



Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 6:05 p.m.

McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

1. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting 03-2025

Chair: Douglas Yahn

2. Members

Jennifer Bonazzo, Vice-Chair

Carla Chisel

Frank Gerry

Councillor Greg Johnsen

Douglas Yahn, Chair

3. Officials

Christina Wakefield, City Archivist & Chief Heritage Resource Officer

Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

4. Resource Persons

Caitlyn McMillan, Cultural Development & Public Art Coordinator

5. Guests

Marley Giunta, 38-42 Cumberland St S (Ottawa House)

6. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Ojibwa Anishnaabe people of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850, and also recognized the contributions

made to the community by the Métis people.

7. Disclosures of Interest

8. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Frank Gerry

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the May 22, 2025 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

9. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnson

SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 02-2025 of the Heritage Advisory Committee, held on March 27, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

10. Presentations

10.1 38-42 Cumberland St S (Ottawa House)

Marley Giunta appeared before Committee at the information session held earlier in the evening and provided an overview of the front door replacement plan.

Photographs of the current door were displayed. The door is deteriorating and needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

The replacement door will be stained in a darker wood colour as opposed to the current blue.

The same handles will be re-used and a similar type of trim will be added.

The new door will not have a window.

The Chair provided an overview of the information provided during the information session and discussion was held regarding approval for the proposed replacement door.

MOVED BY: Frank Gerry
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

WITH RESPECT to the exterior front door replacement plans for 38-40 Cumberland Street South – Ottawa House, a designated Heritage Property, the Heritage Advisory Committee approves in principle the proposed removal and replacement plan, as presented at the May 22, 2025 Committee meeting;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee confirms that the plans/building material as presented do not conflict with the significant heritage features of the building;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The City of Thunder Bay's Building Division, if required.

CARRIED

10.2 Bishop's Residence - 1306 Ridgeway Street East

The Committee was advised the presentation was withdrawn from the agenda.

11. Chief Heritage Resource Officer Update

City Archivist & Chief Heritage Resource Officer Christina Wakefield provided the following updates:

11.1 Public Art Display - Vickers Park

Pictures of the proposed frame to display public art pieces at Vickers Park were shown to the Committee. Discussion was held relative to the location of the frame and the importance of being able to properly clean the frame in the case of possible vandalism.

MOVED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo
SECONDED BY: Frank Gerry

WITH RESPECT to the public art frame in Vickers Park, the Committee approves the installation location as presented at the May 22, 2024 Committee meeting.

CARRIED

11.2 Heritage Park - Hwy 61 (Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village)

The Committee was advised that the City Archives will have a promotional table display on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 12:00pm - 4:30pm. Committee Members are welcome to attend to assist with any Heritage Advisory Committee related material.

12. Committee Member Updates

12.1 Thunder Bay Historical Museum Update

The Chair advised that Frank Gerry was recognized at the latest Museum Board meeting for his 25 years of service on the Board.

12.2 Public Art Committee Update

Caitlyn McMillan, Cultural Development & Public Art Coordinator provided the following information:

- a call for artists will soon be sent to the public for award design.
- Looking at ways to collaborate Culture Days week in September with heritage, possible Doors Open inclusion.
- City of Thunder Bay summer events season is starting soon with the opening of Chippewa Park, Canada Day celebrations, Teddy Bear Picnic, Live on the Waterfront and a drone light show in August.

13. New Business

13.1 Walleye Articles

Discussion was held relative to the need for a Committee member to take on the role of submitting heritage articles to the Walleye publication. Volunteers can submit their names to Coordinator Gordon Stover to forward to the Walleye.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, City Hall.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.