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ST. CATHARINES HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, June 13, 2013

PRESENT: Evan Acs
John Bacher
Gail Benjafield
Heather Foss
John Haynes
Calvin Jessome
Robin McPherson
Marty Mako
Brian Narhi

STAFF: Kailen Goerz, Planning and Development Services
Anthony Martuccio, Transportation and Environmental Services
Kristen Sullivan, Recreation and Community Services
Britney Williamson, Planning and Development Services

COUNCIL: Mathew Siscoe, Councillor

REGRETS: Dennis Gannon

ABSENT: Chris Loat

PUBLIC: Laura Collings, Climate Action Niagara

1. CALL TO ORDER

Robin McPherson took the chair and called the meeting to order in Committee Room 1 at 5:01 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1. Meeting of SCHC, Thursday, May 9, 2013

Moved by: Mathew Siscoe
Seconded by: John Bacher

"That the SCHC ratify and adopt the minutes of the SCHC meeting as revised, held Thursday, May 9, 2013, copies having been previously distributed."

CARRIED

2.2. Thursday, May 30, 2013 - Special Meeting

Moved by: Calvin Jessome
Seconded by: Brian Narhi

"That the SCHC accept the minutes of the SCHC meeting as revised, held Thursday, May 30, 2013, copies having been previously distributed"

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1. Climate Action Niagara- request for formal letter of support from the SCHC

John Bacher declared a conflict of interest.

Evan Acs arrived at 5:13 p.m.

Further to the May meeting, Laura Collings has requested a letter from the SCHC in support of the Tree Hunt. Any financial support would assist in advertising, outreach and resources. Laura has specifically requested \$250.00 to cover the cost of printing 500 coloured flyers. Britney Williamson noted that the SCHC could print the through the City's print shop at a lower rate. The cost to print 500 colour copies would be \$27.50 plus taxes.

There was further discussion about consent requirements for the Tree Hunt nominations, specifically whether trees could be nominated without owner consent. Laura advised that owner consent is required for every nomination. Other questions centred around nominating groups of trees and accessibility of the nomination forms online.

It was then,

Moved by: John Haynes
Seconded by: Calvin Jessome

"That the SCHC provide a letter of support to CAN regarding the Tree Hunt."

CARRIED

Moved by: Brian Narhi
Seconded by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHC supports the Tree Hunt by providing outreach materials (approximately 500 colour copies) to CAN.”

CARRIED

3.2. Library Display update (Britney Williamson)

The library display will be installed on July 3, 2013. Britney Williamson will confirm the time after discussion with John Haynes and library staff.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

There were no matters deferred from Council.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no new delegations.

6. BUSINESS

6.1. Designated Property Grant Application

Address: 3-5 College Street

Proposal: Replacement of Window and Shingles on Bay Window

File No.: 10.64.143 I1

Application is made for a Designated Property Grant (DPG) for replacement of the bay window on the south-west side of the dwelling at 3-5 College Street. The two and one half storey stucco dwelling was constructed in 1911. The building is referenced in the Yates Street and Area HCD Study Background Report (1994) as being owned by the Newman Family of Newman Brothers Construction for a number of years, and the windows are specifically referenced as an architectural element in the report.

Staff visited the property and inspected the proposed project. The conservation of existing architectural elements that are significant, including repair of original elements such as windows, constitutes eligible work under the DPG guidelines. The proposed work does not require a heritage permit as it does not involve changes to the original building fabric and is considered a “like for like” change. The applicant has submitted two quotes for the replacement, one for casement windows and one for double hung windows. The applicant received a DPG in 2012 for the replacement of the front windows. After some discussion, it was then,

Moved by: John Bacher

Seconded by: Evan Acs

“That approval in principle be granted for a DPG grant for a window replacement project at 3-5 College Street to a maximum of \$1,000.”

CARRIED

6.2. Reports from Sub-Committees

6.2.1. Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

6.2.1.1. Request for Framed History for Non-designated Building

Address: 144 St. Paul Street

File No.: 10.64.17 Vol. 2D

A request for a framed history for 144 St. Paul Street was received from the owner of Serendipity Sweets, which occupies a portion of the building. There was further discussion regarding utilizing the Rating System for Built Heritage Resources to prioritize the framed history requests. After some discussion, it was then,

Moved by: Heather Foss

Seconded by: Mathew Siscoe

“That the SCHC approve the request for a Framed History for the Non-designated Building at 144 St. Paul Street.”

CARRIED

In order to assist in researching the framed histories, Brian Narhi has volunteered to hold a training session for committee members on research at the land registry office and special collections. Interested members should contact Britney Williamson, who will co-ordinate a time for the training session.

6.2.2. Public Outreach and Education (POE)

Robin McPherson updated the Committee on the blog. The sub-committee recently held a meeting and assigned tasks.

6.2.3. Research and Inventory

There was no new information from the research and inventory sub-committee.

6.2.4. Heritage Districts

There was an article in the May issue of *Heritage Matters* regarding

Heritage Districts. Britney Williamson circulated the article to committee members by email for information.

6.2.5. War of 1812 Bicentennial

Brian Narhi provided an updated. The Laura Secord Walk is scheduled for June 22, 2013. There will be a Dedication of Allies plaque and a drum making workshop at the museum. The Tall Ships are coming to Port Dalhousie on July 1, 2013. Applications are now being accepted for genealogical certificates. There is a Land Commissioner book being published, which will be beneficial for conducting research.

7. New Business

7.1. Designation of Alexandra School (Robin McPherson)

John Haynes and Mathew Siscoe declared a conflict of interest.

Robin McPherson provided some background regarding the potential loss of Alexandra School. There was discussion regarding third party designation without owner consent and Britney Williamson clarified that owner consent is not a requirement of the Ontario Heritage Act. There was some general discussion about pursuing designation without owner consent.

Brian Narhi provided a brief historical background highlighting, noting that the school was designed by Architect John Wiley and is the third oldest school in the downtown.

It was then,

Moved by: John Bacher

Seconded by: Calvin Jessome

“That the SCHC begin research on the heritage value of Alexandra School for the purposes of pursuing designation.”

CARRIED

7.2. Memorial Park Cenotaph Concept (Anthony Martuccio, Transportation and Environmental Services) (proposed plans enclosed)

Anthony Martuccio made a brief presentation to the committee, noting that Council has allocated funds in the budget to improve landscaping and accessibility design to the Cenotaph. The project will involve removing the current landscaping in order to create an accessible ramp and lighting. All landscape would be replaced after the construction is completed. There is a

potential to add an additional walkway at the rear of the Cenotaph if there is room in the budget. The plans will also be presented to the Veterans for their comments.

Comments from the committee centred around fit of any new landscaping within the existing context of the park, whether the Cenotaph will be impacted by the construction of the Burgoyne Bridge and concerns regarding skateboarders using the ramps.

It was then,

Moved by: Gail Benjafield
Seconded by: Marty Mako

“That the SCHC endorses the redesign of the Cenotaph as proposed.”

CARRIED

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1. By-law 2013-99 (Simplified Meeting Procedures for Advisory Committees)

Britney Williamson informed the Committee that the simplified meeting procedure for Committees of Council was approved by By-Law 2013-99.

9. Adjournment

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013.

Britney Williamson will be out of the office during the week of July 8-12, so committee members should advise Sara Epp (905-688-5601 ext. 1708 or sepp@stcatharines.ca) if they are unable to attend the meeting or did not receive the item(s) noted in the agenda.

Minutes prepared by:
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