



# **Corporation of The Nation Municipality**

## *Heritage and Culture Steering Committee*

### **Minutes**

**Meeting number:** 2023-03

**Type:** Committee

**Date:** May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 10 :00 a.m.

**Location:** Town Hall, 958 route 500 West, Casselman, Ontario

**Prepared by:** Julie Langlois-Caisse, Administrative Assistant

**Present:**

Guylain Lafèche, Director of Planning  
Julie Langlois-Caisse, Administrative Assistant  
Tim Stewart, Councillor, Ward 1  
Alain Mainville, Councillor, Ward 2  
Michel-André Lavergne, President  
Denis Gagnon, Committee member

**Absent :**

Evelyn Levac, Vice-President

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Be it resolved that this meeting be open:

- **Moved by :** Michel-André Lavergne
- **Seconded by :** Denis Gagnon

## 2. Adoption of the agenda

### Modification : Item 4.4 postponed

- **Moved by** : Michel André Lavergne
- **Seconded by**: Alain Mainville

## 3. Adoption of minutes

### 3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on April 25, 2023

#### Adopted as amended :

- **Moved by**: Alain Mainville
- **Seconded by**: Denis Gagnon

## 4. Subjects

### 4.1 « Heritage » vs. « heritage »

For this committee : It's important to distinguish between popular language and official language.

When we use the term "heritage", it means that the site has been officially designated as a heritage site. The designation must be indicated in our files.

All other sites will be referred to as: "site of interest"

### 4.2 Budget

The committee would like to have a budget of between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for 2024.

Guylain suggested that we obtain an estimate for a plaque for the Proulx cheese factory and that we make a request to the Council for a budget.

### 4.3 Update regarding business cards

Mr Gagnon and Mr Lavergne will be getting business cards. Ms. Levac does not want business cards.

### 4.4 Google docs

Postponed to the next meeting considering the absence of Ms. Levac.

### 4.5 Current projects

#### 4.5.1 Proulx Cheese Factory

- Pictures taken
- Actions are up to date in the file
- Document confirming its heritage designation

### **We've reached the public education stage**

- Write newspaper articles
- Ask Jean-Denis Méthot from St-Bernardin to help us. He has already written a document.

### **Plaque**

Discussions about possible funding:

- Form on the provincial government website to request a plate but the municipality would have to pay
- Opportunity to request sponsorship from milk producers (Prescott-Russell-Glengarry milk committee, Ontario Milk Marketing Board)

### **Facade**

- Discussion about which facade should be protected
- The owner is open to collaboration
- We have to make sure door and window frames are made of wood

#### **4.5.2 Ridge Road, Hops houses**

- Tim Stewart did a tour of the sites of interest
- He used the geolocation of 16 "hop houses" and took photos.
- Number 6 on the map may belong to the municipality. To be checked by Guylain.

#### **4.5.3 Caledonia Springs Hotel**

Inventory of what has already been done:

- 1. Mr Prévost's book "La belle époque de Calédonia Springs", 1997 (See bibliography, resources, pdf version available)
- 2. Book by Mr. Shawn Duval, "Pathfinding: A Study of Place Along The Prescott-Russell Recreational Trail (See bibliography, resources, pdf version available)
- 3. Book by Colin Affleck et al "Caledonia Springs - The Rise and Fall of One of Canada's grandest Hotels", 2021 (See our resources for a copy of the book)
- Archive photo and on the current site

- Novel "Caledonia, Le garçon des sources", by H  l  ne Quesnel-Sicotte, 2012

Caledonia is a big project. Perhaps concentrate on smaller, achievable projects for the time being.

## **5. Varia**

- Invitation September 23, Levac family, press release
- Thinking about February 2024 - Canadian Heritage Week
- Idea: Invite Ms. Alexandra de Quimper, Grant Village

## **6. Next meeting** : Date in September 2023 to be determined

- Overview Google Doc, Evelyn Levac
- Guylain undertakes to check how SDGs work with their heritage.
- Mr Lavergne will draft a text for an application to the province to obtain the plaque.
- Organize a visit to the hop dryers and the Proulx cheese factory

## **7. Adjournment**