



# City of North Bay Report to Council

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Business Unit:  
Community Services

Department:  
Planning & Building Department

Subject: 2018 Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) Annual Report

Closed Session: yes  no

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## Recommendation

That the 2018 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report be received and referred to the Community Services Committee.

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## Background

Attached is the Annual Report of the Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC).

The Committee's primary accomplishments in 2018 were the establishment of a heritage podcast, the creation of a youth photography contest and the completion of two heritage site evaluations (for the Precious Blood Monastery and a private residence).

A full listing of Committee activities.

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## Financial/Legal Implications

None

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## Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near                | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government |   |

## Specific Objectives

- Promote and encourage arts and culture as a cornerstone of a dynamic community

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## Options Analysis

### Option 1

That the 2018 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report be received and referred to the Community Services Committee.

### Option 2

To not receive the 2018 Annual Report from the Municipal Heritage Committee.

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## Recommended Option

Option 1 is the recommended Option.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Name: Peter Carello

Title: Senior Planner – Current Operations

**I concur with this report and recommendation.**

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Name: Beverley Hillier  
Title: Manager, Planning & Building Services

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Name: John Severino, P.Eng, MBA  
Title: Managing Director Community Services

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Name: David Euler, P.Eng  
Title: Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

Name: Peter Carello

Title: Senior Planner – Current Operations

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The City of North Bay  
Municipal Heritage Committee

2018 Annual Report



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# City of North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC)

## 2018 Annual Report

### Introduction

This report to City Council is submitted pursuant to Clause 6(g) of By-law No. 38-96, as amended, of The Corporation of the City of North Bay (the MHC By-law).

### Background

This report reflects activities undertaken by the North Bay MHC from January to October of 2018.

### Committee Highlights – 2018

#### Committee Membership – 2017

The following are all individuals who are or were members of the Heritage Committee in 2018:

Peter Handley, Chair (Community Representative)  
Jennifer Buell, Vice Chair (Community Representative)  
Andrew Bruce-Payne (North Bay Society of Architects)  
Naomi Hehn (North Bay Museum)  
Councillor Jeff Serran (City Council Representative)  
Simon Blakely (Community Representative)  
Robin Gendron (Community Representative)  
Amber McCarthy (Community Representative)  
Aaron Northrup (Community Representative)  
Margaret Surtees (Community Representative)  
Ex-officio: Caroline Loiselle (Ministry of Citizenship and Culture)  
Staff: Peter Carello, Secretary-Treasurer (Planning Department)

Paul Walker attended meetings as an ex-officio member representing the North Bay Public Library. This appointment was unofficial, as the by-law establishing the MHC does not provide for an appointment for the Library. Mr. Walker retired from the Library at the beginning of 2014 and has continued to attend MHC meetings since that time without an official capacity as a member of the public.

The City of North Bay applied for a summer student through the Summer Experience program. This request was approved and a student employee, Kealey Ducharme, was hired. Ms. Ducharme attended three (3) meetings during the summer and completed a number of tasks on behalf of the Committee. The MHC was more than pleased with Ms. Ducharme's endeavours. She worked on a wide variety of tasks, including producing the newsletter, updating the website and creating a Municipal Heritage Committee podcast.



## **Meetings of the Committee**

A total of six (6) formal meetings of the Committee were held from January to October 2018. All meetings occurred at City Hall at midday. The Committee also met to evaluate buildings or implement programming on an as needed basis throughout the year. For example, different subsets of the Committee met to adjudicate submissions to the Photography Contest or to conduct site evaluations.

## **Property Evaluations**

The Committee continued its examination of properties with potential heritage significance in 2018. These evaluations remain the core of the MHC's mandate.

The MHC had evaluated two properties in 2017; the former Precious Blood Monastery (now used as the Nipissing University Fine Arts) and the Tuncali/Gould residence located at 630 Bell Street, but had not yet completed the reports. The reports were completed by the Committee in 2018 and the former Precious Blood Monastery was granted a Priority Three status while the Tuncali/Gould residence was granted a Priority Two status.

The Committee went on to conduct a site inspection at one other property in 2018 – the Colgan-Liddle Building located at 114 Main Street East. This site has hosted a variety of businesses over the years, including the former Adams Furniture Company Building and later served as a pool hall. Work on the Heritage Evaluation Report for this site is ongoing. This property was deemed to be a Level One, with a glass plaque to be installed in 2019.

## **Heritage Site Plaque Program**

The MHC established the “Heritage Site Recognition Program” in 2008. This program is consistent with Section 6 D) of By-Law No. 38-96, which states that the MHC is “to implement programs and activities to increase public awareness and knowledge of heritage conservation issues”. A total of twenty-two (22) plaques have now been installed throughout the City as part of this program.

In 2018, the MHC completed work on the plaque recognizing the Barry Building explosion. The plaque was installed at 128 McIntyre Street West and an unveiling ceremony took place on May 10, 2018. Many community residents as well as the police colour party, representatives of the Fire Department and First Responders attended the unveiling ceremony to pay tribute to those lost in the explosion and the MHC received overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding this memorialization.

The MHC also designed and ordered the 2018 Heritage Site Plaque, which tells the story of the North Bay Jail & Donald Kelly. This Heritage Site Plaque was installed in October 2018, with an unveiling of this plaque taking place on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.

In preparation for the expiry of the current MHC member's term, we have taken steps to ensure continuity in the Committee's work with the Heritage Site Plaque Program. Current members have begun drafting the 2019 Heritage Site Plaque, which will tell the story of George W. Lee, Lee Park, the Golf Street crossing, Toronto Highway and

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Amelia Park. The Committee has begun research into the topic and drafting the plaque. The reconstituted Committee will complete this initiative.

### **Youth Photography Contest**

In the spring of 2018, the Municipal Heritage Committee introduced a new Heritage Photography Contest for local youth aged 18 and under. The purpose of the contest was to raise awareness of local heritage and to determine what aspects of local heritage are most important to the youth of North Bay.

Participants were encouraged to explore and capture the culture and heritage of North Bay in a way which was unique to their own interpretation of it. They were challenged to think about what they saw and provide a short caption explaining why their photo was important to them. Youth participants were also asked to consider how their photograph relates to one of three broadly defined categories (Built Heritage, Natural Heritage and Human Heritage).

Local school boards, clubs and other service providers throughout the City of North Bay were invited to share details of the photography contest and encourage participation among local youth. The MHC offered prizes of DIA Gift Cards for the winners of the contest. First prize was worth \$100, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25.

After receiving many outstanding entries to the Youth Heritage Photography Contest, winners were chosen by the Municipal Heritage Committee. The results of the competition were announced at the Heritage Fair at Nipissing University on Friday, May 11, 2018.

First prize was awarded to a young lady named Hope for her photo 'Exfoliating,' second was awarded to a young man named Michael for his photo 'Bridge to Nowhere,' and Evelyn's photo 'Ice Waves' and Elora's photo 'War Memorial' tied for third place. All four photos are attached to this report.

### **'Heritage Diary' Podcast**

In July 2018, the Municipal Heritage Committee began to look into podcast production. It was the opinion of the MHC that a Municipal Heritage Committee podcast would be an innovative, efficient and cost effective new program.

An objective of the 'Heritage Diary' podcast is to share heritage and historical information that may not be significant enough to warrant its own Heritage Site Plaque, folklore or legends of the city, significant local development and personal stories surrounding existing Heritage Site Plaques or Site Evaluations.

The MHC has recorded five (5) episodes thus far. These initial episodes share the origin of the Municipal Heritage Committee, the history of the Capitol Centre, the Old Court House, the BOMARC missile and the Barry Building explosion. The Heritage Diary Podcast is available on the Heritage Committee's website as well as on Apple Podcast, Google Play, TuneIn, Stitcher and Pocket Casts.

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## Public Awareness Initiatives

In addition to the above noted activities, the Committee promotes heritage and furthers the general public's understanding of North Bay's history and culture. The initiatives undertaken by the Municipal Heritage Committee to achieve this objective include:

- Heritage Week: As it does every year, the Committee held a media event on the first day of Heritage Awareness Week, which coincides with Family Day in February. The event in 2018 was held at Deegan's Shoe Store/Antiques at Deegan's. The Committee presented the owners of Deegan's with a "Century of Service" certificate recognizing the business' long standing contributions to the community.
- Heritage Fair: The Committee continued to attend the annual Heritage Fair, hosted at Nipissing University. The annual event is typically attended by a little more than 100 students (ranging from grades 4-10). The MHC awards a prize to one local student on an annual basis. The winner in 2018 was a student who researched the origin of local street names throughout the City for his project. The winner was awarded a plaque and a gift certificate by MHC Chair, Peter Handley.
- Website Improvements: The Committee made improvements to our website in 2018 to place more content onto the internet and include visual representation of properties that have been evaluated by the Committee this year. The MHC also created a new page on the website for the Heritage Diary Podcast that includes the episode, a brief synopsis and a text version of the episode for accessibility purposes.
- Newsletter: The Committee produced a newsletter outlining recent activities and accomplishments. The newsletter was distributed to specific organizations that have an interest in the MHC's activities, as well as placed on the Committee's website.

## Operating Budget

The 2018 operating budget was \$2,600. The Committee will finish the year under budget.

## Memberships

The North Bay MHC is a member of Community Heritage Ontario, a province-wide organization which provides information and advice to heritage groups. CHO's mission is to *"be an advocate for heritage in Ontario, to encourage the development of municipally-appointed heritage advisory committees and to further the identification, preservation, interpretation and wise use of community heritage locally, provincially and nationally."*

The MHC is also a member of the North Bay Museum. The museum has partnered with the MHC on multiple occasions over the years, including hosting events during Heritage





Awareness Week and some of the Committee's meetings. North Bay Museum is represented at the MHC by their museum director/curator, Naomi Hehn.

The MHC is a member of the Ontario Historical Society. The MHC receives a regular newsletter (5 times annually), which offers the Committee insights regarding trends in heritage and history throughout the province.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Handley  
Chair, Municipal Heritage Committee

## Appendix A

### Youth Photography Contest – Winning Submissions



Hope – ‘Exfoliating’



Michael – ‘Bridge to Nowhere’



Evelyn – ‘Ice Waves’



Elora – 'War Memorial'