

PEMBROKE HERITAGE MURALS© since 1989

September 2nd 2020 @ 10:30 am

PRESENT: Pamela Dempsey, Jane Kielman, Lloyd Raglin, Dennis Corrigan

REGRETS: Councillor Brian Abdallah

AGENDA: Motion by Dennis APPROVED

MINUTES: July 8th Motion by Lloyd APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE: *circulated in advance, read only if necessary

FINANCIAL REPORT:

July & August monthly Report was reviewed.

Pam submitted her VISA statement for Al-Cha Rentals cost to rent a tow boom unit for signing: \$1,241.12
The original invoice she signed was for \$1,127.18, three days August 10-12. However due to rain, we required the unit for a part day, hence the increase in cost. Al-Cha did not provide a new invoice for PHM to submit.

MOTION by Jane APPROVED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Health Matters / Travel Our Backyard:

We received a box of these magazines that have our half page ad, it looks really good. Jane & Pam keep the mailbox at the 'Millennium' mural stocked with these, Z cards & 'Millennium' brochures. Pam asked other members of the committee to take a few and give them to friends, neighbors.

'The Timber Raft':

The flood light triggered by the motion sensor at night only, is very effective. Dennis has been down at night to trigger the sensor. He says the light is very bright [9600 lumens] and casts light a fair distance around the back of the mural. He checked it from the street: the light stays on three minutes.

Dennis & Lloyd installed new DO NOT ENTER signs: two replaced damaged signs and four additional signs primarily screwed into the wood berm on the right side of the installation. These are in place to secure liability on behalf of PHM and the City.

Expecting people to actually read and respect them does not happen, adults as well as younger people use the right side to park bicycles, back packs, drinks, food and just to hang out. Lloyd pointed out that the far right timber of the 'raft' has been picked and pulled at so much that it is part way gone.

Lloyd: we will have to clean up these pieces of timber including removing one timber that is secured by the chain, left side, as it has been stomped on and is almost in pieces.

Overall, we agree the vandalism is not as horrific as last four summers. The PHM committee is appreciative of the Parks crew who has secured the picnic tables by chaining them. Also, the summer students collect garbage around this mural site as well as the Skateboard Park each morning. It is an immense help to keep the entrance to Pembroke's Waterfront clean and attractive. **Thank You!**

Renfrew County Museums Network:

Dennis will take another look at the site.

Slides to Digital Images:

Dennis burned a DVD with our images. Pam will inject many of them into our digital slide show.

M&R:

From August 10th to mid-day of the 13th, Jana repaired, re-painted some areas and applied clear coat to both ‘Canadian Armed Forces-At The Ready’ and ‘The Mackay Street Arena 1905-1951’.

We discovered the caulking at top of both caps had dried out, ‘MacKay’ being the worst. The lengthy, extreme heat was the cause then torrential rains came and the open areas allowed rain down the back of the panels. Unfortunately, it created some problems that were not there in the spring. Jana Jaros, our new professional artist, did a great job: she is very knowledgeable about paints etc. and works very efficiently.

Pam contacted Walsh Bros. Construction to caulk both caps as soon as possible.

One day in August, Dennis discovered the ‘Mayors of Pembroke: A Portrait Gallery 1877-2014’ was in very poor condition. Many portraits looked burned and others the lamination literally curled off. Again, the extreme heat caused the damage. Pam had been by just eight or nine days before Dennis and the mural looked good. Speed Pro Signs was contacted immediately and sixteen portraits were ordered along with a new storyboard.

Pam discussed the possibility of Jana working in September. We really need to have the west panel of ‘The Steamboat’ restored. Committee agreed to ask Jana to look at it and estimate length of time to restore. There are no repairs to signboard panels at this mural. Property owner must be contacted and a tow boom booked.

Pam: ‘The Steamboat’ restoration is needed more than repairing a few small areas on ‘The Timber Raft’. Hopefully, we will have two artists working in 2021.

Lloyd asked about ‘The Pioneers of Pembroke Township 1820-1850’. Committee discussed the on-going problems with the Museum’s roof drains. They need to be cleared regularly. The damage to the mural is mostly along the drainpipes, with the middle to right side having the most damage. Committee agreed that Pam will write the OVHS Board [again] and ask them to clear the drains more often, especially before winter sets in.

PHM’s regular artist, Shauna Torgerson, will not be travelling up from the GTA to her parents in Deep River. Pam asked if she could do some work this September. Shauna has been reluctant to drive from the city to the area due to the Covid 19 situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

As our souvenirs are out of circulation due to Covid 19, Pam suggested we find ways to make them work for us. For example, we have three Tshirts of ‘Living Our Community Dreams’. We could offer them to Community Living: maybe they can use them for an event or whatever they are planning for clients during this difficult time. Committee agreed it’s a good idea: Pam will contact them.

Jane asked what we have in inventory, among others we have ‘Pansy Patch Park’ Ts. Jane will contact the Horticultural Society and ask if they could be of use in the coming months.

Pam reminded the committee that postcards could be donated too and asked committee to forward other opportunities they come across.

Other:

French Translation: we won't hear from them until the grant has either been approved or not later in October.

Cogeco/Trevor Riley: Trevor amended the 'Great Fire of 1918' promo. Pam replied that maybe he would consider 'The Timber Raft' for another 30 second promo.

Diplomat Magazine: Patrick Langston who writes for this quarterly magazine has not emailed PHM as to what images were used for the summer issue. Pam had asked him to let us know.

We agreed to move our meetings back to the usual time frame. Pam will ask Brian what time is best for him.

Adjourn: 11:30 pm.

Next meeting: October 7th 2020

Touring murals is a safe activity.

NOTE:

During our meeting, PHM received an urgent request from Cogeco head office, that the Lake Street building will undergo extensive renovations. The damage to 'The Great Fire of 1918' mural might be extensive or not. We were asked if we will restore the mural. If not, contractors would be engaged to paint over it.

Pam emailed Cogeco and assured them that PHMurals will most definitely restore this mural, it's one of the original murals painted in 1993 by David Yeatman. It's part of our steam locomotive history.