

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee
Meeting

KLMHC2025-001
Thursday, January 9, 2025
5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
City Hall
26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

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1. Call to Order

E. Turner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Councillor Richardson, T. Barnett, A. Hart, S. McCormack, I. McKechnie, S. Sims, and K. Virag-Cavanagh.

Regrets: A. Adare, J. Hartman, W. Bateman

Absent: T. Richards, J. Pitcher

1.1 Election of Chair

E. Turner called for nominations for the position of Chair. S. McCormack nominated A. Hart. E. Turner called a second and final time for nominations for the position of chair. There were no additional nominations. A. Hart was acclaimed as Chair. A. Hart assumed the position of Chair.

1.2 Election of Vice-Chair

A. Hart called for nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor Richardson nominated I. McKechnie. A. Hart called a second and final time for nominations for the position of chair. There were no additional nominations. I. McKechnie was acclaimed as Chair.

1.3 Land Acknowledgement

A. Hart read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

KLMHC2025-001

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By I. McKechnie

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes

2.3.1 Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Municipal Heritage Committee Meeting

KLMHC2025-002

That the minutes of the Municipal Heritage Committee meeting held on December 9, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Presentations and Deputations

4. Reports

4.1 KLMHC2025-001

Heritage Planning Update

E. Turner provided an overview of the activities of the heritage planning program for December 2024. In addition to the items in the report, she let the Committee know that it was the 200th anniversary of the Peter Robinson settlement in 2025 and that activities were being coordinated through a committee in Downeyville. She also let the Committee know that the Spotlight on Agriculture awards were happening in 2025 and about the milestone award for farm families that had been in Kawartha Lakes for 150, 175 or 200 years.

KLMHC2025-003

Moved By S. McCormack

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That Report KLMHC2024-001, **Heritage Planning Update**, be received for information.

Carried

4.2 KLMHC2025-002

2024 Review and 2025 Work Plan

E. Turner provided an overview of the draft 2024 work plan for the Committee's review. Councillor Richardson asked if there was an example of what a new plaque would look like for the proposed plaquing program. E. Turner showed the Committee an example from Heritage Toronto and let the Committee know that Communications staff were developing some guidelines around branding and accessibility that would inform the final plaque design. S. McCormack asked if the plaques would go in front of designated properties and A. Hart replied that the program was intended to supplement the existing plaque program for designated properties to highlight sites of importance, particularly ones that may not be there any more. Councillor Richardson asked if someone could fill her in on the Scugog River project. E. Turner let her know that the project had begun several years ago to being to identify important historic attributes of the Scugog River and identify ways to protect, preserve and commemorate them.

KLMHC2025-004

Moved By I. McKechnie

Seconded By S. Sims

That Report KLMHC2025-002, **2024 Review and 2025 Work Plan**, be received;
and

That the Committee's 2025 work plan be forwarded to Council for approval.

Carried

4.3 KLMHC2025-003

Osprey Heritage Awards

The Committee confirmed it would like to hold the Osprey Heritage Awards this year and decided to form a subcommittee. T. Barnett, I. McKechnie and A. Hart will serve on the subcommittee.

KLMHC2025-005

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By T. Barnett

That Report KLMHC2025-003, **Osprey Heritage Awards**, be received;

That the Committee host the Osprey Heritage Awards in 2025; and

That a subcommittee be formed to assist with planning for the event.

Carried

4.4 KLMHC2025-004

Municipal Heritage Committee Subcommittees

The Committee reviewed its existing subcommittees and E. Turner provided an overview of the activities of each subcommittee for new members. S. McCormack asked about the heritage designated subcommittee and if the photography of City buildings for review still made sense in light of City projects and A. Hart suggested that this made a good benchmark for the review of ongoing projects. S. McCormack asked how many of the properties identified by the Listed Properties Subcommittee were still in the queue for designation and E. Turner replied that a lot of them were as the subcommittee had compiled a significant list. S. McCormack suggested that it didn't make sense for that subcommittee to meet and identify more properties when there was already a large list of properties in the queue. The Committee decided to retain the Outreach Subcommittee to organize the Osprey Heritage Awards, the Scugog River Subcommittee to continue the Scugog River project which was on their work plan, and the Designated Properties Subcommittee to photograph buildings. E. Turner noted that she would bring forward a report at the next meeting on the retained subcommittees, outlining their current work plan status and next steps.

KLMHC2025-006

Moved By S. McCormack

Seconded By I. McKechnie

That Report KLMHC2025-004, **Municipal Heritage Committee Subcommittees**, be received; and

That the Outreach Subcommittee, the Designated Properties Subcommittee, and the Scugog River Subcommittee be reformed for 2025.

Carried

4.5 KLMHC2025-005

2025 Workshop Planning

E. Turner reviewed the 2024 workshops with the Committee and suggested that the Committee brainstorm some workshops it would like to see in 2025. A. Hart suggested a workshop for insurance and real estate to discuss those issues since they came up a lot and I. McKechnie agreed, noting that he had discussed that with some community members who were interested. T. Barnett suggested a workshop highlighting local arts and culture in the community. A. Hart noted that a workshop like that might be more in the purview of the Arts Council. Councillor Richardson noted that it was the City's 25th year since amalgamation and that a celebration by the Committee alongside the City's efforts would be a good initiative. The Committee also agreed that running the how to research historic properties workshops were successful and should be run again. E. Turner said she would looking at scheduling and developing some workshop titles and would report them back to the Committee at a later meeting.

KLMHC2025-007

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By T. Barnett

That Report KLMHC2025-005, **2025 Workshop Planning**, be received; and

That ideas for 2025 workshops be provided to staff for planning.

Carried

4.6 KLMHC2025-006

Proposed Heritage Designation of 635 Drum Road, Geographic Township of Manvers

J. Bhatt provided an overview of the proposed heritage designation of 635 Drum Road in Pontypool. A. Hart asked if the viewpoints of the house were being preserved and E. Turner replied that yes, they were. Councillor Richardson noted that it was great to see the property owners interested in preserving this property and that there are streets in Pontypool named after Corbett and Coulter.

KLMHC2025-008

Moved By S. McCormack

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That Report KLMHC2025-006, **Proposed Heritage Designation of 635 Drum Road, Geographic Township of Manvers**, be received;

That the designation of the property known municipally as 635 Drum Road be endorsed; and

That the recommendation to designate the subject property be forwarded to Council for approval.

Carried

4.7 KLMHC2024-007

Heritage Designation Strategy Brainstorming

E. Turner provided an overview of the heritage designation strategy project. The goal of developing a strategy is to respond to direction in the new PPS and to provide transparent and accessible direction for property designation in the City. She let them know that this was the first of several sessions to brainstorm and discuss what a strategy might look like. T. Barnett asked if the goal was to preserve heritage sites or provide education and E. Turner replied that that was something the Committee needed to think about and decide what its goals were in context of the legislation. T. Barnett said that it was important to do both. S. McCormack noted that it was important to decide that whether to focus on quantity of designation or quality and how to focus efforts. A. Hart noted that it made sense not to designation many examples of the same type of property when it would make more sense to ensure that properties of different types, styles and ages are preserved across the City, along with key examples. I. McKechnie noted that it was important to present heritage from an environmental standpoint where reuse was better than demolition. S. McCormack agreed and noted that it was important to present these ideas to younger generations. Both he and A. Hart suggested partnering with schools to provide education and outreach about the importance of heritage and local history. T. Barnett agreed. Councillor Richardson noted that it was important to develop a road map to

identify phases and priorities. A. Hart suggested buckets to identify key themes and building types to protect. E. Turner reminded the Committee that as they brainstorm, they need to remember the City's staffing constraints and also the development pressures that they may want to think about when prioritizing properties for designation. A. Hart brought up the idea of applying for grants and other creative solutions for additional capacity. E. Turner will summarize the discussion and bring it back to the Committee for a second discussion at the next meeting.

KLMHC2025-009

Moved By I. McKechnie

Seconded By T. Barnett

That Report KLMHC2025-007, **Heritage Designation Strategy Brainstorming**, be received; and

That staff bring back a summary of the brainstorming and discussion for next steps at a subsequent meeting.

Carried

5. Subcommittee Updates

There were no subcommittee updates.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence reviewed by the Committee.

7. New or Other Business

E. Turner let the Committee know that W. Bateman had resigned from the Committee as he has moved and that it would be nice for the Committee to prepare a card for him as the longest serving member of the Committee. The Committee agreed.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall (26 Francis Street, Lindsay).

9. Adjournment

KLMHC2025-010

Moved By T. Barnett

Seconded By K. Virag-Cavanagh

That the Municipal Heritage Committee Meeting adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Carried