BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays receives the staff report “2015 Annual Heritage Advisory Committee Summary Report” dated May 17, 2016.

ORIGIN:

Pursuant to the Reporting and Monitoring Requirements as set out in the Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, the Committee is to submit an annual report summarizing its activities to Council.

These accomplishments highlight the efforts put forth by the committee to preserve, protect and promote our irreplaceable built, natural and cultural heritage.

ANALYSIS:

The Township of Lake of Bays Heritage Committee in 2015 worked towards achieving the objectives, roles and responsibilities as set out in the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The Heritage Advisory Committee has accomplished or is in the process of achieving the following:

**Heritage Designations**

- Received the following inquiry regarding municipal heritage designation:
  - Piers Hemmingsen – Dwight Bay Road
- Total number of designations - 11.

**Heritage Tax Relief Program**

- Processed the application from Jim Ingles (2 Rock Island)
- Winter’s Cemetery was proposed for municipal heritage designation however, received an objection and the file is on hold.
- Program is now up to eight (8) participants providing the following tax relief in 2015:
  - Municipal taxes = $2,674.30
  - Upper tier taxes = $5,206.92
  - Education taxes = $3,293.81
Heritage Plaque & Awards

- Applied for Prince of Wales Prize for Municipal Heritage Leadership from Heritage Canada National Trust, however were unsuccessful as the award went to the Town of Grimsby, Ontario.
- Tramway Creek plaque wording was finalized and the plaque is awaiting installation in Spring 2016.
- Provincial Plaque application to recognize the Chippewa’s of Rama First Nation presence in Trading Bay, Dorset was approved in principle by the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) and staff are continuing to work with the OHT and Rama First Nations for an unveiling in late summer 2016.

Heritage Registry

- Collected and archived historical information for the Heritage Registry.
- Online version of the Heritage Registry is being updated as time permits.

Survey Inventory and Research

- The ‘working group’ within the committee continues to meet every other month (when no formal meeting is scheduled) to conduct background research and any other legwork that is required to make progress on projects in an attempt to reduce the amount of staff time needed. This work is currently dedicated to the Baysville Walking Tour Booklet.

Information and Education

- Baysville Walking Heritage Tour has been researched, drafts are in the final editing stages. Release of Walking Tour Booklet is anticipated for summer 2016.
- Purchased a copy of Pioneer Glimpses by Barb Paterson history book.

Community Involvement and Liaison with Community

- The Heritage Advisory Committee continues its membership with Community Heritage Ontario (CHO).
- Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation expressed interest in collaborating to establish a safe secure location for the collection and display of Lake of Bays history (museum) – still outstanding.
- Hosted a S.S. Bigwin afternoon boat cruise and luncheon for 26 elders and members of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation as a thank you for support towards Provincial Plaque application.
Budget

- Spending was under for the 2015 budget, however anticipating more activity for 2016 with the Tramway Plaque and Provincial Plaques, as well as Baysville Walking Tour Booklet.
- Professional Development – no seminars/workshops attended by staff or Committee members in 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable

LINKAGE TO COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report as presented follows the following Strategic Priorities:

- Engage and communicate openly with the community

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REFERENCES:

- Terms of Reference, Heritage Advisory Committee
- Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990
- By-law 2014-118, Heritage Tax Relief Program
- Heritage Property Tax Relief Files – HPTR #15-01 (Ingles)
- 2015 Heritage Advisory Committee Agendas & Minutes
- 2015 Budget