



Date: September 25, 2018
To: Mayor Mary Smith and Council Members
From: Robert Lamarre Manager of Building and Planning
Subject: Proposed Heritage Register
Status: For Direction

Recommendation:

That the report from the Manager of Building and Planning with respect to a Proposed Heritage Register be received for information; and

That a public information session be held on November 1, 2018 to provide an opportunity for the building owners listed on the draft Heritage Register and members of the public to provide comment; and

That following the public information session, staff prepare a report for Council consideration which includes a recommendation as it relates to the approval of a final draft of the Heritage Registry.

Background:

Council considered a staff report at its June 26, 2018 meeting wherein the notion of the development of a Heritage Register was introduced. Council resolved to move forward with the development of a Heritage Register subject to the receipt of a staff report complete with a draft Heritage Register. In addition, Council supported the recommendation to hold a public information session which would be open to anyone wanting to learn about the purpose and implications of inclusion on the register and provide feedback with respect thereto.

The Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) has been compiling the list of structures which are prime candidates for listing on the Heritage Register (HR) for some time. To date, 27 structures have been identified for inclusion on the HR.

I have attached a copy of my June 26, 2018 report to Council as it provides details with respect to the legislative authority, outlines the differences between designation and listing on the HR and provides some insight into the evaluation process.

Listing properties that have been identified as being important to the community on a heritage register is an important tool which provides the following benefits:

- It recognizes properties of cultural heritage value.
- It promotes knowledge and enhances an understanding of the community's cultural heritage.
- It is a planning document that should be consulted when evaluating the merits of a development proposal or permit application.
- It provides easily accessible information about cultural heritage properties to land use planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry and the general public.
- It provides interim protection for listed properties.

The adoption of the heritage register aligns with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement and is consistent with the policies of the upper tier Official Plan.

I have recommended that a public information session be held on November 1, 2018. The public information session will be promoted via:

- Building owners listed on the draft register invited by direct invitation;
- Include the event in the October e-newsletter, FB, Twitter
- Send an email blast to relevant community groups
- Provide poster to Selwyn libraries for community boards
- Add the event to the website
- Add event to twps. electronic boards
- Advertise in the Township Spotlight section in the Herald

A staff report summarizing feedback received and complete with a final draft of the Heritage Register would be prepared for Council's consideration in November.

Strategic Plan Reference

Foster a healthy, engaged and connected community.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact associated with the recommendations in this report.

Attachments:

- Draft Heritage Register
- June 26, 2018 Council report

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