

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 08, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
Nancy Cameron
John Crawley
Marty Mako
Robin McPherson
Brian Narhi
Mike Sullivan
Holly Washuta

Absent:

Dennis Gannon

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

Staff Liaison:

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

Public:

Edward Smith, Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:32 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, September 8, 2016, 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, August 11, 2016, as amended, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (invited guests)

5.1 Mr. Ed Smith

Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee (PDBWC)
Regarding SCHAC support for “urban forest”

Ed Smith addressed the SCHAC regarding the PDBWC’s efforts in Port Dalhousie to reduce/minimize overhead wires. The Committee is seeking support for burying the wires from the SCHAC. The Port Dalhousie Heritage District Guidelines do not speak specifically to the matter, however the implications of overhead utilities should be assessed prior to construction. There is significant cost associated with burying the lines. The Guidelines speak more specifically to the importance of street trees, which can benefit from the removal of overhead wires.

Moved by: Nancy Cameron

“Whereas the Port Dalhousie Heritage District Guidelines note that the planting and maintenance of street trees makes a significant contribution to the heritage landscape character of the heritage district, the SCHAC supports the efforts aimed at maintaining and enhancing the street tree canopy”.

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

The report regarding the heritage designation of Glenridge School will be considered by Council on September 26, 2016. The report will be made available online approximately one week prior to the meeting.

7. Business

7.1 Request from the Ormston family Regarding recognition for the Ormston Family

The family of the late Alex Ormston has contacted the City regarding its interest in naming a park or street (Bond Street) in the family's honour. Alex Olmston was, among other roles, curator of the St. Catharines Museum. The SCHAC considered recognizing the Ormston family, who has lived on Bond Street for many years. The discussion included whether the List of Significant Individuals should include the Ormston family or Alex Ormston.

The Committee did not support renaming Bond Street, which has been in existence since the 1830s, however did support some form of recognition for Alex Ormston.

It was then,

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

"That Alex Ormston be added to the List of Significant Individuals, pending further research. The SCHAC does not support the renaming of Bond Street".

CARRIED

7.2 Ontario Heritage Trust Awards

The SCHAC considered nominating Justin Nicholls for the youth Ontario Heritage Trust Award for his efforts on installing a plaque at Kernahan Park. Marty Mako and Gail Benjafield have been gathering reference letters in support of the nomination. Marty Mako will be writing and submitting the nomination.

Moved by: John Crawley

“That Justin Nicholls be nominated for a youth Ontario Heritage Trust Award for his efforts on installing the air raid siren plaque at Kernahan Park and his other volunteer efforts.”

CARRIED

8. Updates from Sub-Committees

8.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

Brian Narhi is working on the TenBrock Cemetery plaque.

Framed Histories Update:

-the Diana Sweets plaque text is to be given to John Crawley to format.

-Gail Benjafield is to conduct research on the Queen Street Baptist Church.

8.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

At the meeting that took place on August 30th, 2016, the members in attendance determined that they had all the items needed to fill the display; the sub-committee will no longer be asking the community to contribute artefacts. A preliminary floor plan was created.

At the next meeting scheduled for September 20th, 2016, the sub-committee will be drafting a news release to advertise the display and a note for the window explaining that the display was the work of the SCHAC with the support of the St. Catharines Museum.

8.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

Members provided progress updates.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 4:30pm in the Burgoyne Woods Room.

8.4 Heritage Districts

The second Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan workshop will be held on September 21st, 2016 from 6 – 8pm at the Port Dalhousie Lions Centre on Main Street. Kevin Blozowski will send notice to the Committee. The third session will take place in November 2016 (date tba).

9. Information/Correspondence

-Correspondence from Ed Smith

-Correspondence from Mayor Sendzik and Ormston family

-Brian Narhi informed the Committee of the John Brown House reception taking place on September 9, 2016. Frank Vagnone, co-author of “Anarchist’s Guide to Historic House Museums”, will be giving a presentation.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 13, 2016
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**