

Recent Meetings

January 23, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: Discussion of the “bird house” project took place to clarify the relationship between North Elmsley and Drummond school to determine if the project will be a joint project between them or each on their own. “Collecting stories” letter has been finalized and the initiative was advertised in the tax bill. The Committee discussed commemorating the settlers trail followed by the original pioneers and liked the idea of placing banners at the intersection of the Scotch Line Rd and Rideau Ferry Rd. The Legacy Farms posters are ready and the application form is done and will be placed on the website and distributed.

March 6, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: Drummond and North Elmsley Grade 3 curriculum includes a pioneer study and it was suggested we supply a fact sheet for the schools, including details about the history of the Township and early settlers. The joint funding and sponsorship workgroup will meet soon and discuss the application for the Canadian Heritage Grant. The Legacy Farms sign design is final and funding, sizing and material have been discussed. The 200th committee discussed the concept of legacy cottages in principle, in order to include our waterfront residents in the celebration. The idea of a Drummond Day car tour was also introduced to the Committee as well as maple syrup and pioneer activity day in the spring.

March 27, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: Demonstration of the Historical mapping project was made, leaving the committee impressed. It can be used as a tool to draw people to points of interest. It was proposed that participating municipalities would appoint someone into a working group for data collection and entry. The Lanark Quilters Guild also announced that two quilts would be made and donated to represent the 200th Anniversary project.

April 24, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: Pertaining to the Historical mapping it was mentioned that a student could be used to assist in data entry. It was noted that the County could apply for a Heritage grant for \$500,000 to be used for a major capital project such as an archives. A meeting with a local fence builder will be held with ideas of a cedar rail demonstration and event in 2016, perhaps at the township office. The committee discussed the events they would like to hold and selected approximate days and times.

May 22, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: The Cedar Rail fence working group was setup, looking at a 200ft line along the eastern side of the municipal office property. Cost analysis and style will be reviewed. The Committee agreed that the event will tentatively be scheduled for Sat, May 28, 2016 and will be highlighted by a demonstration of the heritage craft. With great delight Rideau Ferry Dock will formally open June 27th and the Committee is helping with a commemorative brochure. The Committee supports in principle the idea of writing and publishing a history book on North Elmsley. The group was updated and the Legacy Farm press release is almost finished.

June 26, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: Historical mapping was on the agenda, and the objective is to get buy-in for the project from Perth and Beckwith. The database will now be able to identify settlers by assignment-military, clergy or settlers. Drummond / North Elmsley 200th Anniversary Committee considered a detailed proposal to compile write and publish a comprehensive History of North Elmsley / Drummond and supported a motion to print and publish copies with profits donated to archives. It is with great pleasure to announce the formal opening of the Rideau Ferry docks will be tomorrow. Balderson Cheese Factory donated a room for a month, group looking to host event and BBQ there in the summer of 2016.

September 25, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: A letter was addressed to the principal of North Elmsley Public school to introduce the 200th Anniversary. Council approved the request for a financial contribution to the publication North Elmsley History book, to be written by three volunteers. It has been confirmed that the Cedar Rail Fence event will be May 28th, 2016. A working group for Discover Drummond Day has been formed to plan the event with a proposed date of September 18, 2016. In terms of the Historical Mapping project a colour coded GIS map showing the origin and settler classification of each of the families was demonstrated.

October 23, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: A presentation was made to the committee announcing a re-enactment of the trek where flotilla of canoes would arrive at the Perth basin on May 20, 2016 and will pass through Drummond/ North Elmsley the previous day. Perth's Committee has bought into the project for the Historical Mapping. The town has assigned museum staff to fill data for the mapping. There was a subcommittee meeting on Monday night regarding Discover Drummond Day deciding on locations for the tour. A map will be produced, which will also include the legacy farms. Joint working group is preparing a \$250000 Heritage Grant which is intended to partially fund projects in each municipality-Committee members were asked to help provide information.

November 27, 2014

Minutes:

Summary: The Historical Mapping and the latest version of the project was presented to the County staff. The Legacy Farms project reported 32 applications are in and the tentative closing date for acceptance is December 31st. Planning for Maple Days continues with local sugar bush and it has now been extended to two days. A fundraising letter will go out to businesses on behalf of the Joint Committee and noted some benefits should be available to offer.

January 22, 2015

Minutes:

Summary: A presentation will be made at the Perth and District Historical Society on February 19th and volunteers were able to assist with the Historical Mapping project. The deadline for farm sign (Legacy Farms) applications has been extended at the request of Tay Valley Township. Planning continues for the Drummond/ North Elmsley Heritage Day (Cedar rail fence demonstration) and the paddling puppeteer and Gloria McIntosh have confirmed to participate in the event. Balderson United Church is looking to team up in the Balderson Dairy celebration. Eco-Perth is offering to donate 200 trees to the Township to help celebrate the 200th anniversary. Final touches are being made to the Heritage Grant application, for submission by the end of the month.

February 26, 2015

Minutes:

Summary: Categories have been assigned for the Legacy Farms (100,150 or 200 years) and letters to the applicants acknowledging the application will be sent out soon. The Perth Kilt Run will happen on June 26 2016 and tie in with the commemoration of the Settlers Trail. That year the marathon will start at the Rideau Ferry docks and end at the Eco-Tay. The overall theme of the 'Celebrate Balderson' event was clarified to be a celebration of the dairy industry and farming. An article was submitted to the EMC describing the background of the Lanterns donated by the Perth and District Historical Society to commemorate the work on the 200th anniversary.

March 26, 2015

Minutes:

Summary: The Drummond/North Elmsley Heritage Mapping spreadsheet has been modified to include two new columns for periods of time. The Township will be looking to add history information on its website. Bethel United Church congregation will do the pancake breakfast for the Pioneer Maple Day the weekend of the event. The Lanark Milk Committee is on board for 'Celebrate Balderson'. They will donate milk for the weekend (600 cups per day) and a model cow for milking. The quilt being developed by the Lanark County Quilters Guild will be launched in August 2015. The Committee approved a sponsorship program to recognize donors to the Township's events.

April 23, 2015

Minutes:

Summary: The committee was presented a written report on the progress of the North Elmsley History book. The authors are currently documenting information on the earliest history of the Township (how they lived and survived). The 'Legacy Farms' project continues and they are waiting to hear whether they will get the funding from the Canadian Heritage Grant to help fund the signs. For the Settlers Trail, Canadian Heritage is looking for panel signs to be interpretive in nature, not just for tourist directions. Council agreed to purchase 100 calendars for the Joint Calendar project with proceeds going to a scholarship for a local student interested in history. The calendars can be distributed throughout the Township, including the Regatta.

June 4, 2015

Minutes:

Summary: It was announced that the Historical Mapping project will be publicly inaugurated on January 8th, 2016 at the Drummond / North Elmsley office. The new Legacy Farms signs have been drawn up now with black lettering on gold, silver or bronze backgrounds to improve contrast. For the Pioneer Maple Day one of the bushes unfortunately had to pull out, however the other two remain involved in the two day program. The Committee recommends that the Township orders 200 more calendars with the Drummond/ North Elmsley tab at the bottom. The Township has hired a summer student who will start June 17 and will work with the Committee members to assist on their projects and support the work of the Township. The work for the Quilters Guild should be ready for display mid-August and can be booked for 200th events.