

PEMBROKE HERITAGE MURALS© since 1989

July 8th 2020 @ 11am

PRESENT: Pamela Dempsey, Jane Kielman, Lloyd Raglin, Councillor Brian Abdallah, Dennis Corrigan

AGENDA: Motion by Dennis APPROVED

MINUTES: April 1st and June 3rd Report. Motion by Jane APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE: *circulated in advance, read only if necessary

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Committee APPROVED the following payments:

Jana Jaros, \$ 125.00 for minor repairs at three mural sites.

Dennis, \$ 42.95 for slides to digitized images

Pam, \$ 378.56 for purchase of flood light, motion sensor, xlarge mailbox, labels, vinyl letters, artist brushes etc.

Invoices to come for: half page ad in Travel Our Backyard, Frank's Electric work at 'The Timber Raft'.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Travel Our Backyard:

New magazines are being delivered to J. Layman July 10th, distribution next week. PHM will get copies to put in the 'Millennium' mailbox.

'The Timber Raft' Motion Light Installation etc:

The flood light of 80 watt with 9600 lumens and motion sensor were installed by Frank's Electric second last week of June. We haven't been down at night yet to test it out. We are hoping this will help deter vandalism at this valuable mural site. The motion sensor is only triggered at night. To start, we asked the electrician to have the light stay on for three minutes: hoping it would be enough time for passersby to see what is going on. We can have this changed to less time if we decide later.

Pam: we could install a second motion sensor at the front that would trigger the flood light at the back. It is another option: the 80 watt TamLite is too big to install at the front. It would be very unattractive.

Brian has seen a recent photo of the mural taken at night showing the front lights on the mural: "looked really good".

Jane, Lloyd and Brian have recently been by the site during the day and saw 20 plus people at the back of the mural: several sitting on the struts, some lying on them. Garbage has been dreadful Jane said.

Jane goes by this mural early most mornings. One morning she saw John McCann picking garbage up: John takes his son to skateboard early in the morning and picks up garbage while there.

Lloyd & Brian wrapped a very long and heavy chain around three long timbers and two short ones on June 29th. The chain was pinned in several places to the timbers. This unit is on the front left side. Other small timbers were removed by Parks crew along with tree branches and weeds on June 25th during a site cleanup. We hope that by securing the timbers we have removed the 'seats' as timbers and some rocks have been constantly moved to the back for seating.

Lloyd did say he thinks these secured timbers were jumped on, possibly to release them, as one of them is split. The chains and timbers are still intact.

Brian was quite shocked last week [chaining timbers] as one of the young male teens deliberately unzipped and urinated behind the mural in front of us. Lloyd and Pam said to Brian, 'this has been going on for a while now'. Brian did speak of fencing the back area last week. Since then he has changed his mind. Dennis, Jane, Lloyd & Pam said a fence would drive the vandalism to the front. Pam: damage to the front would be very difficult to repair. We've had some, not too much that we couldn't repair it ourselves.

We did agree that none of us will address any of the teens and others on the mural site: some have been quite aggressive verbally and in body language. Definitely will not walk on site alone.

Brian met with Tanner Hogen, who now owns the skateboard shop, and Matt Poulin, Supervisor of Parks, Mr. Hogen gives skateboard lessons. Once COVID 19 restrictions are lifted, Brian and Mr. Hogen hope to have an Open House BBQ at the Skateboard Park to discuss the mural site, garbage, and being respectful skateboarders etc. Mr. Poulin says this area is now a hangout

We are all dealing with foul language, urinating in public, destruction of public property, drugs and alcohol. The PHM Committee does wonder why this area isn't patrolled occasionally, day and night, by the OPP. Some of the above are criminal offences.

Renfrew County Museums Network:

Dennis has had difficulty getting into this web site. He did ask a member of RCMN who said we will have to contact the web designer. Pam will try to find out who that is.

Slides to Digital Images:

Dennis took our slides to Costco: he picked the order up yesterday.

Artists/M&R:

Pam reported that Jana applied clear coat to the 'Farmers Market' panels. Pam was with her to show how we do this procedure. It is PHM's own technique.

Dennis with his' 10 foot step ladder & Pam met Jana at 'Living Our Community Dreams'. She repaired the red colour in the primary figure's clothing and a few Ts and shorts. It sharpened the mural up for now. This mural will need more work.

This Monday, Jana did a few minor repairs to 'Peter White' and applied clear coat.

Jana works very efficiently: she knows what she is doing. However, she can only work Monday to Wednesday which can pose a problem for PHM when a job will take a week, for example. Shauna lives in the GTA and right now is hesitant coming home to her parents in Deep River.

Pam: it is too hot this month to work. Jana advises against it as paint dries too quickly and does not cure. Pam will contact Al-Cha Rental and see if we can book a tow boom for August 10-12, or 17-19. This time will be to repair 'At The Ready' and 'Mackay Street Arena'.

Lloyd will check 'Mackay Street' for Pam: one corner of a panel seems to have lifted.

We will need to set up an account: Al-Cha replied to Pam they will train on site: PHM has a harness for Jana to use: she has not used lift units before. Hopefully, August will not be scorching hot. Pam & Jana discussed working in September if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Weeds:

Jane: inspected murals where weeds etc haven't been cleaned up. Many sites have been weeded etc by the property owner or business located there. Two sites are in dreadful condition: 'Pansy Patch Park' and 'A Century of Service'. Brian will take our concern to PBI Manager.

Thank you everyone for cleaning up: 'The Great Fire of 1918', 'The Ice House', 'The Mayors of Pembroke 1877-2014', 'Peter White', 'Spring Harvest-An Artist's Sketchbook'.

Other:

French Translation: we haven't heard back since we confirmed June 2nd that PHM would like to have the Full Descriptions translated. It was offered to us via Heather Sutherland's office. Community Futures Development Corporation Renfrew County is providing this service at no cost.

Cogeco/Trevor Riley: contacted Pam with an idea to produce two 30 second promo pieces each highlighting a mural. He produced one of 'The Great Fire' to get the idea going. Pam sent him a better photo, our logo, and instructions that murals featured must have the full title, artist' name and year painted. He's off this week, but will be in contact later.

Diplomat Magazine: Heidi Martin received a call from Patrick Langston who writes for this quarterly magazine. Subsequently, Pam phoned him yesterday. She sent him photos of four murals along with some background info. Plus, our name must have the copyright sign after it: each mural image used must have the full title, artist name and year painted. It's PHM's contract with the artists and copyright law. This summer's edition will be online.

Mailbox: Jane re-stocked the mailbox this week. It's checked and re-stocked regularly.

Touring murals is a safe activity.

Adjourn: 12:30 pm.

Next meeting: September 2nd 2020