

PEMBROKE HERITAGE MURALS © since 1989

June 5th 2019

PRESENT: Pamela Dempsey, Councillor Brian Abdallah, Loyd Raglin, Jane Kielman

REGRETS: Dennis Corrigan

AGENDA: MOTION by Brian, APPROVED

MINUTES: May 1st MOTION by Jane, APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE: *circulated in advance, read only if necessary

Earlier this month, Dennis sent an email of David Yeatman's obituary. David was an accomplished mural artist. For Pembroke Heritage Murals he painted 'The Great Fire of 1918' in 1993, and returned for our 1999 Festival of Mural Art during which he painted 'Pansy Patch Park'. David was a pleasure to work with.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

We reviewed recent expenditures: RC Museums Network membership \$50.00, and Walsh Bros. Construction who installed a cap on 'Mackay Street Arena 1905-1951' and removed four Mural Meter posts \$1,412.50.

Upcoming expenses: Travel Our Backyard half page ad \$695 +tax, and Valley Contracting for mulch and river rock for 'The Timber Raft'.

The General Account end of April was \$12,785.00.

2018 Interest for the Reserve Fund is \$330.57, bringing the account to \$16,372.45.

MOTION by Brian, APPROVED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

M&R:

In the past three years, we have had wider caps installed on some murals due to the significant amount of rain we are experiencing. On the 'Mackay Street Arena' mural, the cap was installed over the current one; it's a four inch overhang. This will protect the top of the panels more effectively. The four meter posts are the remains of the Mural Meter project for small change donations. It worked quite well for several years, but not so much anymore. The two left do fairly well: one in front of the 'Town Smithy' and 'Webb Bakery' murals, the other inside Giant Tiger at the Alexander Street exit.

During the recent flood of the Ottawa River, the '**Pembroke Farmers Market 1890-1940**' mural panels were very close to being in water. Fred Blackstein was in communication with Pam and on *the* Sunday after the River Management team met at 5pm, Fred emailed Pam that the river had gone down slightly and they did not expect it to continue rising. The Mural Committee is grateful for Walsh Bros. Construction to be on stand-by for us: the panels would have had to be removed quickly. The water was about three inches from the bottom of the panels.

Last week, Jane, Lloyd & Pam were at ‘**The Timber Raft**’ mural on Wednesday May 29th in the afternoon for two hours and on Friday May 31st in the afternoon for not quite two hours. We managed to clear weeds and pine needles from the river rock and trim the juniper shrub. There was a lot of broken glass, mainly beer bottles next to the site. On Friday, we raked numerous leaf bags of pine needles from the rear of the site. The mulch has pretty well gone now, so we agreed that we needed to add mulch to our order with Valley Contracting.

Jane told us that on Monday May 27th while walking her dog before 7:30am, she saw several men drinking from beer bottles at one of the picnic tables at the Skateboard Park. Brian will ask Ron Conroy about signage regarding vaping/smoking and alcohol.

Pam met with Matt Poulin, Supervisor at the Parks Dept. and a Foreman on June 3rd to discuss what tree branches needed to be either cut down or trimmed. The area doesn’t dry out as quickly now and we also need to have sufficient light on the photo cell for the LED lights to come on [dusk to dawn]. Parks Dept. will take care of this.
Thank You.

The most alarming thing was that the three of us discovered the main outlet cover and inside for the lights and plug-in, had been ripped off...once again. This was all in good repair when we left Friday afternoon. We appreciate Mr. Poulin for having the City’s Electrician repair and replace the cover. There are those who get angry that there is no power for their lights and cell phones [charging].

We agreed we would hire two or three students to spread the mulch and rock as it will be too much for us. Pam has one student who contacted her in the winter months looking for community hours: she will email her. Pam looked up Ontario’s minimum wage rates: casual labour will be paid in cash and the individual’s will sign for it.

Brian will ask around for any available students in his neighborhood etc.

OTHER:

The Committee is very pleased with the Travel Our Backyard half page ad. We have a box of them to stock the mailbox at the ‘Millennium’ mural.

Pam had a copy of this year’s ONRoute Summer Fun Guide that is in all the highway 401 stops. We have a free notice in the guide that Pam submits every January.

Jane asked Brian about the 2019 Parks & Recreation Guide front cover. The paint on the concrete form looks like blood. Brian said there are so many other attractive places in Pembroke to showcase.

NEW BUSINESS:

The PBIAs have asked if PHM would like a booth at their July 1st event. We will decline, however we have some posters and prints for them to give away: Pam will ask Bethea Alexander.

Jane will take two of this year’s laminated sign [8.5x11] promoting PHM’s bar code to put one in the Library and another at Irving Big Stop. There are ten on display now. This year’s image for all our promo is ‘The Timber Raft’.

Pam had a disturbing email to share with the Committee. About 30 minutes before this meeting began Pam received an email from Heather Sutherland, Tourism & Communications Officer. Copies were printed for the Committee.

Ms. Sutherland had received an email from Cindy Mackenzie who operates the Learning Tree Home daycare in Pembroke. Ms. Mackenzie has an idea for a mural “representing all cultures in our community by the children in Early Years programs/daycares across Renfrew County”.

Ms. Sutherland attached this email inquiry with a note introducing Cindy and Pam, essentially indicating her approval and that we will help her plan a mural.

Lloyd was quite shocked and said we are back to where we were with the last group.

Jane said we can't go through this again and where is the heritage factor?

Pam wondered why Ms. Sutherland can't just flip mural inquiries to us without making comments like all other City Staff have done over the years. Leave the inquiry to the Heritage Murals Committee to deal with, as we have done for many years up until March 2018.

Since we are visibly upset, we agreed that we will not reply to anyone until we've all had chance to let it settle. Any replies will be agreed upon by each of us.

The Committee has a lot on right now dealing with major repairs to 'The Timber Raft' site that will need us on site during delivery of materials and supervising student casual labour.

Adjourn: 5:30 pm

Next Meeting: July 3rd 2019

No meeting in August.