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October 2nd 2019 @ 4:30pm

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

REGRETS: Dennis Corrigan

AGENDA: APPROVED

MINUTES: September 4th APPROVED by Jane

CORRESPONDENCE: *circulated in advance, read only if necessary

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Pam reviewed September:

August 31st the General Account was \$ 7997.64.

Expenses for September:

Frank's Electric for repair @ The Timber Raft site: \$ 152.55 [photo cell had been removed//no lights]

Walsh Bros. Construction @ The Timber Raft site:

Replaced 3 damaged struts and repaired & covered slashed mural panels: \$1582.00

October 2nd the General Account has approximately \$6263.09.

Pam has approximately \$149.00 in petty cash expenses so far. We will have about another \$100 to \$130 in casual labour costs next week. We expect this to be the last of our expenses for the year.

Lloyd discussed the Reserve Fund and how much we should be transferring to it year's end. Pam said she will ask Terry Lapierre how much the deductible is on insurance now.

MOTION by Lloyd, APPROVED

BUSINESS ARISING:

M&R: 'The Timber Raft': a chronological list of events in September

On September 5th the Police Services Board recommended to Ron Conroy, Parks & Recreation Manager, that to avoid vandalism at 'The Timber Raft' the mural should be moved.

On September 14th Brian informed PHMurals Committee of this recommendation.

We rejected this. Our original request in June was asking their advice on lighting and cameras for security purposes.

On September 15th Pam discovered that the boulders at 'The Timber Raft' site had been spray painted with large blue swastikas. Brian filed an online report with the OPP.

It was rejected September 19th via email.

Brian asked Ron Conroy if the Parks crew could clean up the spray paint. They responded quickly: it was a lot of work but cleaned up by early afternoon September 16th. The crew found remnants of a small fire behind the mural: they showed it to Lloyd who had dropped by. ***Thank You Ron and Parks Dept.***

September 16th: on behalf of the Committee Pam responded to this summer's damage to Mayor LeMay, Councillor Lafreniere, Mr. Lapierre, Councillor Abdallah & Mr. Conroy regarding our on-going request for permission to install solar powered motion lights.

September 17th Brian made a motion at a Council meeting to install motion lights at 'The Timber Raf' site. Motion approved.

September 25th Pam met with Mayor LeMay at his request. He asked the Committee to not install motion lights as 'proper lighting' will be installed at this City property as soon as possible. We discussed the considerable damage to this site over four years. Pam related conversations with residents who live across the road who often stop by while we are working on the site: they have told us of problems they have had by users of the Skateboard Park and problems they have witnessed at the Skateboard Park at night. Residents who walk by regularly often stop to chat and ask us what we are doing. We have received numerous positive comments for this particular mural site: it seems to be the favorite of many people.

October 1st Pam advised Frank's Electric we would not need their services re solar motion lights at this site. October 2nd Pam advised Ron Conroy of the conversation with Mayor LeMay.

At this October 2nd meeting Brian said that his online OPP complaint was rejected. He also advised us that the City would prefer motion lights to be hooked up to power.

Lloyd spoke about the many conversations that he, Jane & Pam have had at this site over the summer. We had discussed and dismissed having any type of motion lights being powered via hydro.
Jane: another thing to damage.

Pam: it wouldn't take anyone long to notice conduit running up the frame and that cutting it and the electrical wires would be a fast way to kill the lights. Lloyd had suggested we look at having a cage over the solar motion light unit.

Brian raised the fence idea again. Pam referred him to our September Minutes.
Jane: we agreed that it would be another thing to damage.

Brian asked 'what will you do now'?

Jane, Lloyd & Pam agreed that we will wait for Parks & Rec. to plan and install the proposed lights at this City property. If the lights do nothing for us, then we will use the Motion that's in place and install solar powered motion lights as soon as possible in 2020.

Pam: we can't have another year like we've just had.

Lloyd suggested to Brian that a light be installed on the hydro pole at the rear of the Skateboard Park [dusk to dawn]. It would light up the entire back of this City property and the low hills that are planned for very young children. Security and safety for everyone: it would solve a lot of problems.

Lastly on this subject, Pam reported that a knife had been taken to one of the new struts. It was OK on September 25th, not so on the 30th. She gave Brian a photo of it.

Other M&R:

Pam reported we have permission from Ron Conroy to trim a few branches at 'Marching Toward The Millennium' mural. Lloyd & Pam will arrange this next week with Chad Lafreniere. Pam has given Chad a heads up it will be October 9th or later.

Next week Jane, Lloyd & Pam will plan to apply wood sealer on the front timbers of 'The Timber Raft' mural and pull a few weeds. We discussed having a small trailer load of mulch brought in next year for the right of the site as it's mostly gone with the constant dragging on/off of picnic tables. The picnic tables have been secured now and Mayor LeMay assured Pam they are looking at a permanent way to secure them for 2020.

'A Century of Service' has very tall weeds in front of this mural. It's unsightly and at a busy intersection. Lloyd will speak with Dr. Munro next week.

We will check 'The Great Fire' at the Cogeco building and 'The Mayors of Pembroke' murals for weeds and see about getting them cleaned up.

Also we need to check 'The Pioneers of Pembroke Township' for blockage of the two roof drains. Curator will be reminded that they had assured us these drains will be cleared regularly. Paint constantly flakes along these two areas as water drips/runs down the mural and not down the drain pipe that is behind the mural.

Brian asked about the 'Marguerite d'Youville and Her Mission' mural. There are three lights in the cornices not working. Pam replied that for twelve consecutive years we repaired this mural. At one point the owner repaired the roof and it held, so did repairs for a while. The building has been empty for a few years now and is disintegrating.

In 2018 one light was out: we decided to not pour any more funds into it until we know what will happen to the property.

Pam said that she's not sure if the two minor repairs she expected to do this summer will be done now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam asked Jane if she would take inventory of our souvenirs at Purvis Gallery. Yes she will.

Original Paintings Rotation:

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

Adjourn: 5:45pm

Next meeting: November 6th @ 4:30pm

Last meeting of 2019

***For the record:** between Pam, Dennis, Lloyd & Jane we have **72.5 years** of cumulative knowledge and experience of Pembroke Heritage Murals©