

## **PEMBROKE HERITAGE MURALS © since 1989**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 @ 10am**

**PRESENT:** Pamela Dempsey, Jane Kielman

**REGRETS:** Dennis Corrigan, Councillor Brian Abdallah, Lloyd Raglin

**AGENDA:** APPROVED

**MINUTES:** June 5<sup>th</sup> APPROVED by Jane

**CORRESPONDENCE:** \*circulated in advance, read only if necessary

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Pam reported this month's activities. We ended June with approximately \$9,890.00 in the General Account.

Invoices to come are: Valley Contracting for delivery of a full load of mulch and a part load of river rock to 'The Timber Raft' mural site: Poseidon Cleaning Service to power wash the river rock, and later in July to wash 'The Irish Play' mural: Pam has ordered 4 containers of wood 'Petrifier' for 'The Timber Raft' timbers, and a few other M&R supplies.

She noted that the transfer of funds from 2018 to 2019 has not yet been done on the City's Financial Statement.

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

#### **M&R:**

'The Timber Raft' mural site has been thoroughly weeded, trimmed, cleaned and brought back to pristine condition with the delivery of mulch and river rock to the site. *Thank You* to Lloyd and Jane who spent many hours on site with Pam over a three week period in June. We hired CGL Yardworks/Chad Lafreniere to spread the mulch and the river rock. It was heavy work, but he did it very well and quite quickly for us.

We hired Poseidon Cleaning to power wash the river rock before the July 1<sup>st</sup> long weekend. Early on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Jane & Pam will clean up small stones the power wash flung off the site onto the grass.

It was very distressing that for three consecutive weekends in June, this site was vandalized. Each time the outlet and junction box was damaged and once the cage fronts of the lights in front were kicked in. The City's Electrician installed a cover on the outlet one week; the next week we hired Frank's Electric to install a new heavy duty outlet and junction box, and to repair damage to the connection that powers the LED lights/dawn to dusk. The cover for the outlet was ripped off again: we have lost track of how many times this outlet has been replaced since 2016. We have had the power to this outlet turned off for a couple of years now.

The other damage was done by an individual who jammed a large patio umbrella & pole between the mural panels and frame in the back. This resulted in loosening the panels on the bottom right. The damage didn't show itself until the very heavy rains overnight got into the seams causing the panels to swell and pop out. We have since repaired the damage.

Deputy Mayor Gervais, Chair of the Police Services Board, was advised of the recent vandalism. He contacted the OPP Chief Investigator to see if there was a security camera that could be directed at this mural site. On the evening of June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Deputy Mayor confirmed to Brian there was a camera pointing at 'The Timber Raft'

mural and Skate Board Park. We have requested a security camera for this mural site: the OPP Chief will check their inventory. In addition, Ron Conroy has arranged that signs be installed on site one of which will advise people of 'surveillance in place'.

The Heritage Murals Committee is very grateful for this assistance. It is the first long weekend since 2016 we have had no vandalism on this mural site.

We have asked the public via a recent media release to contact the OPP if they witness any vandalism at any of Pembroke's Heritage Murals.

**M&R to come:**

Jane has contacted Mr. Racine at the Equinoxe School where 'The Irish Play' is located, advising him that we will have this mural washed and a clear coat applied in July. Poseidon Cleaning will wash it as they have in the past. Pam will apply the clear coat.

Minor repair to 'Living Our Community Dreams' and 'Peter White' will be done as well.

Weeds are growing at 'Artist Sketchbook', 'Great Fire' & 'The Mayors of Pembroke' murals. Jane & Pam plan to weed these sites early July 6<sup>th</sup>. It's a shame business owners don't keep murals next to or on their business property weeded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

PHMurals developed a Restitution Policy in April 2008. It tags onto the City's Anti Graffiti By Law # 2007-47. It's part of our **Board Manual: Policies and Procedures**.

In early June, Pam separated this Policy onto a single page for the Committee to keep on hand if they need to lay a charge to vandals. It is fee based to reimburse Pembroke Heritage Murals of all costs to repair damage plus an Administrative Fee payable to PHMurals. Pam sent it to CAO Terry Lapierre asking if the City had made any changes to this By Law.

Jane & Pam agreed that vandals get off very lightly today, and it is getting worse. Jane is on the Horticultural Society Board. She said that two planters along the Waterfront had been destroyed shortly after being planted and just before Canada Day: other plantings were damaged too. This organization experiences vandalism on a regular basis.

**'Pembroke's million dollar art gallery'**

Pam reported she has had a few positive comments about the media release she sent out June 20<sup>th</sup>. It was online/Pembroke Observer by noon the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and in print form in the Advertiser News on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn: 11am

No meeting in August.

Next meeting: September 4<sup>th</sup>.