RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the analysis contained below, Development Services staff recommends:

**THAT** Report No. DEV 2019-20 re: Gravenhurst Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee 2019 Work Plan be received for information;

**AND THAT** Council approve the Gravenhurst Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee’s 2019 Work Plan subject to available staff resources.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to communicate the Gravenhurst Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee’s objectives and goals for 2019.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Gravenhurst Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHC) is to provide advice and recommendations to Council on heritage related matters, to promote heritage conservation within the municipality, and to advise Committee of the Whole, Council and the community on individual properties and districts of heritage and cultural significance.

The 2019 Work Plan includes a few main action items, including: the study and evaluation of the possibility of restoring and moving the Clerk’s Office; plaquing two designated structures; designating three properties; ongoing promotion; and, the development of interpretative heritage signage and photos.

The Committee would also like to: plan events for 2020; celebrate the Lieutenant Governor’s Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Marion and Cyril Fry; continue to update the
Properties of Interest List and Municipal Register; updating the Heritage Designation Guide and present Built Heritage Awards.

Much of the work is planned to occur through the Working Groups that were established by resolution at the March 12th meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, with staff’s assistance to implement many of the projects.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Staff has advised the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee in the development of the attached Work Plan. A Resolution was passed by the Committee approving the Work Plan at their March 12th meeting.

The Work Plan is a public document that will be made available on the Town’s website.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Municipal budget is required to carry out items contained in the Work Plan. One thousand dollars ($1,000.00) has been budgeted for in the 2019 Operating Budget. At their March meeting, the Gravenhurst Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommended that a budget in the amount of two thousand, five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) be requested, and that this amount be included in a cost centre specific to this subcommittee, separate and apart from any other subcommittee of Council. This request will be presented and considered by Council as part of the discussions related to the 2019 Development Services Operating Budget.

RELATION TO OTHER FORMAL PLANS OR GUIDING LEGISLATION

- Municipal Strategic Plan
  - We will make Gravenhurst a Cultural Destination in Canada by working with partners to make existing cultural and heritage features stronger and more attractive to visitors and residents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A - 2019 Work Plan

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