

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, October 08, 2015**

**Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm**

### **Attendance:**

Gail Benjafield  
John Crawley  
Marty Mako (from 4:35)  
Robin McPherson  
Brian Narhi  
Mike Sullivan  
Holly Washuta (from 4:35)

### **Absent:**

Nancy Cameron  
Dennis Gannon

### **Council:**

Carlos Garcia  
Bruce Williamson

### **Public:**

Justin Nicholl, Kernahan Park Air Raid Siren

### **Staff Liaison:**

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

### **Other Staff:**

Vince Covetta, Transportation and Environmental Services

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

Brian Narhi took the chair and called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

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

There were no additions/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, October 8, 2015, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by: Robin McPherson

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the minutes, as revised, of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, September 10, 2015, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

5. **Presentations (invited guests)**

Vince Covetta spoke to item 7.1.

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

Councillor Williamson indicated his of opposition to the demolition of the Lakeside Park pavilion. He asked SCHAC to reconsider its position taken at the previous meeting regarding the pavilion. Support of two thirds of members present (5 of 7 at this meeting) is required to allow for reconsideration.

Moved by: Mike Sullivan

“That the SCHAC reconsider its position regarding the Lakeside Park pavilion.”

**LOST**

7. **Business**

**7.1 Proposed Enhancements to Montebello Park**

Rose Garden

File No: 10.64.136

The City is proposing certain improvements to the Montebello Park rose garden. Specifically, the removal and re-finishing of the existing fence around the garden, replacing two trellises and removing two other trellises, and constructing a new accessible sidewalk to the garden. These items do not require a heritage permit. Vince Covatta presented the proposed on

behalf of staff. The rose garden was originally installed in 1913. The accessible sidewalk is intended to address FADS considerations.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC supports the proposed enhancements to the Montebello Park Rose Garden, subject to the committee reviewing details.”

**CARRIED**

**7.2** Federal Designation for Port Dalhousie Lighthouses  
File No: 10.64.158 Volume

Council has directed staff to look at the feasibility of obtaining federal designation for the Port Dalhousie Lighthouses. Both were designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1997. Staff has contacted the Manager of Designations, Parks Canada, and Realty staff from the Departments of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to obtain information.

The federal contacts have advised that the Inner Range Light is not eligible for the federal designation program since it is not owned by the federal government. With respect to the Outer Range Light, obtaining a federal designation would require the City or a third party to acquire it. The DFO would lease and maintain the light beacon only in that scenario.

The DFO will follow up with more detailed information regarding the Outer Range Light. Specifically with respect to federal jurisdiction, and the process for designation considering the state of the east pier (currently closed to the public due to safety concerns). This information will be available for the November SCHAC meeting.

**7.2** Air Raid Siren, Kernahan Park

Former Kernahan Secondary School student Justin Nicholls has expressed interest in having a sign erected in Kernahan Park to commemorate the air raid siren in the park. The siren is a “Biersach and Niedermeyer (B&N) Mobile Director” and was installed in the late 1950s. It was deactivated in the 1980s. It is the last remaining air raid siren in the city.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC supports the installation of a sign at Kernahan Park commemorating the air raid siren in the park.”

**CARRIED**

Gail will lead the project on behalf of the committee.

**8. Updates from Sub-Committees**

**8.1** Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

N/A

**8.2** Public Outreach and Education (POE)

- The POE subcommittee will meet in November (date tba) to discuss the 2016 library display.
- The status of current framed history projects will be discussed in November. Brian will work on the Diana Sweets sign.
- The committee discussed the Foss/Krauss and Staff developed letters regarding designation. Members will review the Staff letter and provide comments for the November meeting.

**8.3** Research and Inventory (R&I)

The R&I subcommittee met on September 30, 2015, to discuss moving forward with the inventory project.

**8.4** Heritage Districts

N/A

**9. Information/Correspondence**

Cultural Funding Task Force

Council has directed that one SCHAC member be appointed to sit on the Cultural Funding Task Force. Daytime meetings are most likely, the first two to be October 6 (4-6pm) and October 23 (1-2pm). John Crawley volunteered to sit on the Task Force.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, November 12, 2015

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Please advise Kevin Blozowski at 905 688-5601, extension 1710 or at [kblozowski@stcatharines.ca](mailto: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 November 12, 2015  
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**