



Puslinch Heritage Committee Minutes of April 16th 2013

The meeting was held at the Puslinch Township offices at 7:30 pm. Committee members present were Chair Lynn Crow, Township Representative – Nuala Larwood, Doug Mast, Don Aubin, John Levak and Mary Tivy.

Adoption of the Minutes

HER – 2013-001

Moved by Doug Mast and Seconded by Don Aubin.

That the Puslinch Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 3rd, 2012, be and are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Lynn and Don visited the Leachman barn on January 9th 2013 and photographed the exterior of the barn and some of Glen Leachman's 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.
2. Property research findings and plaquing consideration regarding sites visited by P.H.C. members last summer. **This was discussed further under Action.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Calfass Labourer's Cottage

1. Lynn received an email from Beatrice Woolsey on December 10th 2012, regarding Calfass labourer's cottage on Victoria St. in Morriston – Beatrice asked that the committee contact Rena Finlay, the owner, to gather more information on this structure. The property was added to the Committee's Summer Tour.

Implications for Plaqued Homes

2. Lynn received various correspondence regarding clarification on the implications of owning a plaqued house in the Township.

Lynn replied to correspondence about heritage houses currently for sale in Puslinch. After 4 contacts in 6 weeks, a *Puslinch Matters* column was composed with a 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 Lynn has requested a correction.

Decorative Heritage Signs – Natural Heritage Sites

3. On January 20th, 2013, Lynn received a copy from Township staff of a letter sent to Council by Marjorie Clark dated January 10th, 2013 requesting 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 are probably 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, and Morriston Pond). Marjorie suggested that Halligan's Pond, Little Lake, Irish Creek and Loch Buie should be included in the binder and all be part of a signage program. PHC members were in agreement, except for Mill Creek which is already signed and the spring on private land. Council asked Road's Superintendent Don Creed to look into the cost and design for signage and would like a recommendation from the committee on designs provided. **This is discussed further under Action.**

Black Bridge

4. The Chair received a call from a 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 concerning this debate have been saved for committee members to read in order to bring themselves up to date should the group be contacted again.

Rezoning – Badenoch Street

5. The only zoning notice since the last meeting was received April 11th, 2013 regarding a small housing expansion north of Badenoch Street in Morriston.

ACTION:

Decorative Heritage Signs – Natural Heritage Sites

1. *Select a natural heritage sign design from those presented to Council and a recommendation concerning fitting these into the current budget.*

The committee was given a sample of decorative street blade designs to look at.

Areas to be considered for signage include the following:

Mill Pond	Morrison Pond	Puslinch Lake	Little Lake
Irish Creek	Loch Buie	Halligan's Pond	

Moved by Don Aubin.

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That the Puslinch Heritage Committee recommends Option B2 – White Lettering with Black Background and keep the gold lettering for the wording of Puslinch Heritage.

The Committee inquired what account would be utilized for payment.

CARRIED

Plaquing Criteria Evaluation

2. The Committee review write ups and determine which meet plaquing criteria:

28 Badenoch Street

Two houses researched in early 2012 were approved for plaques: the Watson Cottage (#12 Badenoch St. at Main St.) & # board-and-batten house, 28 Badenoch Street, Morriston.

53 Brock Rd S

Doug Lane's yellow brick house, 53 Brock Rd S. **John** - Discussion tabled until a second visit on the 2013 Summer Tour.

Former Crieff Post Office/Eichorn. (4092 Sideroad 25 S., yellow brick house at Crieff that was former post office on the northwest corner of the intersection). **Lynn** – Approved for plaquing – Letter to be signed by Owner first before plaquing.

Morlock/former Duff's manse/Looker (82 Queen Street, Morriston, 1910 yellow brick). **Lynn/Doug** – Approved for plaquing.

Morlock/Vanderhueval (80 Queen Street, Morriston, c. 1909 red brick). **Mary** – Not to be plaqued but record in heritage binders.

Morlock stone cottage/Clark (78 Queen Street, Morriston). **Don** – Not to be plaqued, but current entry in heritage binders has been updated.

Rappolt/Bain house (2 Back Street, Morriston). **Lynn** – Add to Morriston sheets in binder. Does not meet criteria until 2026 when the main house is 100 years old.

Next Meeting:

The Summer Tour Date was booked for July 15th 2013, meeting at the Township Municipal Offices at 1.30pm. Places to visit on the tour are as follows:

Stone Clubhouse, Puslinch Golf Course – Ellis Road.

Former Thompson Farmhouse (Concession 4)

Former D.R. Clark farmhouse (Lot 28, F.9) – Monty Wassilyn – **Declined**

Calfass Labourer's cottage/Victoria Street

53 Brock Rd, Rear Conc. 7 – revisit to examine building materials

Doug Mast moved to adjourn the meeting at 9.55pm.
