



## **DRAFT** MINUTES

### Heritage Advisory Committee

October 2, 2019

River Plate Room, Town Hall

Meeting No. 7

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Committee Members:	Councillor Lisa Bower Bruce Balsdon Neil Burnett Beverley Briggs Anderson Mendonca Pam Pryjma Jeff Wood
Staff:	Brenda Kriz, records and FOI Coordinator Sarah Moore, Committee & Accessibility Coordinator
Guest:	Robert Gruber, Manager of Community and Cultural Development
Regrets:	Michael Sawchuck, Senior Planner Camille Graham Paul Hébert Stephen White Wayne Hingston

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#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Balsdon called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members shared feedback on last week's Community Heritage Ontario Orientation Workshop, noting the great turnout and opportunity to connect with other municipal heritage committees in the Region.

#### **2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved By: N. Burnett

Seconded By: J. Wood

That the September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes, and September 25, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

#### **4. Presentation/Discussion**

#### **4.1 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis Church**

Robert Gruber, Manager of Community and Cultural Development, sought the Committee's feedback on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the St. Francis de Sales Church, to be celebrated in 2021. He shared details about the availability of funding through the Building Communities through Arts & Heritage Fund under the community anniversaries funding branch. He discussed ideas to create a projection mapping show to illustrate the history of the St. Francis de Sales Church facility and its Pickering Village landmark status. He played several video examples of projection mapping shows. Next steps will include seeking endorsement for the project, researching story elements, and developing the full story creation with a projection mapping company.

Members expressed enthusiasm for the proposed projection mapping project and asked questions in relation to the duration of the show and whether the projection would be indoor or exterior on the church. The Committee encouraged a preview advertisement to be projected onto the exterior of the church, leading up to the event. Members acknowledged past divisiveness surrounding the Catholic Church prior to its deconsecration and renovation as the St. Francis Centre of Community Arts and Culture, and encouraged inclusion of other faith-based institutions and businesses within the Village at the time or to maintain religious neutrality, in the context of the history being highlighted. R. Gruber noted that 2021 also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St. Francis Centre. B. Kriz shared information about a book containing the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary story of the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, which is part of the Ajax Archives. Documentation of the history could also be translated into a stage production.

Members were encouraged to volunteer to take on researching the history to be developed into a half hour story for the projection. P. Pryjma, J. Wood, and A. Mendonca volunteered to review the history book and research points of interest to highlight.

#### **4.2 Ajax Historical Minute Project**

P. Pryjma provided an update on the Ajax Historical Minute Project and proposed partnership with Ajax High School. She shared feedback from a teacher at Ajax High School, Kaitlin Ireland. K. Ireland noted she will be working with Amanda Robinson, Visual Arts teacher, on the project. The educators will be reviewing the draft plan and develop a project format for the students. They endeavor to create a video during each semester, the first of which will focus on Defence Industries Limited. Staff encouraged students to start conducting research by reviewing the [www.ourontario.ca](http://www.ourontario.ca) website, where most of the Ajax Archives images are available online.

#### **4.3 Report to Council – Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7pm**

Chair Balsdon sought feedback from the Committee on items to highlight in the council report. Members shared suggestions including:

- the opening of the Quaker Meeting House
- participation in Jane's Walk

- the September 25 Special Meeting with Heritage Ontario Orientation Workshop in collaboration with other municipal heritage committees across the Region,
- ongoing Member training and legislative changes
- participation in the annual Ontario Heritage Conference
- creation of an Ajax Historical Minute project in partnership with Ajax High School,
- threats to, and maintenance and preservation of heritage (i.e. the Elizabeth Street Cemetery erosion concerns, Westglen)

Members agreed that the presentation should be organized to support the mandate of the committee and highlight actions taken to advance the mandate: education and public awareness, preservation, consultation, and supporting owners of heritage properties. Members were encouraged to send in photos to be included in the slide presentation.

#### **4.4 Heritage Project & Events Updates**

B. Kriz presented project and event updates relative to a variety of on-going initiatives:

##### **Visits of HMS Ajax Veterans or Relatives**

The great grandson of Sir Admiral Henry Harwood, Sebastian Harwood, visited in June 2019. Mike Fox attended a street dedication in his honour in July 2019.

##### **Request for history tours by Harwood Sea Cadets**

B. Kriz mentioned that when Sir Admiral Harwood's grandson visited, she had reached out to A. Mendonca due to his involvement with the RCSCC Harwood, to invite some of the cadets to take part in S. Harwood's visit. Since then, three educational history tours have been coordinated for the whole Navy League unit to tour Town Hall in October and November. Tours will be offered annually thereafter.

##### **Status of repair to Memorial Wall**

B. Kriz noted that S. White had informed her of a broken lower panel on the back side of the waterfront memorial wall that requires repair. She noted that it has been brought to the attention of the Operations and Environmental Services staff for repair.

##### **History Heritage Tour for Council**

B. Kriz shared information on a Town of Ajax History and Heritage Tour she is planning for Council and Senior Management. She reviewed the route and highlighted locations of focus. During the afternoon, B. Kriz will conduct the D.I.L. walking tour with participants, as well.

##### **Plaque for Daniel David Palmer**

B. Kriz noted that budget request for the bust has been removed from the 2020 budget, however, the historical plaque will be moving forward and will include a photo of Daniel David Palmer.

B. Briggs shared newly found information about Daniel David Palmer that she and M. Sawchuck discovered during additional research.

### **Women's War Memorial Story Board**

B. Kriz shared the draft design for the informational storyboard, to be erected beside the Women in War Memorial at Pat Bayly Square. The storyboard includes information on the Ajax Bomb Girls Legacy Campaign and history of the "bomb girls". The storyboard is anticipated to be installed by early 2020.

B. Kriz distributed copies of the October/November/December 2019 edition of *The Wayback Times* newspaper, which included an article written by Douglas Phillips, whose mother worked as a Bomb Girl in England. B. Kriz was contacted by D. Phillips earlier in the summer to assist with research and images to include in his article.

## **5. Correspondence**

None.

## **6. Update from Council**

Councillor Bower shared a summary of the recent Ward 3 community meeting, where she provided an update her involvement with the Heritage Advisory Committee. She noted that Council is looking forward to forthcoming the History and Heritage Tour and acknowledged the great work of the Committee.

## **7. Standing Items**

### **7.1 Work Plan Review & Brainstorming**

This item was not discussed in detail.

### **7.2 Heritage Permit Updates**

None.

### **7.3 Ajax Archives Update**

None.

## **8. New/Other Business**

**9. Adjournment**

Moved By: B. Briggs  
Seconded By: N. Burnett

That the October 2, 2019 Meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee be adjourned.  
(7:50p.m.)

CARRIED