



City of North Bay Report to Council

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Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Planning & Building Department

Subject: Municipal Heritage Committee – 2021 Annual Report

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That the 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report be received and referred to Committee.

Background

Attached is the Municipal Heritage Committee’s (MHC) Annual Report. The Annual Report was adopted by the Municipal Heritage Committee at their regular meeting held on February 16, 2022 and describes the activities of the Committee over the past year.

The Committee’s activities continued to be restricted by the effects of Covid-19. The MHC’s primary accomplishments in 2021 was the installation of a new Heritage Site Plaque at Jack Garland Airport, preparation of a new plaque discussing the history of Main Street and the continuation of the Youth Photography Contest.

Financial/Legal Implications

None

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

- Develop a practice of communications and engagement that ensures that residents are aware and understand what City Hall is doing

- Promote and encourage arts and culture as a cornerstone of a dynamic community

Options Analysis

Option 1

That the 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report be received and referred to the Community Services Committee.

Option 2

That Council not receive the 2021 Annual Report from the Municipal Heritage Committee.

Recommended Option

Option 1 is the recommended option.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title: Senior Planner – Senior Planner, Current Operations

I concur with this report and recommendation

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Title: Manager, Planning & Building Services

Name Ian Kilgour, MCIP, RPP

Title: Director, Community Development and Growth

Name David Euler, P.Eng., PMP

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

Peter Carello, MCIP, RPP

Title: Senior Planner – Senior Planner, Current Operations



The City of North Bay

Municipal Heritage Committee

2021 Annual Report





City of North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC)

2021 Annual Report

Introduction

This report to City Council is submitted pursuant to Clause 6(g) of By-law No. 38-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of North Bay (the MHC By-law).

Background

This report reflects activities undertaken by the North Bay MHC from January to December of 2021.

Committee Highlights – 2021

Committee Membership – 2021

The following individuals made up the Committee at the end of 2021:

Peter Handley, Chair (Community Representative)
Jeff Borden, Vice Chair (Community Representative)
Andrew Bruce-Payne (North Bay Society of Architects)
Stu Campaigne
Naomi Hehn (North Bay Museum)
Councillor Scott Robertson (City Council Representative)
Jack de la Vergne (Community Representative)
Jeff Serran (Community Representative)
Margaret Surtees (Community Representative)
Paul Walker (Community Representative)
Ex-officio: Caroline Loiselle (Ministry of Citizenship and Culture)
Staff: Peter Carello, Secretary-Treasurer (Planning Department)

There were several changes in the composition of the Committee in 2021.

Long-time MHC member and Vice Chair Jennifer Buell retired from the Committee for personal reasons. Ed Valenti was appointed to City Council and had to leave the Committee. The Board thanks Ms. Buell and Mr. Valenti for their service.

Stu Campaigne, Jack de la Vergne and Paul Walker were appointed to the Board in 2021.



The Province of Ontario's MHC representative, Caroline Loiseau, has been on secondment by her employer for the majority of 2021 and has been unable to contribute to the Committee during this displacement. This will continue into 2022.

As a result of funding received from the Provincial Government, the Heritage Committee was able to engage the services of a student over the course of the summer. Casey Monkelbaan was hired from late July until early September. Ms. Monkelbaan was of great benefit to the Committee, advancing special projects and contributing to the works of the Committee in 2021, including updating and adding to the Municipal Heritage Committee catalogue and working extensively on the podcast program.

Meetings of the Committee

A total of eleven (11) official meetings of the Committee were held from January to December 2021. As a result of the ongoing pandemic, all meetings were held via Zoom.

Property Evaluations

As a result of the ongoing pandemic, there were no evaluations completed in 2021. The Committee looks forward to resuming evaluations when possible.

Heritage Site Plaque Program

The MHC established the "Heritage Site Recognition Program" in 2008. This program is consistent with Section 6 D) of By-Law No. 38-96, which states that the MHC is "to implement programs and activities to increase public awareness and knowledge of heritage conservation issues". A total of twenty-six (26) plaques have now been installed throughout the City as part of this program.

In 2021, the Committee had prepared a plaque for Jack Garland Airport and CFB Station North Bay. Considering that the range of subjects and stories pertaining to these subjects, the Jack Garland Airport/CFB Station North Bay plaque was larger than any previously prepared Heritage Site Plaques. This plaque was also the first plaque to be installed indoors (it is located in a highly visible location within the main terminal building). It was installed in 2021 but has not officially been unveiled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

In 2021, the MHC prepared a plaque exploring the history of Main Street, from its inception to the "Big Dig". Installation should take place in 2022, depending on Main Street reconstruction schedule.



Youth Photography Contest

The MHC introduced a Heritage Photography contest for local youth aged 18 and under in 2018, which was continued since that time. The purpose of the contest is to raise awareness of local heritage and to determine what aspects of local heritage are most important to the youth of North Bay.

Participants are encouraged to explore and capture the culture and heritage of North Bay in a way unique to their own interpretation of it. They were challenged to think about what they saw and provide a short caption explaining why their photo was important to them. Youth participants are asked to consider how their photograph relates to one of three broadly defined categories (Built Heritage, Natural Heritage and Human Heritage).

The MHC offered prizes of DIA Gift Cards for the winners of the contest.

The Committee initially advertised the Contest with a number of organizations that have a focus on youth services. The winning photo was submitted by Katelyn and is titled “Changing Times”. The winning photo is attached as Appendix A.

Podcast Program

In 2021, twelve (12) podcasts of “voices from the past” were completed and six (6) current interviews were conducted to be added to the roster of programming in 2022.

Vision/Mission Statement

A special subcommittee comprised of Jeff Borden, Naomi Hehn and Stu Campaigne was tasked with creating a vision/mission statement for the Municipal Heritage Committee. The subcommittee presented a Vision/Mission Statement to the Committee, which accepted the following statement:

Mission Statement:

To identify, preserve and share the stories of North Bay’s heritage.

Vision/Mandate:

The overarching goal of the North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee (NBMHC) is to achieve conservation through community recognition, awareness and responsible stewardship of the community’s heritage assets.

The NBMHC is committed to recognizing and promoting North Bay’s rich heritage while advising our elected council on matters related to local heritage. The Committee documents North Bay’s architectural heritage by completing building evaluations and reports. We proudly engage the youth of our community through heritage related initiatives. Your NBMHC uses evolving technologies and media to preserve, document, share and celebrate our history.



Heritage Fair

The Municipal Heritage Committee continued to participate in the annual Heritage Fair. The MHC provided an award (including a plaque) to a young student named Amy.

Parkland Designation

The Municipal Heritage Committee continued to explore the idea of formal designation of a park in 2021.

Underground Complex

The Municipal Heritage Committee has done due diligence on the matter of the future of the Underground Complex and has provided advice to City Council as to how to proceed.

Ontario Heritage Week

The Municipal Heritage Committee recognized Ontario Heritage Week in 2021 through a press release. However, Covid-19 restrictions prevented the Committee from holding an in-person event, as had become traditional.

Operating Budget

The 2020 operating budget was \$2,600. The Committee will finish the year under budget.

Memberships

The North Bay MHC is a member of Community Heritage Ontario, a province-wide organization which provides information and advice to heritage groups. CHO's mission is to *"be an advocate for heritage in Ontario, to encourage the development of municipally-appointed heritage advisory committees and to further the identification, preservation, interpretation and wise use of community heritage locally, provincially and nationally."*

The MHC is also a member of the North Bay Museum. The museum has partnered with the MHC on multiple occasions over the years, including hosting events during Heritage Awareness Week and some of the Committee's meetings. North Bay Museum is represented at the MHC by their museum director/curator, Naomi Hehn.

The MHC is a member of the Ontario Historical Society. The MHC receives a regular newsletter (5 times annually), which offers the Committee insights regarding trends in heritage and history throughout the province.



Respectfully submitted,

Peter Handley
Chair, Municipal Heritage Committee

Appendix A – Winning Submission to the Photography Contest

