



Town of Erin Heritage Committee (TEHC)

Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Meeting  
7:05PM  
Town Hall – Root Room

**Present:** Margaret Barnstaple, Jamie Cheyne, Phil Gravelle, Frank Huarte, Alex Keller, Erin Montgomery, and Bob Wilson. Guest Tom Dolson.

**Absent:** Laurie DaSilva and Chris Tynan

**1. Call to Order/Council Introduction**

Councillor J. Cheyne called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**2. Approval of the Agenda/Additions to agenda**

**Moved By** M. Barnstaple  
**Seconded By** B. Wilson

That the agenda be approved as distributed with no additions.

**Carried**

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved By** A. Keller  
**Seconded By** F. Huarte

That the minutes of March 20 meeting be accepted.

**Carried**

**5. Appointment of Chair/Co-Chair**

Chris Tynan had agreed to run as co-chair. Erin Montgomery was nominated by B. Wilson as co-chair and agreed to run.

**Moved By** A. Keller  
**Seconded By** F. Huarte

That C. Tynan and E. Montgomery are co-chairs for 2023.

**Carried**

## **6. Delegation - Kensington Square**

Tom Dolson distributed the proposed plan of the new venture where the old public school had been removed. His group plans a remembrance, and distributed copies of 6 types of structures, either brick or stone, which would encompass the GIRLS and BOYS stones which were over the entrance doors. Also proposed is a plaque which would outline the school history. They will review our suggestions and we should create wording for the plaque.

## **7. Business arising from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1) Art England Bench**

M. Barnstaple reported that Dee-Enna Dube, L. DaSilva, Kate (wife of Art) and she had visited the trail to define the location. It will be on the east side of the river, at Riverside Park, near the existing bench. Dee-Enna will organize installation with the Town.

### **7.2) Signs**

Our decision regarding sign format was explained to new members. L. DaSilva is working on wording for the applications.

### **7.3) Heritage Inventory ... Next Steps**

Our selections have been submitted to Town Staff who will give us further direction.

## **8. Discussion Topics**

### **8.1) Historical Walk Maps and Holders**

P. Gravelle ordered maps last year. He also purchased a new holder box which will be installed at McMillan Park. Both he and J. Duncan refill the existing boxes as needed. J. McKinnon has been given some funding from the Town to produce and app for heritage sites outside the villages.

### **8.2) Erin Fair Booth, volunteers or ideas**

Fair booth not feasible at this time. J. Cheyne has offered to put his portable booth at Hillsburgh Family Day event in August. He also mentioned that he has about 1000 Hillsburgh Potato Fest badges from the 1970s which could be sold.

## **9. Roundtable**

M. Barnstaple has sent a letter of congratulations and our lintel postcard to Wellington County CAO for winning Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Carlos Ventin award. M. Barnstaple also told about her friend who met with County Museum and Archive staff to fill in history of one of its former child residents who was adopted back in 1899. E.

Montgomery mentioned that the current Niagara Escarpment magazine has an article about Brenda McEnery and the rocks she has collected. E. Montgomery is collecting things to be put in a future time capsule.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Root room.

**8. Adjournment**

That the meeting be adjourned at the hour of 9:05 PM.

**Carried**