



# City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU No. 2020-01

Date: January 8, 2020

Originator: Peter Carello, MCIP RPP

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Planning & Building Department

Subject: 2019 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report

Closed Session: yes  no

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## Recommendation

That the 2019 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report be received and referred to the Community Services Committee

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## Background

Attached to this Report to Council is the Municipal Heritage Committee's (MHC) Annual Report.

2019 was the first year for the Committee after the 2018 Municipal Election. The Committee's main accomplishments in 2019 were the continuation of the Youth Photography Contest, further development of the Heritage Diaries Podcast and ongoing work to evaluate properties with heritage significance.

A full listing of Committee activities in 2019 and a proposed work plan for 2020 is contained in the attached report.

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## Financial/Legal Implications

There are no legal or financial implications as a result of this report.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government |   |

## Specific Objectives

- Develop a practice of communications and engagement that ensures that residents are aware and understand what City Hall is doing
- Promote and encourage arts and culture as a cornerstone of a dynamic community

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## Options Analysis

### Option 1

That the 2019 Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report be received and referred to the Community Services Committee.

### Option 2

To not receive the 2019 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, MCIP RPP

Title: Senior Planner – Current Operations

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

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

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Name: Ian Kilgour, RPP  
Title: Director of Community Development and Growth

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Name: David Euler, P.Eng  
Title: 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

2019 Annual Report



# City of North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC)

## 2019 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 December of 2019.

### Committee Highlights – 2019

#### Committee Membership – 2019

2019 was the first year for the Committee after the 2018 Municipal Election. The following are all individuals who are or were members of the Heritage Committee in 2019:

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 Scott Robertson (City Council Representative)  
George Maroosis (Community Representative)  
Jeff Serran (Community Representative)  
Ed Valenti (Community Representative)  
Margaret Surtees (Community Representative)  
Ex-officio: Caroline Loiselle (Ministry of Citizenship and Culture)  
Staff: Peter Carello, Secretary-Treasurer (Planning Department)

Matt Lerch, a member of the Society of Architects, began attending Committee meetings in 2019.

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 as the Committee's resident historian.

The City of North Bay hired Kealey Ducharme as a summer student. This was Ms. Ducharme's third year as a summer employee. Ms. Ducharme's previous experience with the Committee gave her a detailed understanding of MHC activities and she was able to accomplish a wide variety of tasks, including producing the newsletter,



restructuring the Illustrative Guide and creating a Municipal Heritage Committee podcast.

### **Meetings of the Committee**

A total of ten (10) official meetings of the Committee were held from January to December 2019. 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 2019. These evaluations remain the core of the MHC's mandate.

The MHC evaluated one property in 2019, the former Demarco's building on Algonquin Avenue. Work on the evaluation report remains ongoing at this time.

The Committee is attempting to conduct a second evaluation before year end. At the time of this report, it is uncertain whether this will occur in 2019 or in 2020.

The Committee also finalized an evaluation report that began in 2018 for the Colgan-Liddle Building (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. This property was deemed to be a Level One.

### **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-three (23) plaques have now been installed throughout the City as part of this program.

In 2019, the MHC completed work on the plaque telling the story of the Golf Street crossing, the Toronto Highway, George W. Lee and Amelia Parks. The plaque was installed at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Stanley Street in November. The plaque will be officially unveiled in 2020.

The Committee has begun work on a new plaque that will be produced and installed in 2020. This will outline the history of the North Bay Airport and the CFB Station North Bay.

### **Youth Photography Contest**

The MHC introduced a Heritage Photography contest for local youth aged 18 and under in 2018, which was continued into 2019. The purpose of the contest is to raise awareness of local heritage and to determine what aspects of local heritage are most important to the youth of North Bay.



Participants are encouraged to explore and capture the culture and heritage of North Bay in a way 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 are 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.

A number of submissions were received, which were considered and evaluated by a subcommittee of the MHC. First prize was awarded to Bobbie-Ann for her photo titled “A Lifetime in my Grandmother’s Hands”, second prize went to Katelyn for “Evolution of Rail” and third prize was presented to Sina for a photo titled “Mixed Emotions”.

### **‘Heritage Diary’ Podcast**

In 2018 the MHC launched the Heritage Diary Podcast as a unique program where the Committee’s Chair discussed interesting local heritage topics with knowledgeable guests. The subjects range from buildings to events to persons of interest.

A dozen episodes were recorded in the Summer of 2019. The MHC has recorded twenty (20) episodes thus far; they are released monthly. Topics to date include the Barry blast, Bomarc, local politics, Main Street, Capitol Centre, the Dionne Quints, etc.

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.

### **Heritage Fair**

The Committee continued to attend the annual Heritage Fair, hosted at Nipissing University. The annual event is typically attended by 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 2019 was given to Izzy Demarais, who researched the history and the local importance of the Royal Canadian Air Force. She was presented with a plaque and gift certificate by MHC Vice-Chair Jennifer Buell.

A new program of brief heritage projects began with a feature on local corner stores. A subcommittee was formed to examine the use of various media and social networking sites to promote this type of information.

An education program for the new Committee was prepared by Larocque Elder Architects concerning St. Vincent de Paul Church. The training session was held at their offices and was well attended by Committee members. The Committee is thankful to Larocque Elder for hosting this training.

Education through the Ministry will continue in early 2020.



Overtures were made to the DIA regarding the restoration of old business signs.

The Committee continues to promote the idea of a heritage display area in the City Hall library.

### **Operating Budget**

The 2019 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

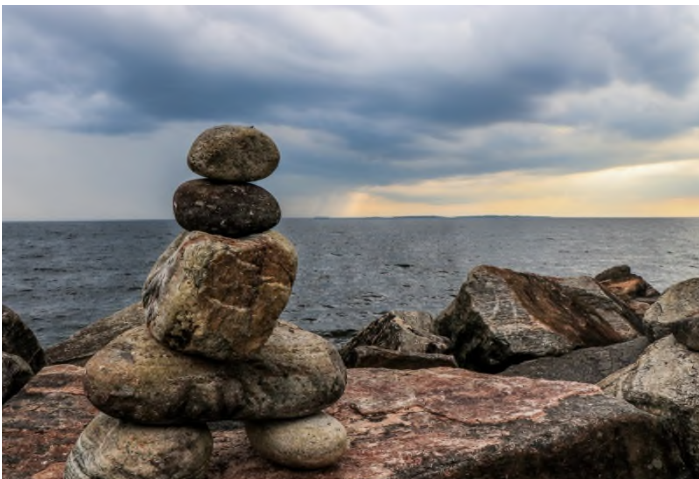
### Youth Photography Contest – Winning Submissions



Bobbie-Anne – ‘A Lifetime in my Grandmother’s Hands’



Katelyn – ‘Evolution of Rail’



Sina – ‘Mixed Emotions’