

HMHC Education and Communication Working Group

Meeting Notes

Wednesday July 8th, 2020 (6:00pm)
City WebEx, Virtual Meeting

Present: Alissa Denham-Robinson (Chair), Chuck Dimitry, Janice Brown, Robin McKee, Graham Carroll, Kathy Stacey, Tim Ritchie, Miranda Brunton (Heritage Planning Staff – Meeting Host)

Regrets: N/a

Also present: N/a

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Education and Communication Working Group recommends the following:
 - a. That staff be asked to follow-up with the Culture Division (Christopher Redford) regarding plaquing for 2019-2020 designated properties including:
 - i. 231 Ferguson Ave. S. (Ferguson Pumping Station)
 - ii. 24 Main St. West (Centenary United Church),
 - b. That where there is an annual budget for the production of 5 heritage property designation plaques, and only 2 applicable plaques for the year, that the excess budgeted funds be used to produce plaquing for properties currently unplaqued (back-log of properties), and
 - a. That the appropriate staff representative(s) provide a presentation update to HMHC, specific to the Plaquing Workplan.

(Motion by R.McKee / Seconded by J.Brown)

1. Changes to the Agenda

1. Added Meeting Notes for Review, dated February 5, 2020 (Copy attached)

2. Declaration of Interest

1. A.Denham-Robinson and K.Stacey declared interest regarding award nominations (where noted).

3. Previous Meeting Notes

1. February 5, 2020 (Copy attached) – Approved by general consensus, the notes prepared by Chair A.Denham-Robinson.

2. March 4, 2020 (Copy attached) – Approved by general consensus, the notes prepared by Chair A.Denham-Robinson.

4. Publications & Print Projects:

1. Word Search Puzzles (Project On-going)

- a. Brief update provided by C.Dimitry.
- b. 10 puzzles have been completed and packaged
- c. Works in progress include a puzzle for Hamilton Mountain and Schools (past and present) – C.Dimitry volunteered to work on the preparation of 2 versions of the School Puzzle for elementary and secondary level – the list of potential names will be sent out to Working Group members to review and provide comment.
- d. C.Dimitry had previously reached out to local print media to gauge interest in publishing puzzles for readers. No response has been received.
- e. The Working Group discussed options for public outreach:
 - Engagement with School Board Programming and History Curriculum (J.Brown to reach out to Elementary School Contacts. G.Carroll to reach out to Secondary School Contacts to inquire).
**There may be opportunity to have school children contribute historical Hamilton words that we can use to generate a puzzle.*
 - Engagement with Archives (L.Lunstead is making use of the Waterdown Word Search at their Local Archive to inquire)
 - Engagement with Library (G.Carroll to reach out to the Manager the Local History & Archives to inquire)
 - Engagement with Tourism & Culture Division (A.Denham-Robinson to reach out to Sonja Mirva to inquire) – link to Children's Museum
 - Engagement with Dundas Museum & Archives (K.Stacey to reach out to Museum Staff to inquire)
 - Engagement via the City's Website under Heritage Resources (Miranda Brunton to connect with Planning Staff and City IT services to inquire)
- f. Working Group to package Word Puzzles and Colour Pages together as a resource that can be distributed.

2. Heritage Colouring Pages – Volume 2 (Project On-going)

- a. Brief update provided by J. Brown.
- b. The Thank You gift for our volunteer student artist, (donated by Working Group members and including sketchbook, fine-line pens, pencil crayons and other art supplies), was delivered by the student's teacher. The artist was delighted to receive.
- c. The Student Artist is excited to continue to assist our Working Group for the remainder of the year and beyond.
- d. Artwork for Peace Memorial Arch is complete. Requires text and logo to be

added.

- e. Artwork for Battlefield House is complete. Final scan to be provided by Teacher/Student Artist, once school reopens. Requires text and logo to be added.
- f. Working Group Members discussed future properties to be sketched. These include:
 - i. Heritage Places of Education (ex Delta, Cathedral Boys, etc.)
 - ii. Jimmy Thompson Pool
 - iii. 2 Hatt Street, Dundas
 - iv. Valley City, Dundas
 - v. Old Post Office, Dundas,
 - vi. Dundas District High school,
 - vii. Theatre (Horn of Plenty?)
 - viii. Masonic Hall
 - ix. Oddfellows Hall
 - x. Collins Hotel
 - xi. 7 Rolph, Dundas (Mushroom House) – M.Brunton to send photos to J.Brown
C.Dimitry found the following link:
<https://www.gteam.ca/wp-content/uploads/02-19-940x627.jpg>
 - xii. Cannon Knitting Mills
 - xiii. Corktown Building
 - xiv. 270 Sherman – Cotton Factory

Working Group to create a work plan for the student artist.

5. Public Outreach and Events:

1. HMHC Heritage Recognition Awards Celebration 2019-20

- a. The Working Group reviewed available options for this event including,
 - cancellation,
 - rescheduling until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted; as well as
 - virtual / social media opportunities as a way to proceed.
- b. If the event is not held in the typical format, members want to ensure that the proposed new format still honours property owners and award recipients well.
- c. M.Brunton to reach out to Jason Thorne and Arts Council to discuss example events and ideas.
- d. J.Brown to review options she has found while researching virtual garden tours.
- e. WG to meet July 22, 2020 for a dedicated meeting for an in-depth review of Awards Nominations and Recommendations to HMHC.
- f. A.Denham-Robinson to provide shared files including nomination information for the WG to review in advance of the next meeting.

6. Policy & Administration:

1. HMHC Notice of Motion: Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Working Groups Current Projects and 2020 Plans

- a. Members in general agreement that Work Plan should include listed items on-going (as noted above). No new projects are suggested. Chair to draft and submit to Heritage Planning to be included on HMHC's August Agenda.

7. New Business:

1. Plaquing of Designated Properties

- a. R.McKee raised concern that designated properties are not being plaqued.
- b. Culture has a budget available for up to 5 plaques. For the past year, 2 of 4 designated properties should be plaqued. M. Brunton commented that they can contact Christopher Redford to inquire. R.McKee volunteered to write text if required. Properties include the following:
 - 231 Ferguson Ave. S – Pumping Stn.
 - 24 Main St. West – Centenary United Church (New Vision)
 - 127 Hughson St. N. (on-hold)
 - 1389 Pregreston Rd. (under appeal)
- c. R.McKee suggested that the WG recommend the following to HMHC:
 - That staff follow-up with Culture regarding outstanding plaquing for designated properties; and
 - That where there are only 2 of 5 plaques can be completed, that the remaining budget be used to plaque outstanding properties to alleviate any backlog.

(Motion brought forward by R.McKee and seconded by J.Brown)

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday July 22nd, 2020 at 6pm