

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2015

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5:00

Attendance:

Gail Benjafield
Nancy Cameron
Dennis Gannon
Marty Mako
Robin McPherson
Brian Narhi
Mike Sullivan
Holly Washuta

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia
Mayor Walter Sendzik

Absent:

John Crawley

Staff Liaison:

Kevin Blozowski, Planning and Building Services
Charlotte McEwan, Planning and Building Services
Jim Riddell, Planning and Building Services

Other Staff:

Stuart Green, Parks Recreation and Culture Services (PRCS)

Public:

Andrew and Jennifer Humeniuk, Brown House
Mark Shoalts, Shoalts Engineering, Lakeside Park Pavilion
David Webb
Harald Ensslen
Paul Chapman (to 5:45)

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**

Brian Narhi took the chair and called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Robin McPherson

That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, August 13, 2015, copies having been previously distributed.

CARRIED

4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Mike Sullivan

That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the minutes, as revised, of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, July 9, 2015, copies having been previously distributed.

CARRIED

5. **Presentations (invited guests)**

See item 7.1.

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. **Business**

7.1 Brown-Jouppien House

File No: 10.64.128

Andrew and Jennifer Humeniuk, representing the Brown Foundation, presented their plans for the future of the Brown-Jouppien House. The interior and exterior of the house are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The building is intended to be a destination for heritage in St. Catharines, and it will soon be vacant. It will be secured during the period that it will be vacant. The intent of the foundation, going forward, is to focus on the loyalist heritage, the Brown family, archives and premises restoration. The owners welcomed feedback from the committee. The Brown Foundation is currently looking for board members and heritage advisors.

The committee welcomed the opportunity to tour the premises.

7.2 Lakeside Park Pavilion
File No: 10.64.144 N5

The City is undertaking a number of improvements to Lakeside Park under the Lakefront Enhancement Strategy (LES). Items include the washrooms and concession area, electrical upgrades, playground, and the pavilion. Stuart Green (PRCS) provided an outline of the plans for Lakeside Park.

Mark Shoalts has been retained by the City to provide a heritage structural assessment of the pavilion. Mr. Shoalts outlined his findings to the committee, being that the existing heritage value of the pavilion is minimal and its condition is poor. To repair the pavilion would require it to be dismantled and re-built.

David Webb provided an outline of his report. He believes that the cultural landscape attribute of the park associated with the structure should be commemorated. While the pavilion may be original (circa 1947), a number of changes to the structure have occurred.

Co-chair Brian Narhi added a few points. Based on his research, a number of the buildings were auctioned in 1969. He questions how much of the structure is original.

The committee considered the heritage condition of the structure. One of the fundamental considerations is whether the existing pavilion is the original building, and how much has been altered over the years. Further research will be done by Mark Shoalts to determine the extent to which the roof structure has been altered. Brian Narhi will prepare a follow-up report. The matter will be reconsidered at the September meeting.

7.3 Siren at Kernahan Park

A small plaque was proposed by a teacher at Kernahan School to be affixed to one of the last air raid sirens in Niagara. Staff will follow-up.

7.4 It is noted that the Research and Inventory Sub-committee met on August 5, 2015, regarding the development of an updated Heritage Resource Inventory.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2015

9. **Adjournment**

Please advise Kevin Blozowski at 905 688-5601, extension 1710 or at kblozowski@stcatharines.ca if you are unable to attend the meeting or did not receive the item(s) noted in the agenda.

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday September 10, 2015
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**