



Corporation of The Nation Municipality *Heritage and Culture Steering Committee*

Minutes

Meeting number: 2023-04

Type: Committee

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 10 :00 a.m.

Location: Hôtel de Ville, 958 route 500 ouest, Casselman, Ontario

Prepared by: Julie Langlois-Caisse, Assistante administrative

Present :

Julie Langlois-Caisse, Administrative Assistant

Tim Stewart, Municipal Councillor, Ward 1

Michel-André Lavergne, President

Denis Gagnon, Member

Evelyn Levac, Vice president

Absence :

Guylain Lafèche, Director of Planning

Alain Mainville, Municipal Councillor, Ward 2

1. Opening of the meeting

Be it resolved that the meeting be open at 10:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of agenda

Modifications :

Addition : Invitation - November, 11 novembre, Commemoration Ceremony,
Grant Village

Postponed: Google Docs presentations

Postponed : Group picture

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

- **Moved by :** Tim Stewart
- **Seconded by:** Evelyn Levac

3. Adoption of minutes

3.1 Minutes of meeting held on May 30th, 2023

Adopted as presented :

- **Moved by:** Denis Gagnon
- **Seconded by:** Tim Stewart

4. Sujets

4.1 Brief summary

Michel-André Lavergne gave a brief summary of the discussions and initiatives undertaken by the committee since the first meeting.

4.2 Round table

- M-A Lavergne : Open doors at the St-Bernard church in Fournier went well.
- Denis Gagnon : Tour of ancient schools
 - Found an ancient school on road 5, road 6, a school in Mayerville and a school on Concession 8.
 - Found an ancient cheese factory in Limoges, moved on Concession 3

4.2 Utilization of « Google Docs »

Postponed to the next meeting

Evelyn will send a link to the Committee members and they will attempt to utilize it before next meeting.

4.4 Budget

- Utilize the money to acquire documents or books for the committee
 - Suggestion : Work in collaboration with the library to see if there are resources to build a The Nation Heritage and Culture section
- Plaque Proulx cheese factory
- Opportunity to obtain partnerships

4.5 Activity : Plaque for the Proulx Cheese Factory

In October, M-A Lavergne will begin drafting an official request to the government to obtain the plaque. A draft will be sent by Google Docs to committee members so that they can add their contributions.

4.6 Preparing for National Heritage Week in four months' time by the 3rd week of February in 2024

National Heritage Week runs from 18 to 24 February and National Heritage Day is on 19 February.

The committee would like to make a yearly participation. Ideas of the Committee:

- Present books such as :
 - Caledonia Springs To Rise and Fall of One of Canada's Grandest Hotels by Colin Affleck and The Team
 - Gagnon, by Alexandra D. deQuimper
- Parents of Evelyn Levac
- Facebook Page
- Live stream event
- Prepare a video in advance

Ask the Municipality's Communications Department to help prepare promotional material

4.7 Site visit, Circuit, Caledonia Hotel, Proulx Cheese Factory, Hops Houses

Julie will send a "Doodle" link to suggest several dates and the committee will be able to coordinate from the date chosen.

4.8 Call to all : Inventory of Road Crosses in The Nation

- Establish an inventory of sites of interest

- Call to all to residents
- Create a Facebook page for the Heritage and Culture Steering Committee (Evelyn can manage the Facebook page)

4.9 Group picture

Postponed to the next meeting

5. Varia

- Invitation, Saturday November 11 at the Grant Cemetary for a commemoration ceremony. Madame deQuimper wants to restore the abandoned Cemetery. GRC and local police were invited.
- Road Cross : Picture of the Benediction Ceremony of the Road Cross at Chemin Rang St-Joseph, September 23, 2023
- Among the sites of interest, do we want to include all ancient schools, cheese factories, road cross and post offices?

6. Next meeting

- To be determined

7. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 11 :30 a.m.