



**The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores
Municipal Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Online Only
Zoom**

Present: Cheryl Grace
Frances Barrick
Linda Doll
Neil Menage
Mike Myatt

Members Absent: Merri Fergusson
Nicole Kewageshig

1. Call To Order

Chair Grace called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair C. Grace read the land acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature

No pecuniary interests were declared.

4. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments

On consensus the Committee moved item 8.1 - Art Centre Sign to prior to 7.1 - Heritage Designations.

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Committee Minutes - January 21, 2026

Moved by: Mike Myatt
Seconded by: L. Doll

That the Municipal Heritage Committee approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Report of Municipal Officers / Committees

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Heritage Designations

Chair Grace provided an overview of the Sub-Committee meeting from Feb 5, 2026. The Sub-Committee will be contacting owners from the Municipal Registry that have not been designated.

Discussions were held regarding whether to reach out to potential Phase 4 properties to add them to the Municipal Register, this would allow 5 years to pursue a heritage designation.

Staff to add the Correspondence regarding Insurance for Heritage Properties to the Council Agenda on March 9, 2026, for approval.

Moved by: L. Doll

Seconded by: F. Barrick

That the Committee receive the Heritage Designation Sub-Committee Report for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: N. Menage

Seconded by: F. Barrick

That the Committee approve the Letter to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and the Insurance Bureau of Canada, and send it to Council for endorsement.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Art Centre Sign

Moved by: Mike Myatt

Seconded by: F. Barrick

That the Committee approve the installation of a new fascia wall sign for the Southampton Arts Centre onto the Southampton Town Hall Building with the the following conditions: using the same mounting points and that the sign is as pictured in the report, as presented.

CARRIED

8.2 Heritage Relief Tax Program and Heritage Grant Program

The Representative from Collingwood to attend the March Municipal Heritage Committee meeting via Zoom to answer Committee questions.

It was suggested after the presentation the Heritage Committee Chair and Staff resource could bring forward a staff report to Council to determine if if Council is open to grants or tax relief as well as determine who would be doing the background work.

8.3 Canadian Register of Historic Places - Shut Down

Moved by: Mike Myatt

Seconded by: F. Barrick

That the Committee endorse the Letter of Objection and Concern and it be forwarded to members of Federal Government Responsible for Heritage and Culture and added to Council Communications for awareness.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED

9. Communications for the Committee

9.1 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario - Heritage Week

9.2 Bessie Taylor WWI Nursing Sister Heroine

Moved by: Mike Myatt

Seconded by: L. Doll

That the Committee approve the addition of information about Bessie Taylor to the new Ladies in Uniform plaque that will be displayed at the Southampton Cenotaph

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: F. Barrick

Seconded by: L. Doll

That this Municipal Heritage Committee meeting of February 18, 2026 hereby adjourns at 5:53 p.m.

CARRIED