

Puslinch Heritage Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Township of Puslinch Offices,
R.R. # 3, Guelph, ON
N1H 6H9



AGENDA

Welcome to Nuala Larwood from the Township Office replacing Heather.

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2012 meeting.

Business Arising:

1. Request for Internet presence on the Township website by the Puslinch Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee approved by Council.
2. Property research findings and plaquing consideration regarding sites visited by PHC members last summer will be dealt with under ACTION items tonight.
3. Visited Leachman barn on Jan. 9, 2013 (Don Aubin, Lynn Crow) and photographed the exterior of the barn and some of Glen Leachman father Jim's blacksmithing equipment held here and in the former blacksmith shop (now Aberfoyle Snowmobiles). These photos have been entered in the agriculture register for Puslinch.

Communications:

1. e-mail from Beatrice Woolsey on Dec. 10' 12 re Calfass labourer's cottage on Victoria St. in Morriston – would like committee to contact Rena Finlay, the owner, to gather more information on this structure
2. Jan. 8, 2013 phone call from Township office staff re former Hugh Cockburn farmhouse, lot 16, r. conc. 8; subsequent e-mail correspondence with owners now living in Nova Scotia re significance of a local plaque.
3. An e-mail was forwarded by the Puslinch Historical Society on Jan. 16, 2012 with another request for clarification concerning the implications of owning a plaqued house in the Township. This time it was a real estate agent. I adapted my reply to the Cockburn house owners to be generic for Cory.Griffiths@ipcc.ca.
4. Jan. 17, 2013 the chair received yet another request for clarification re Puslinch heritage plaque. This time the property listed recently for sale is the McCormack/Brunsveld house on the Gore. 5. Jan. 20, 2013 received a copy from Township staff of a letter sent to Council by Marjorie Clark dated 10 Jan 2013 in which she requested consideration for heritage signs to be erected at natural heritage sites in the Township. She felt that people who have moved into Puslinch in recent years probably are unaware of the historical significance of most of these features. Besides the natural heritage sites already recorded by this committee in the binder, "Changing Times in Puslinch" (Aberfoyle Mill Pond, Mill Creek, Puslinch Lake, spring on McPherson's Lane), Marjorie suggested that Halligan's Pond, Little Lake and Loch Buie should be included in a signage program. Council asked Road's Superintendent Don Creed to look into the cost and design for signage and would like a recommendation from this committee on his suggestions. **Action item 1.**
6. Feb. 27, 2013 potential buyers concerning the McDonald house at Puslinch Village called to ask about the implications of our plaques. After 4 contacts in 6 weeks, a Puslinch Matters column was composed with a copy of the general letter and submitted by the chair to the Puslinch Pioneer in early March 2013, so that all owners of plaqued sites would understand the implications should they decide to sell their property or request a demolition permit. Unfortunately their editing introduced errors and I have requested a correction.
7. Call from Waterloo research group following up on the suggestion to Cambridge Council by a local citizens group that a heritage conservation district be designated around the current Black Bridge. The chair agreed to take part in a conference call later that week, but it did not unfold. Newspaper clippings from Kitchener's newspaper, The Record (Apr. 4th & 9th, 2013) concerning this debate have been saved for committee members to read in order to bring themselves up to date should our group be contacted again.
8. Only zoning notice since last meeting was received April 11'13 regarding small housing expansion north of Badenoch St. in Morriston.

Action:

1. Select a natural heritage sign design from those presented to Council and a recommendation concerning fitting these into the current budget.
2. Review write-ups of Doug Lane's yellow block house (Levak); former Crieff P.O./Eichorn (Crow); Morlock/former Duff's manse/Biso (Mast/Crow); Morlock/Vanderhueval red brick (Tivy); Morlock stone cottage/Clark (Aubin); Rappolt/Bain house (Crow). Discuss which meet plaquing criteria.

Summer Tour Date: _____ Possible places: Puslinch Golf Course, Thompson house (Conc. 4), D.R. Clark farmhouse (Lot 28, F. 9)

Adjournment: _____