

St. Catharines Heritage Permit Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday September 29, 2022

Electronic Participation at 2:30 pm

Members:

John Bacher
John Crawley
Robert De Wolfe
Andrew Humeniuk
Brian Narhi
Holly Washuta
David Bergen

Regrets:

Staff Liaison:

Tami Kitay, Director of Planning and Building Services
James Neilson, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

- 2:36 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Robert De Wolfe acknowledged that the land which we call St. Catharines and the Niagara region is the ancestral territory of Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This Land is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this Land is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples – who share the land with us. This Land Acknowledgement is a statement that reminds us that our standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people over many generations.

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions to the agenda

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Andrew Humeniuk

“That the SCHPAC adopt the agenda as amended for this SCHPAC meeting held on Thursday August 25, 2022, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHPAC approve the minutes of the SCHPAC meeting held on Thursday July 28, 2022.”

CARRIED

6. Declarations of interests

No declarations of interest

7. Presentations (Invited guests)

1. Regarding Item 9.1
Vanessa Hicks and Dan Currie, MHBC Heritage Consultants

8. Business arising from the minutes

No business arising from the minutes

9. Business

9.1 12-16 Lock Street

Vanessa Hicks, heritage consultant from MHBC spoke about the proposed development and the conservation measures for the buildings involved. The proposal involves the conservation of three buildings as part of a condo development that will fill much of the commercial block of Port Dalhousie. Vanessa provided a detailed overview of the application. The applicant intends to retain the Austin Hotel and the Stanton Grocery building with six new buildings proposed for the rest of the site. The Port Dalhousie Jail will be moved to a site at the foot of Lakeside Park.

Brian Narhi noted that some of the language and wording in the Heritage Impact Assessment could be clarified. Additionally with regards to the jail, he asked if the jail could be relocated somewhere closer to the original location in order to minimize impacts. Vanessa explained the building moving process as well as why the relocation site was chosen. Tami Kitay, Director of Planning and Building

Services, spoke about the building relocation. One concern that resulted in selecting this site was flooding in the area. Other concerns and goals include long term use of the building, including usability and programmability, and the contextual value of the building. The proposed location will be more prominent and still in proximity to the first canal.

Brian Narhi asked about the previous heritage easement agreement regarding the area where building G is on the proposed plans. There was an agreement for some type of commemoration of the previous building and is that possible to be incorporated into the plans. Dan Currie of MHBC responded that there will be commemoration of the site as part of the application, and the contents of this commemoration is still to be determined. The commemoration of the previous building on site could be part of this.

John Crawley asked about the contemporary design of the new buildings. Vanessa responded that the architect has made efforts to design the buildings in a manner that are complimentary to the adjacent heritage buildings while being contemporary in their design.

Andrew Humeniuk spoke in favour of the proposed development, and that he felt the new jail location would make it more usable and prominent.

Moved by: Holly Washuta

“That the SChPAC recommends approval of the proposed development at 12-16 Lock Street including restoration work and alterations to the Stanton Grocery, Austin House and Port Dalhousie Jail;

And that the SChPAC recommends approval of the relocation of the Port Dalhousie Jail.”

CARRIED

James Neilson, Heritage Planner, spoke about the commemoration ceremony.

9.2 Heritage Committee Update

James Neilson provided an overview of the September Heritage Committee meeting.

John Bacher spoke about the renaming of Fairview Park.

Moved by: John Bacher

“That the SChPAC receive the information from James Neilson regarding the September SCHAC meeting”

CARRIED

10. Items of Correspondence

- None

11. Date of Next Meeting

- October 27, 2022

12. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: John Bacher

“That the SCHPAC meeting is adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

CARRIED