

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

***September 4th 2019 @ 4:15pm***

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

**REGRETS:** Dennis Corrigan

**AGENDA:** APPROVED

Please note the Committee has agreed to move our meeting time to 4:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month allowing Councillor Abdallah the time to drive from Deep River to the meeting.

**MINUTES:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> APPROVED by Jane

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

On August 13<sup>th</sup> PHMurals submitted a formal request to Council asking for permission to install two solar powered LED motion lights with cameras at 'The Timber Raft' mural site. We listed the damage the site has incurred so far in 2019 along with photographs.

CAO, Terry Lapierre replied that our request has been tabled for now while the Deputy Mayor consults with the Police Services Board.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Pam reviewed the July and August expenditures.

Poseidon Cleaning Service invoiced for the power washing of the new river rock at 'The Timber Raft': \$127.13  
Donation \$127.13: Poseidon Cleaning requested a charitable receipt for washing 'The Irish Play' in lieu of payment.

Valley Contracting invoiced \$2,022.70 for the delivery of a truck load of mulch and 5 yards of river rock for 'The Timber Raft'. We paid Chad Lafreniere to spread the mulch and rock in June, and in August to cut/trim a significant amount of branches at this site.

Transfer of funds from December 2018 has been completed. As of mid-August we have \$8,490.00 in the General Account. Pam reminded the Committee that we did not transfer as much end of last year as we expected greater expenses to restore 'Street Lights' and the repair of a few other murals.

### **Expenses to come due to vandalism at 'The Timber Raft' mural and site in August:**

Walsh Bros. Construction for the repair of mural panels and the struts at the back of this site.

Frank's Electric: to repair the photo cell and possibly the LED lights at the front of the mural.

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

#### **M&R: 'The Timber Raft'**

Pam said she will thank Ron Conroy along with the people who work in the Parks Dept. and the Summer Students for the continuous help at 'The Timber Raft' this summer. The picnic tables were constantly removed from this site and repositioned under the trees at the corner of the property: garbage was picked up as well.

PHMurals will also thank the PBI and Bethea for the weeding at mural sites. Jane & Pam weeded early in the summer, but had little time to return given the amount of vandalism/damage at 'The Timber Raft'. It takes a significant amount of our time to determine the damage and secure contractors to make repairs.

For the record, Pam filed a complaint with the OPP on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. The back of the mural panels at 'The Timber Raft' had been slashed repeatedly, upwards of three dozen times, and the frame and struts had wood peeled in many places. Vandals also peeled wood at the front timbers as well as bark off a mature pine tree. It was decided that the knife or knives were hunting knives not pen knives. The OPP Constable who went to the site a couple of hours later, advised Pam that there was nothing they could do for us.

Brian had some information and a number of questions for us.

Brian said that the Police Services Board was meeting this evening and our request for two lights and two cameras was on their Agenda. We all discussed the best type of equipment, and agreed that solar lights best as there would be no wires to be damaged/vandalized.

Brian reported that he met Ron Conroy at the site before the August long weekend and they discussed fencing part of the mural site. Jane said she didn't think a fence was a solution. Lloyd suggested that a fence would not be worth the money. Also, we do need to be able to get a truck to the back of the mural site for delivery such as mulch and other repairs and maintenance. Lloyd, Jane & Pam agreed fencing not an option.

Brian also met with Brian Mottershead before the August long weekend. Mr. Mottershead had asked for more picnic tables and permission to set up all the tables behind the mural as the trees provided shade. Mr. Conroy declined to provide more tables as they are constantly damaged/destroyed. He was also advised that setting up picnic tables on the mural site would not be permitted. Since the enormous amount of damage to 'The Timber Raft' over the August long weekend, Mr. Mottershead and Brian have exchanged emails about this. Unfortunately Mr. Mottershead is very rude and disrespectful when told he cannot do or have something. Pam said the four of us can relate as in 2017/2018 he was very rude when talking about the Mayor, CAO, Parks Dept. Manager when they refused to build a gazebo and install a water fountain. He has been disrespectful to Pam this summer.

The Parks and Recreation Departments are considering lighting at the Skateboard Park, as to how much is still under consideration. Brian asked what we suggest. Lloyd, Jane & Pam agreed this was not really for us to say.

The good news is that the City is planning low gentle hills behind the Skateboard Park for small children to enjoy. This will at least remove the tall hills Mr. Mottershead went ahead and made last year and generally clean up the property. Pam said there are a lot of young parents with their small children this year, and they are enjoying the picnic tables that have been kept under the trees at the top of the property. It's quite common to see people of all ages having lunch or snacks while their children use the Skateboard Park. It's the first summer that people have enjoyed spending time on this City park since 2016 when picnic tables were first brought to this property. Pam asked Brian if there was a way that picnic tables could be secured in the shaded area. He will ask Mr. Conroy.

More good news: Brian reported that Cameron Dube who runs an Outdoor Adventure Program at Algonquin College is very interested in running a couple of programs this fall at the Skateboard Park. He suggests that the culture needs to be changed 'down there'. He plans a BBQ, teaching/discussing skateboard etiquette, respect and vandalism. Jane was very pleased that positive programs and support are being planned. Agreed.

We will have some fall cleanup: applying wood preservative and wood hardener to the timbers in front of the mural. There are fewer weeds with the new mulch and river rock, but we will clean what is there before winter.

Pam posed the question: how much does vandalism cost the City each year?

**Other M&R:**

Pam reported that she applied a clear coat to 'The Irish Play' after it was washed July 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the minor repair to 'Living Our Community Dreams' was not done. It might still be possible before it gets too cool.

There are a few branches on two trees at 'Marching Toward The Millennium' that are against the mural/wall. Pam will ask Mr. Conroy if we can be permitted to have them trimmed back: we will hire it done.

Lloyd asked about the weeds at "The Pembroke Farmers Market 1890-1940". Pam said she has broken tall ones down in front of the panels on occasion: not accessible this summer due to Victoria Street construction.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Artists:**

Pam met with Jana Jaros in August. Jana is a professional artist with a lot of experience in painting large sets for theatre companies in southern Ontario, among other accomplishments, and knowledge in various types of paint. She recently moved to the Pembroke area. Pam is pleased to report she is very interested in mural restoration and working with Shauna Torgerson beginning next year.

Shauna is slowly recovering from surgery and has been informed that she will have an assistant next year.

We will need to inquire about training for use of lift equipment: Pam believes the rules in Ontario have changed. Both Shauna and Jana will need the 'lessons'. PHMURALS will pay the fee, it's to our benefit and a safety issue.

The Artist's fee structure will need to be adjusted: that will be finalized next year before the season begins.

**Original Paintings Rotation:**

It will be October or November before Jane & Pam will rotate a few of the paintings that are on display at the Irving Big Stop Restaurant.

Adjourn: 6pm

Next meeting: October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30pm