, 2025 be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None Noted.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: L. Joyal

Seconded by: S. Spina

Resolved that the Agenda for Municipal Heritage Committee meeting for March 5, 2025 as presented be amended, agenda item 7.1 moved to beginning of agenda.

Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Heritage Week Update

The walking tour with Sonny was well attended. Future considerations include advertising that the walk is accessible, businesses displaying old photos of their building on the front windows, and promotional video was well received. Attendees were requesting more tours. Planning Dept. supports the Jane's Walks. MHC could plan a heritage bike tour with the cycling club in the spring or summer

5.2 Museum Bell

The proposed budget hasn't changed for the covering of the bell. L. Joyal spoke with the construction coordinator at Sault College about helping with this project. Once the College confirms the instructor, they will report back if this can be added as a fall project for the students. There is no funding source for cost as of yet; it is on city property; the request for funds to complete the restoration would need to be brought to the City Council during budget deliberations. A request for \$8,000-10,000 would be required as outlined in the proposal.

6. Sub-committee / Task Force Updates

6.1 Heritage Booklet and Video Tours

A meeting is set for March 18th

6.2 Doors Open Subcommittee

A Zoom meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

6.3 Heritage Trees

A meeting is scheduled for April 1st, 2025

7. New Business

7.1 Memorial Tower Rehabilitation

Dan Moody joined the meeting today to discuss the proposal for the Memorial Tower. Key points discussed include:

- Intent is to keep the appearance the same
- Main damage is near the top of the tower. The damaged concrete will be replaced. The recommendation is that a special material be applied instead of paint to help with longevity of concrete. Looking to use EFIS which is a latex product, but they are not sure how long that product will last, the tower is not temperature controlled which causes condensation.
- Question about replacing glass blocks that are damaged, do we replace all or only the damaged ones
- Some glass blocks are heavily stained brownish yellow, there are a total of 21 blocks are either damaged or missing and it will be a challenge to find an exact match.
- There is a source in Toronto who has a good match. Dan Moody is going to order samples and a site visit will be arranged so that the Municipal Heritage Committee can examine the glass blocks and compare them to the existing blocks. A third option was tabled for discussion.
- Committee members requested additional information on the annual maintenance requirements after the work is complete to ensure longevity.

Moved by: H. Ellis

Seconded by: S. Spina

Resolved that the Municipal Heritage Committee approve the Memorial Tower rehabilitation plan prepared by Tulloch Engineering and further that staff proceed with tendering, the Municipal Heritage Committee will make a recommendation for the preferred option for glass block replacement.

Carried

7.2 Community Culture Plan - Goal 6: Natural and Built Heritage

A review of the action items from the Community Cultural Plan - Built Heritage were discussed.

8. Correspondence

Virginia will make sure all committee members are on the list to receive newsletters

9. Next Meeting

10. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Spina

Seconded by: H. Ellis

Resolved that this Committee now adjourn.

Carried