

HERITAGE CRAMAHE MINUTES
THURSDAY MAY 29, 2025 @ 10AM
Townhall Meeting Room, Colborne

1. Call to Order:
Present: T O'Brien, J Gifford, J Urquhart, D Good, S Hamilton (Town Councillor),
V Heffernan (Town Planner)
Absent: J Detenbeck, R Schriver, Z Weaver

V Heffernan informed the Committee that as of May 30th she will no longer be employed by Cramahe Township. She has accepted a position with the Town of Cobourg. We all wished her well and thanked her for valuable knowledge and assistance in dealing with the changes in the Heritage Act over the last few years. V Heffernan was instrumental in getting Heritage Cramahe being recognized by other departments and developers within Cramahe Township.
2. Introduction to addendum items:
Mark Turney – 401 Exit Signage
M Turney showed his vision of signage for the 401 once the bridge expansion is complete. He also would like Heritage Cramahe to consider getting onside and dealing with Ministry of Transportation to have bridge embossments similar to those along the 407. Suggestions were heritage, indigenous, agriculture, United Empire Loyalists, mining. There was a consensus that the embossments were likely paid for or fundraised by local communities.

Castleton Cenotaph
T O'Brien received an email from Nicole Hamilton who is working with others on a restoration project for the Castleton Cenotaph and they are hoping to have a podium plaque. They are asking if Heritage Cramahe would prepare/draft up a memorial on the Cenotaph? J Urquhart said that there are Minutes from the Cenotaph Committee and she believes R Quinn has it.
3. Confirmation of Agenda for May 29, 2025.
Motion: T O'Brien
Second: J Gifford
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.
None
5. Adoption of Minutes of April 25, 2025.
Motion: T O'Brien
Second: J Urquhart
6. Business arising from Minutes:
Heritage Room:
Castleton Exhibit
J. Urquhart
J Urquhart will meet with R Quinn regarding an outline of the exhibit.
J Urquhart reported that John Hansen, from Texas, who has family property at Loughbreeze got in touch with her. He asked if the exhibit would be available to visit end of June/early July?
T O'Brien will connect with Colborne Art Gallery to determine when their next exhibit change but believes this will not be an issue to delay until mid July.
7. **Outreach:**
Update on Cemetery Records
J. Gifford
J Gifford will organize a Thursday afternoon visit at the Town Hall with Marlene Harnden.
V Heffernan stated that there is no update on the Carr Cemetery.
ACO visit to Cramahe & ACO Newsletter
R. Schriver
** See R Schriver email of May 25, 2025 following
8. **Designations**
Status of Octagon House
T. O'Brien
The plaque has been ordered from Riverside Brass. In February 2022 the cost was

\$300.00 plus freight and taxes. The current cost will be \$839.00 plus freight and taxes. V Heffernan reached out via email with other Townships for supplier recommendations and will email T O'Brien any information.

9. **Elgin Street Park Rehabilitation**

Update

J. Detenbeck

The presentation was cancelled and the committee decided not to go forward with a name change for the ballpark. On Victoria Street T O'Brien found a memorial plaque behind the batter's cage for Curly Rutherford and a memorial plaque on the north side of the washrooms for Mrs. B. Smith. C Curwin of Parks & Recreation previously approached the Heritage Committee about having a podium plaque for Mrs. B. Smith on Elgin Street near the Clubhouse.

Update on Genealogy Database

D. Good

D Good informed the committee that his database is complete up to 1921. There is a total of 197,000 people entered in alphabetical order. Trish asked if the research into the business sector could become an exhibit? D Good said he would like to talk to locals who have knowledge directly/indirectly with the families who operated the businesses. J Gifford offered to reach out to the Post and Fox families to determine if they would be willing.

info@heritagecramahe emails

T. O'Brien

Received a request for photographs of 181 Ontario Street in Lakeport. Roseanne Quinn has a small photo album that belonged to Cinnamon Coombs and we were able to copy and email some photos to the new owner.

Email asking if Cramahe Archives might have the original of a land grant that was given to the University of Toronto in 1945. Replied and suggested he contact the Northumberland Archives.

Email request for historical information on 1790 Percy Street, Castleton. D Good's database contained a good amount of information which was emailed. I did not get a response back.

Email request looking for contact information. They wanted to have their daughter christened at the Trinity Anglican Church. Replied that it closed its doors in 2012.

11. **New Business:**

Delegation re: Tax Relief

J. Detenbeck

R. Schriver

V Heffernan informed the committee that there are no meetings in August. If we want to present a delegation the paperwork must be submitted by noon 1 week prior to the Council meeting which will make that June 18th.

12. **Financial Report:**

T. O'Brien

Expenses for April 2025

CHO Registration for R Schriver & T O'Brien \$634.98

Notice of Intent to Designate Octagon House \$ 80.39

Meeting adjourned at: 12pm.



Chair



Committee Member

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2025 @ 10AM
TOWNHALL MEETING ROOM**