

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
LAIRD TOWNSHIP BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shawn Evoy, Colleen Orr, Suzanne Evoy, Linda MacDonald

SECRETARY: Jennifer Errington

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Shawn Evoy, Chairperson.

Routine Matters:

ON MOTION (No. 01-24) Moved by Colleen Orr, seconded by Linda MacDonald
"That the Minutes of June 8, 2023, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

a) Museum Building – Next Steps:

i. Foundation – Approved, to be poured spring 2024

ii. Building Layout

a) Building Orientation

New building to be in line with the gazebo with an entry to look like an old school.

b) Door Openings

Second entrance to the West to a walkway.

c) Roof Pitch

Cathedral ceiling. Roof pitch to be similar to Knox Church.

d) Bell

Shawn Evoy has the old school bell provided by Verna Lapish, and plans to put the bell up at the new museum.

iii. Interior Layout – discuss interior partition requirements

Discussed open building design with displays and shadow boxes.

Layout design to be based on the Laird Chronicles as follows:

- In the Beginning
- Settler Families
- Farming
- Schools
- Community Life.

It was discussed having the Knox Church moved to be located beside the new museum at the Fairgrounds and have the following displays in the Knox Church:

- Churches
- Military Effort

b) Report: Online Museum, lairdheritagecentre.ca, is complete.

Committee members are very impressed with the website. It was discussed that some of the photos require updating with originals, if possible.

New Business:

a) Request to have donated quilt returned to the family

No record of the quilt being received from the family and/or there is no record of the disposal of a quilt. Secretary to reach out to the requestor to advise we do not have record of the quilt.

b) Hiring Summer Student – Job Advertisement

Members will leave it up to municipal staff to conduct interviews.

c) Project for student – Discussion

- Track down original photographs for website.
- Update/recreate the farm map done by a previous summer student. Have map digitized.
- Look up information from On Land, Land Registry.
- Digitize Laird and Bar River chronicles/newspaper articles.
- Create a “Through the Years” Facebook page. Coleen Orr to reach out to Sylvia Stobie to see if she would assist.

Five-year plan:

a) Five-year plan – Discussion

2023

- Virtual Museum Project

2024

- Museum Foundation
- Museum Frame and roofing

2025

- Museum Interior
- Sidewalks to the road and Gazebo

2026

- Building additions
- Building entrance
- Foundation for Knox Church
- Move Knox Church to Fairgrounds

2028

- Plant Trees

Budget:

Budget was discussed and the following figures were determined:

Operating Budget:

Wages Benefits Church	\$1,500.00
Insurance Church	\$2,137.00
Materials, Power & Mileage Church	\$ 300.00
Heritage Wages Summer Employment	\$2,800.00
Grant Heritage Wages Summer Employment	Treasurer to fill in this line item
Heritage Admin Salaries & Benefits	\$1,000.00
Insurance Contents	\$1,869.00
Museum Online	\$1,000.00

Capital Budget:

Capital Heritage Museum Foundation at Fairgrounds	\$15,000.00 (Reserved 2023 Budget)
Capital Heritage Museum Frame Building	\$25,000.00

ON MOTION (No. 02-24) Moved by Suzanne Evoy, seconded by Colleen Orr
 “That the budget for the Heritage Sub-Committee, as discussed, be submitted to Council for approval.”

CARRIED

Meetings:

The next meeting is to be held in June, once summer student starts.

Adjourn Meeting:

ON MOTION (No. 03-24) Moved by Linda MacDonald, seconded by Suzanne Evoy
 “That the March 13, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 5:57 p.m.”

CARRIED