

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4th, 2024

Immediately following the Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment(s) at 5:30 p.m. Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Councillor Greg Hallam

Reeve Rob Rainer

Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie Councillor Wayne Baker Councillor Korrine Jordan

Councillor Andrew Kendrick (left at 8:27 p.m.)

Councillor Angela Pierman Councillor Marilyn Thomas

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager (left at 8:37 p.m.)

Ashley Liznick, Treasurer

Noelle Reeve, Planner (left at 8:27 p.m.)

Regrets: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Due to the in-camera sessions and public attending for specific items a Member requested, and the Committee agreed, the flexibility to address items out of order as required.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

i) Public Meeting: Zoning By-Law Amendment(s) – May 7th, 2024.

The minutes of the Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment(s) held on May 7th, 2024, were approved.

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

i) Presentation: Heritage Property Recognition – McLaren's Powder Shed.

Susan Code McDougall gave an updated PowerPoint presentation – *attached*, page 14.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the Heritage Property Recognition – McLaren's Powder Shed presentation be received for information."

Item 9 ii was discussed next.

6. PRIORITY ISSUES

i) Report #PD-2024-08 – Response to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks Re: ERO 019-8700 Perth and District Septic Service Limited Environmental Compliance Approval Request.

A Member raised a question regarding the size of the lagoon and based upon its use, where the solid material(s) are being disposed of. The Planner confirmed there is a spreading area for solids as well as a lagoon area for liquid.

The Planner highlighted the concerns of septic haulers going farther distances to waste facilities rather than to local sites. Added distance increases costs, and there are environmental concerns with septic systems not being pumped out, or pumped out often enough, due to increased costs to owners.

The Planner also noted the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks restriction of no new severances being granted if there is insufficient local septic capacity.

Members raised questions about the length of time the site has been operating, the need for signage due to the nature of the commercial operations taking place, who is responsible for monitoring the facility, and general liability.

The Planner explained that

- the site has been in operation since 1997
- The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks licenses the operation, and would require the business to conduct self monitoring
- the Township is providing comments, requesting information, and requesting proactive mitigation

Through discussion the Planner will propose additional questions to the original five included in the report. The additional questions will be included in the response to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, staff be directed to make comments to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the Environmental Compliance Approval request by Perth and District Septic Service Limited as outlined in Report #PD-2024-08, and with the following additions:

- 6. What measures are being taken to monitor per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS's) and their uses?
- 7. Is the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks looking at alternatives to spreading? Could septage be shipped away or added to a communal services system?
- 8. The portion of the property where the lagoon and spreading occurs should be rezoned from Agriculture to Industrial."

Councillor Kendrick and the Planner left at 8:27 p.m.

ii) Report #PW-2024-14 – Blue Box Transition Update.

A Member questioned that if CM (Circular Materials) is awarded the contract, will the Township be required to change current recyclable drop off locations.

The Public Works Manager confirmed that haulage will be outsourced, but the depot locations will not change.

Members questioned the consequences of unclean plastics in recycling.

The Public Works Manager explained that the Township is required to meet a 4% contamination threshold. If the contamination rate exceeds 4%, the Township is charged a fee. Promotion and education of proper recycling, including what is recyclable, is very important and will be rolled out as part of

the transition program. CM has produced information to provide to residents and to put on the Township website.

The current recycling program will not change in 2024/2025. New restrictions may be introduced in 2026 to match with other municipalities in order to work toward a larger, more consistent recycling system across the Province.

The Public Works Manager will bring back a report in the Fall with a further update on what the new system will look like.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, Tay Valley Township Opt-In for Depot collection at the landfills for the transition period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;

THAT, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk and Public Works Manager be delegated the authority to make decisions for a Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials for Tay Valley Township to provide blue box services at the Township's depots, including promotion and educations and service to non-eligible sources, for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025;

AND THAT, the Reeve and CAO/Clerk be authorized to enter into the necessary agreement."

The Public Works Manager left at 8:37 p.m.

iii) Report #CAO-2024-13 - 2023 Municipal Report Card.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, Report #CAO-2024-13 – 2023 Municipal Report Card, be received for information."

iv) Report #CAO-2024-10 – Proposed New Road Name – Davern Lane 11D.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the necessary by-law to name an existing Private Road to Davern Lane 11D as outlined in Report #CAO-2024-10 – Proposed New Road Name – Davern Lane 11D, be brought forward for approval."

v) Report #CAO-2024-12 – Request to Close a Portion of an Unopened Road Allowance – Horricks.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, Council agrees to proceed with the application to stop up, close and sell the said portion of the unopened road allowance as outlined in Report #CAO-2024-12 – Request to Close a Portion of an Unopened Road Allowance – Horricks, as per the Road Closing and Sale Policy and call a Public Meeting."

vi) Report #CAO-2024-11 - Planning Administrative Assistant Position.

A Member questioned the necessity of the increase in hours, and how this change will affect the budget.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk explained that

- there is budget capacity to accommodate the additional two days in 2024 as the Community Services Coordinator position has not been filled
- the department is under-staffed, currently experiencing overtime costs
- even with the increase from part-time to a full-time position, overtime can still be required depending on the volume and types of applications that are submitted to the Township
- staff is beyond their workload capacity, and risking burnout is not desirable
- due to constant legislative changes, and Council expectations, there are not enough staffing resources to meet demand; applications are more complicated due to the vast amount of water in the Township
- the last new staff position added to the Township was in 2012
- of the new staff added to the CAO/Clerk's Department in 2023, the Executive Assistant's workload is dedicated to legal road files and the Sports and Recreation Coordinator is a grant funded position specifically working on new community programming

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the Planning Administrative Assistant Position move from part-time to full-time when the current incumbent retires near the end of 2024."

vii) Appointment of ReUse Centre Volunteers.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township appoint the following volunteers for the Tay Valley ReUse Centre, subject to the Criminal Records Check Policy:

- Andrew Hickey
- Donna Walsh."

viii) Appointment of Soccer Volunteers.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township appoint the following volunteers for the Tay Valley Soccer Program, subject to the Criminal Records Check Policy:

- Katie Boldt
- Paul Ratcliffe
- Emily Verhoek."

ix) Heritage Property Recognition Committee – Resignation.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, David Taylor be removed from the Heritage Property Recognition Committee."

x) 10-Year Capital Plan Updated for Development Charge (DC) Purposes.

Since the report was drafted, the railway crossing project and the emergency plan update have also been added.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the 10-Year Capital Plan Updated for Development Charge (DC) Purposes be received for information."

xi) Lanark Basic Income Network.

The Reeve provided an overview of the Lanark Basic Income Network, providing the PowerPoint presentation attached to the agenda.

Throughout the presentation the Reeve explained that

- Canada has seen programs like this before, most recently the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- programs such as this exist elsewhere, the state of Alaska offers one of the oldest guaranteed income programs in the world
- certain Canadian provinces, Newfoundland and Quebec, already have similar guaranteed income programs running for targeted issues such as vouth homelessness and disability support
- individual eligibility, as well as the income amount received, would depend on details as submitted in annual income tax filing
- it is an incredibly complex issue requiring long term discussion and planning

7. CORRESPONDENCE

i) The Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls Resolution Regarding Basic Income Guarantee.

Recommendation to Council:

"WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports The Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls' Resolution #2024-04-074 regarding Basic Income Guarantee;

WHEREAS, per the 2021 Census of Canada 515 out of 5925 residents of Tay Valley Township (9.1% of the total) lived in low income, based on the Low Income After Tax (LIM-AT) measure;

WHEREAS, of the 515 Tay Valley Township citizens living in low income in 2021, 20 of them were children five years old or younger, 50 of them were children between the ages of 6 and 17, and 150 of them were seniors aged 65 or over;

WHEREAS, the province of Ontario recognizes that the LIM-AT does not include the cost of housing, food, transportation, etc. and therefore set its low income workers tax credit for 2021 at \$30,000 (up to \$38,000) for an individual and \$60,000 (up to \$68,500) for a household, resulting in a total of 790 – 985 residents of Tay Valley Township or 13% -17% identified as being unable to meet their basic living requirements without some government assistance;

WHEREAS, the province of Ontario has recognized the impacts of the costs of inflation (following Covid-19, continued supply chain disruptions due to wars and climate change, and record high profits by companies providing necessities such as food, fuel, and housing) and has increased the low income tax credit eligibility to \$32,500 (up to \$50,000) for an individual and \$65,000 (up to \$82,500) for a household, indicating the economic pressures an increasing number of Tay Valley residents experience;

WHEREAS, the level of income is one of the most important social determinants of health, and relates to many other determinants including education and literacy, healthy behaviours, one's social environment, and employment and work conditions;

WHEREAS, low income is strongly correlated with a wide range of negative health outcomes, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and poor mental health, and with shorter life expectancies compared to higher income persons;

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in Ontario and the maximum amounts of financial support available through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are deeply insufficient to meet the basic needs of full-time minimum wage workers, or of individuals or families drawing OW or ODSP support;

WHEREAS, ongoing, widespread, and rapid changes in labour markets, including due to outsourcing, artificial intelligence, automation, and advance of the "gig" economy, are causing more and more people to be exposed to labour changes beyond their control, adding to their vulnerability to low income;

WHEREAS, basic income is a means by which individuals, families, and whole communities can be less vulnerable to negative changes in health, relationship or family status, and labour markets, and better able to navigate transitions and challenging circumstances;

WHEREAS, basic Income is money distributed to eligible people, regularly, reliably, and without work requirement, and which, absent other income, should meet basic human needs;

WHEREAS, basic income exists in Canada in the form of longstanding programs like the Canada Child Benefit and the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, programs with demonstrated positive impacts on basic income recipients, economies, and our greater society;

WHEREAS, there is need to establish basic income security for working-age adults in Canada who, at present and in general, lack sufficient social protection against low income;

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that basic income is not a disincentive on the pursuit or retention of employment and that, further, basic income is more likely to support such pursuit or retention given its stabilizing effect in the lives of people;

WHEREAS, the gross cost of a basic income program is reduced to a net cost once various funding options are exercised and the fiscal benefits of basic income are realized (e.g., basic income as a local economic stimulus);

WHEREAS, Canada, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, has the fiscal capacity to support a basic income guarantee for working-age adults;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by public health authorities, including the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit per its November 2023 report on food insecurity within the health region;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by many other interests, including a growing number of municipalities in Ontario and beyond, and by a range of provincial and federal parliamentarians;

WHEREAS, a 2022 national public opinion poll suggests that six in 10 adults in Canada support the concept of basic income;

AND WHEREAS, Tay Valley Township wishes to add its municipal voice to the call for a basic income guarantee for working-age adults in Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Tay Valley Township supports the concept of a basic income guarantee for working-age adults to help combat low income and economic vulnerability within our community;
- 2) Tay Valley Township calls upon the federal and the provincial and territorial governments to collaborate on the design, introduction,

- implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- The Council of Tay Valley Township directs the Reeve write (a) a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, copy to relevant federal ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MP Scott Reid; and (b) a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford; copy to relevant provincial ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MPP John Jordan, calling on these orders of government to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- The Council of Tay Valley Township directs the Reeve to write a letter to each of the Reeve's counterparts in the lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County, encouraging each municipality to also pass a resolution similar to that adopted by Tay Valley Township;
- A copy of this resolution be shared with all other municipalities in Ontario, and with the presidents of the Eastern Ontario Mayors Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The Committee recessed at 7:49 p.m. The Committee returned to session at 8:00 p.m.

Item 6 i was discussed next.

ii) 24-05-29 - Council Communication Package.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the 24-05-29 Council Communication Package be received for information."

iii) Lanark County – Inclusion Diversity Equity and Access (IDEA) Working Group Terms of Reference and Letter to Municipalities.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, due to the timeline, the Council of Tay Valley Township requests the County of Lanark to advertise for a member of the public from Tay Valley Township to participate as a Township representative on the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Working Group."

8. COMMITTEE, BOARD & EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- i) **Bolingbroke Cemetery Board** *deferred to the next meeting*.
- ii) Committee of Adjustment

The Committee reviewed the minutes that were attached to the agenda.

- iii) **Fire Board** deferred to the next meeting.
- iv) **Library Board** deferred to the next meeting.
- v) **Pinehurst Cemetery Board** *deferred to the next meeting*.
- vi) Lanark County OPP Detachment Board deferred to the next meeting.
- vii) **Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group** *deferred to the next meeting.*
- viii) Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board.

The Committee reviewed the report and minutes that were attached to the agenda.

ix) Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board.

The Committee reviewed the minutes that were attached to the agenda.

- x) Lanark County Traffic Advisory Working Group deferred to the next meeting.
- xi) County of Lanark

Deputy Reeve Dobbie reported on the operating statistics of Lanark Lodge, highlighting the full time to part time staff ratio, international job posting and staffing initiatives, resident capacity, and current estimated wait time for residency.

Reeve Rainer had nothing of note to report.

9. CLOSED SESSION

i) CONFIDENTIAL: Litigation – 485 Keays Road.

The Committee moved "in camera" at 6:35 p.m. to address a matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board regarding 485 Keays Road and the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Planner and legal counsel remain in the room.

The Committee returned to open session at 7:03 p.m.

The Chair rose and reported that Council provided legal counsel and staff direction on the matter.

Item 6 xi was discussed next.

ii) CONFIDENTIAL: Security of Property – Information Technology Update.

The Committee moved "in camera" at 6:18 p.m. to address a matter pertaining to security of the property of the municipality or local board regarding an information technology update and the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Kevin Wills and Douglas Findlay, Lanark County IT, remain in the room.

The Committee returned to open session at 6:32 p.m.

Recommendation to Council:

"THAT, the information technology updates as presented on June 4th, 2024 by the Lanark County IT Department be implemented in 2024."

Item 9 i was discussed next.

10. DEFERRED ITEMS

*The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:

None.

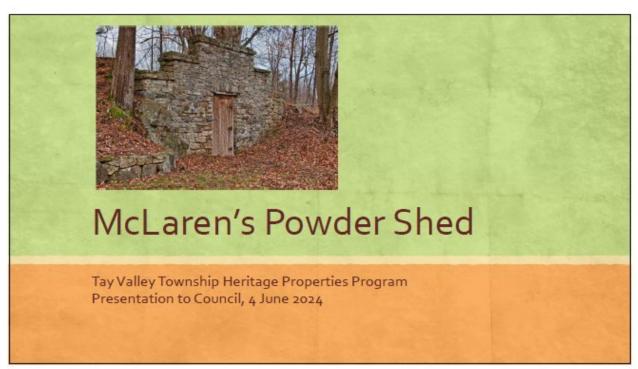
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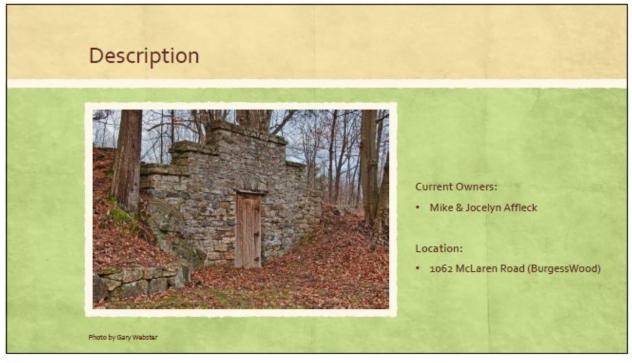
The Committee adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

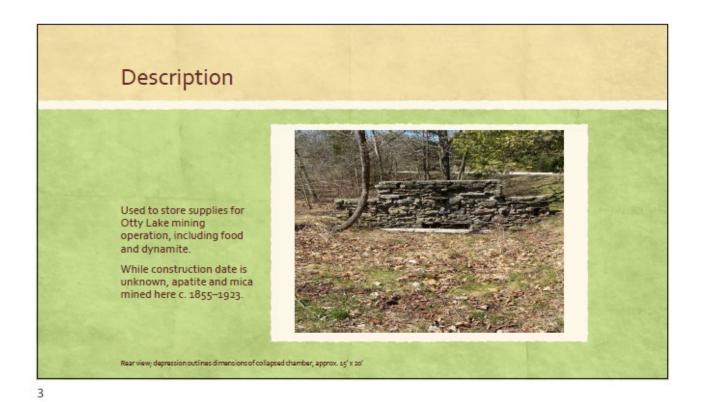
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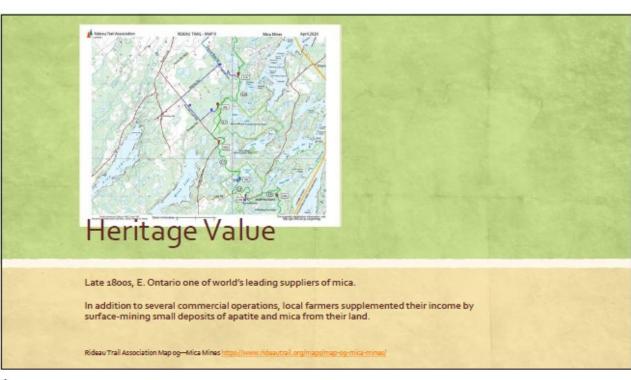
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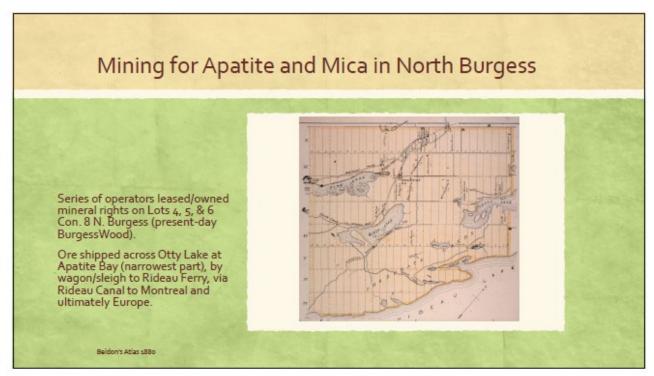


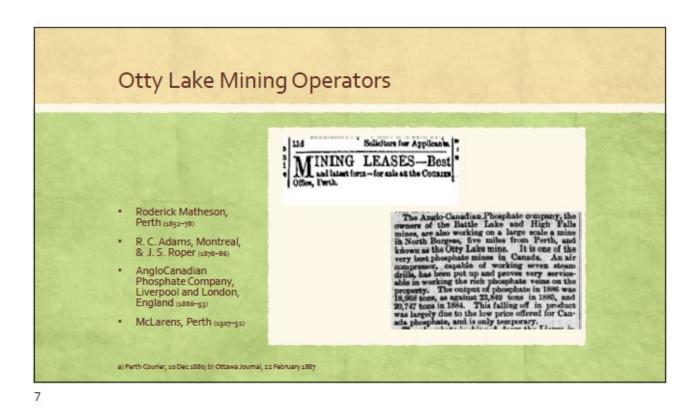




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Open-Pit Mining at Otty Lake

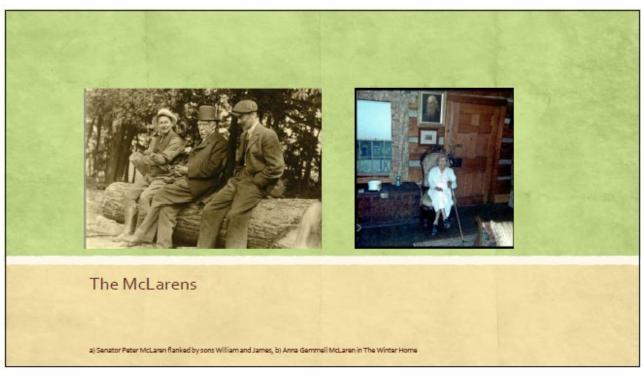
- Many pits originally opened for apatite
- Main pit (75' deep x 10' wide) eventually reworked for mica
- Anglo-Canadian Phosphate Co. maintained largest operation, with 20 employees; McLaren's employed 50 at peak
- A-C experimented with steam equipment, but manual drilling more economical
- Mica eventually overtook apatite as Otty Lake's main product

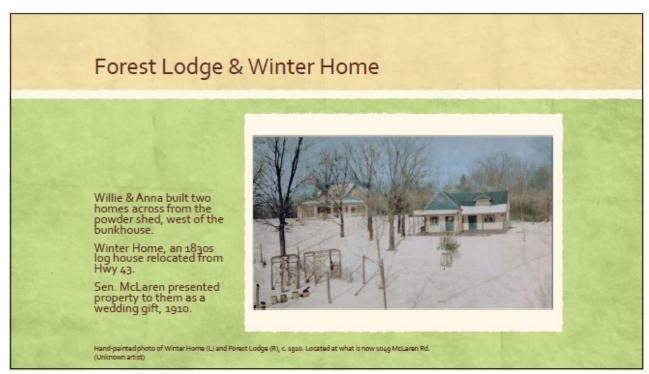


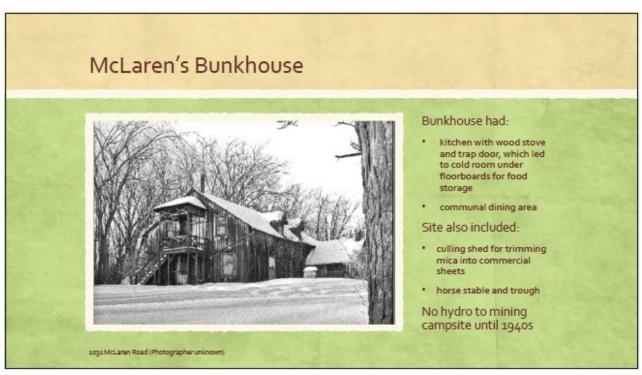


a) Library & Archives Canada, b) Ontario Archives

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Relics from the Past

Mining artifacts found

on site in BurgessWood

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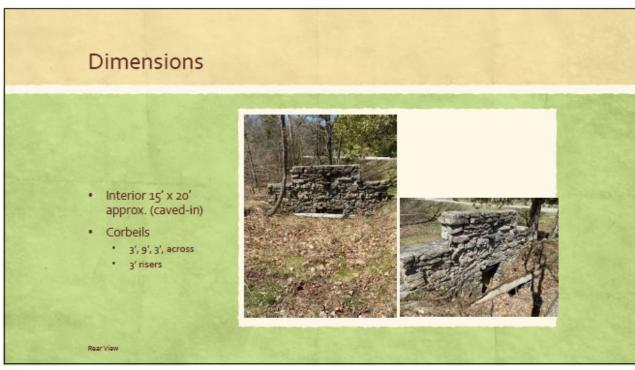




Powder Shed Character-Defining Elements

- Random-rubble masonry construction using local sandstone, built into side of small hill
- "Stepped," symmetrical roofline, capped with corbelled course of stone, drip edge
- · Jack arch over doorway
- · Two-course retaining wall on one side
- · Central plank door, with iron hinges and latch (not original)





Selected Sources

- BurgessWood Property Owners' Association. BurgessWood: Evolution of a Community. 2011.
- · Find-a-Grave web site (various obituaries)
- Perth Courier
- Kay Rogers (ed.). At Home in Tay Valley (Burnstown Publishing House). 2016.
- Donald F. Sherwin (geologist). Geology, Mineral Deposits and History of Mining in the Tay River Watershed. Friends of the Tay Watershed, https://www.leynord.com/pictures/files/pictures/fil
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