

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
Marty Mako
Robin McPherson
Brian Narhi
Mike Sullivan

Absent:

Nancy Cameron
John Crawley
Dennis Gannon
Holly Washuta

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia (to 5:30 pm)

Staff Liaison:

Kevin Blozowski, Planning and Building Services
Hailey McWilliam, Planning and Building Services
Jim Riddell, Planning and Building Services

Public:

Karl Vanderkuip, St. Catharines Disc Golf Club
Tom Richardson
Kerry Leask

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Robin McPherson called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

2. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda

3. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

4. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the minutes, as revised, of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, June 9, 2016, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (invited guests)

5.1 Mr. Karl Vanderkuip
Regarding Centennial Gardens Disc Golf Course

The St. Catharines Disc Golf Club (SCDGC) was founded two years ago. Development of the 18 hole course located in Centennial Gardens Park was completed in the spring of 2016.

Karl Vanderkuip made a brief presentation to the Committee about the history of the SCDGC and the disc golf course. Mr. Vanderkuip was seeking support from the Committee to incorporate heritage facts on the wood disc golf tees located at each of the holes on the course. The facts are to be approximately 80 characters or less in length.

Mr. Vanderkuip was also seeking a financial contribution to offset the costs of the signage. The Committee was supportive of the cause as a way to inform a different segment of the population about heritage in St. Catharines.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC supports the Centennials Gardens Disc Golf Club heritage signage partnership and that \$900.00 be provided towards interpretive heritage signage for the project.”

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

N/A

7. Business

7.1 Glen Ridge School
101 South Drive
File No 10.64.185 (Ontario Heritage Act)

In November, 2015, Council directed the Committee to examine the designation of Glen Ridge School. The Committee resolved to designate 101 South Drive at its February 2016 meeting. Subsequently, Staff retained heritage consultant GBCA to review both the Staff and the SCHAC's reports that were prepared in support of the designation. GBCA provided its comments and recommendations in a letter dated May 23, 2016.

The author's (Ms. Sharon Vattay) report suggested that clarification was needed regarding potential cultural heritage landscape attributes of the premises, as well as the status of the additions to the building. The property is, however, a candidate for designation, with the suggested revisions made to the SCHAC report.

Brian Narhi has revised the SCHAC report incorporating Ms. Vattay's suggestions, for the most part.

The Committee recognizes the efforts of Brian Narhi. His contribution to this project cannot be understated.

On review, the Committee passed the following motions:

It was then,

Moved by: Marty Mako

“That the report prepared by Brian Narhi and Dennis Gannon assisted by Harald Ensslen, as revised, entitled “Updated Final Report” dated July 16, 2016 be approved, as amended to reflect the primacy of the original building and 1940s addition, and appended to the Staff report to Council”

CARRIED

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee reaffirms its recommendation that 101 South Drive be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to be of cultural heritage value or of interest for reasons set out in the “Updated Final Report” from Brian Narhi and Dennis Gannon assisted by Harald Ensslen, dated July 16, 2016, as revised.”

CARRIED

8. Updates from Sub-Committees

8.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

N/A

8.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

The Subcommittee’s July 6 meeting regarding the November library display window was very productive. Many ideas were discussed including: numerous ideas for photographs that could be included in the display, the possibility of having a PowerPoint of photos, a guestbook to gauge the public’s reaction, and asking the community to contribute artefacts for the display.

David Webb has agreed to assist the subcommittee with their display window project.

At the next meeting, the Subcommittee hopes to create a floor plan for the display.

8.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

Brian Narhi and John Crawley attended the July 13th subcommittee meeting. John Crawley made significant progress over the month by inventorying the buildings from the letters A-D on the alphabetical list on street names. Members set goals for themselves to be completed by the next meeting, which is to be scheduled for September 28, 2016.

Robin McPherson and Brian Narhi came upon the remnants of Richard Colliers Mill in Centennial Gardens Park. It is a significant stone building 'in situ'.

It was then,

Moved By: Brian Narhi

“That the Collier Mill remnants be added to the City’s Inventory as a significant cultural heritage structure and archaeological resource, and that funds be dedicated out of the 2017 budget for appropriate interpretive signage for the site.”

CARRIED

8.4 Heritage Districts

N/A

9. Information/Correspondence

- -UPDATED draft final SCHAC report and consultant’s letter regarding Glen Ridge School

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday, September 08, 2016

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 8, 2016
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**