



MINUTES

Heritage St. Marys

January 13, 2018

9:00am

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South

Members Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Pope
Mary Smith
Janis Fread
Stephen Habermehl

Members Absent: Larry Pfaff
Paul King
Sherri Gropp
Michelle Stemmler

Staff Present: Trisha McKibbin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Stephen Habermehl called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to agenda: Other Business:

- Draft designation statements, 140 Emily Street
- Quarry plaque

Moved By Janis Fread

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the January 13, 2018 Heritage Committee meeting agenda be approved as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Community Heritage Ontario re: Seeking Support for federal action on the conservation of heritage properties

This article draws on the document that Dan Schneider explained to us last meeting: PRESERVING CANADA'S HERITAGE: THE FOUNDATION FOR TOMORROW, Report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. Committee members agreed that they needed a chance to review this document and to consider the letter before taking any action. This should be an item under "Business Arising" at the February meeting.

5.2 CHO News

Note: Issue contains link to article by Paul King advising MHCs on ways to become involved with Official Plan reviews in their communities.

6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Two small errors were noted in the minutes of the previous meeting: In item 8.1, the initials of the LADAC had been incorrect; the date of the closing of the Journal Argus should have been November 27.

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Janis Fread

THAT the minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting of December 10, 2017 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Dealt with in subsequent agenda items.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update

8.1.1 Infill

This Committee is scheduled to meet Monday, January 15 to consider two applications for Heritage permits: the rear windows for 115 Queen Street East and a new façade with updated look for Tim Hortons.

8.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 - Designations/designated property matters

No actions were taken on any projects involving these buildings at the end of December / early January.

8.2.1 VIA Station

8.2.2 Junction Station

8.2.3 McDonald House

8.2.4 Andrews Jeweller

8.2.5 Public Library

8.2.6 Old Water Tower

8.2.7 Pumphouse

8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties

Using feedback from the public meeting December 7 and from requests following notification of each owner of proposed listed properties, Trisha has dealt with six requests to remove properties from the draft list. Trisha said that there have also been a number of phone calls from property owners who are glad to be included on the list and believe that the overall concept of an inventory of heritage properties is beneficial to the town.

If the Heritage Committee approves the amended list, Trisha will prepare a staff report to present it to Council for acceptance. Committee members suggested that the report should include a recommendation for an annual review of the list. Trisha said that, indeed, an annual review is necessary to track changes of ownership.

Stephen asked what happens to the short list of six properties that have been removed from the draft list. Trisha said they will be kept in a special file and, should ownership change, the new owners could be approached to consider being included on the list.

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Janis Fread

THAT the St. Marys Heritage Committee recommends that Council accept the amended list of properties of cultural heritage value, that this list be added to the Municipal Register and that it be reviewed and updated annually.

CARRIED

8.3.1 Review of requests for removal from Draft List

8.4 Heritage Grant Applications

8.5 Properties of interest or at risk (not necessarily designated)

8.5.1 West Ward School

Nothing to report.

8.5.2 North Ward School site

A statutorily required public meeting was held Tuesday evening, January 9, dealing with proposed development on the North Ward (Arthur Meighen) School property. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the application to amend the current zoning to allow decreased setbacks, increased height of buildings from three to five storeys (six counting underground parking garage) and higher residential density than currently permitted.

The developers made their presentation and then submissions were heard from members of the audience. Most were against the proposal, especially a group of neighbourhood residents who had a battery of opposing arguments.

Council has referred the issue back to the Planning Advisory Committee. Planner Mark Stone will present his report to PAC and then to Council. His report will consider comments from the public meeting and the written submissions that have also been received.

8.5.3 Repairs to Flood Wall/Weir

Repairs to the flood wall have been delayed because of weather. Upper Thames has requested that the flood gates in the spillway and the weir remain open until repairs have been made.

8.6 CHO Report

Not available.

8.7 Homeowner/Property owner letters

Al Strathdee had a suggestion for another letter – to the new owners of Lionvale. They are a couple from Toronto who have partially moved in and are in the process of moving permanently. Al has met them and says they are very interested in their new home and would like to learn more about its history. Al will provide the contact information to pass on to Paul when he comes home from holidays. A note of welcome will also be sent from the Museum telling them they are welcome to visit the Reference Area to find out more about the history of this property.

8.8 Sign Bylaw

Work is still underway at drafting the updated bylaw.

8.9 Cultural Planning: Strategic Plan

Nothing to report at this time.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

Al Strathdee said that work on the 2018 budget almost complete. There are a number of pre-approvals for capital work to be done on municipal buildings. This includes the old Water Tower restoration, Library windows, Town Hall windows, pointing of the stone walls at Lind Park and pointing on other municipally-owned stone buildings. Requests for Heritage Permits will be forthcoming for this work. The draft budget and information about council budget meetings are available on line.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Heritage Fair - February 23, 2018 -Heritage Awards

This year it will be held on Friday, February 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. There was discussion on potential recipients of the Heritage Awards. Neither Mayor Al Strathdee nor Councillor Carey Pope will be available for this presentation. Al will ask Deputy Mayor Jim Craigmile to take his place.

More information about this popular event will be soon released by the Museum.

10.2 Quarry Plaque

New plaque in the “Historic St. Marys” series outlining the history of the quarries: Work has on the text for this plaque will be done in time for spring installation. There is room in the Heritage Committee’s budget for this project.

10.3 140 Emily Street

Request for designation of 140 Emily Street: Mary has done a preliminary draft of an evaluation of cultural heritage significance for this property. She will arrange a site visit as soon as possible to clarify some details. The property is of interest because of its age and the excellent condition of the original stonework. It is a rare example of a worker's cottage from the mid-1800s constructed of limestone.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

9. a.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018, at the St. Marys Museum

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45, on a motion by Carey Pope.

Larry Pfaff, Chair