

**Joint meeting of the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory
(SCHAC) Committee and the St. Catharines Heritage
Permit Advisory Committee (SCHPAC)**

Minutes

Thursday, December 08, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm

Members:

Dr. John Bacher (SCHPAC)
Gail Benjafield (SCHAC) (to 5:50pm)
Nancy Cameron (SCHAC)
Peter Connolly (SCHPAC)
John Crawley (SCHAC)
Marty Mako (SCHAC)
Robin McPherson (SCHAC and SCHPAC)
Brian Narhi (SCHAC and SCHPAC)
Edward Smith (SCHPAC)
Mike Sullivan (SCHAC)
David Webb (SCHPAC)

Absent:

Dr David Bergen (SCHPAC)
Dennis Gannon (SCHAC)
Holly Washuta (SCHAC)

Staff Liaison:

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

Public:

Lorelei Jones, Macaulay Shiomi Howson
Catherine Nasmith, Catherine Nasmith Architects

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Robin McPherson 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: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2016, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

4. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the minutes, as revised, of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, November 10, 2016, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (invited guests)

5.1 Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan and Heritage District Guidelines

Council has authorized the preparation of a Secondary Plan and Heritage Conservation District (HCD) update for the commercial core and harbour areas of Port Dalhousie. The firm of McCaulay Shiomi Howson (MSH) has been retained by the City to undertake these studies. Lorelei Jones (MSH) and Catherine Nasmith (NA) made a presentation to the Committees and engaged the group in a roundtable discussion.

Overall, the project was well received. The following themes emerged from the discussion:

- How will contributing versus non-contributing buildings be defined?
 - Could a third category of potentially contributing buildings be included?

- Can the HCD boundary be expanded to include the submerged remnants of the First Welland Canal?
- The cohesion of the area needs to be further refined related to the first three Welland Canals.
- The potential loss of the Rennie Park area is a concern.
- Enforcement mechanisms should be succinct and clear.
- The indigenous heritage of the area should be recognized.
- Active transportation should be facilitated, emphasizing accessibility.
- Natural heritage should be addressed.
- Section 37 of the Planning Act seems too broad and is open to interpretation.
- Public access to the piers and marina should be maintained.
- Connectivity including the existing stairways and pathways should be further emphasized.
- The Committees should be provided the opportunity to review the inventory of buildings. A thematic inventory could be helpful.
- Enhance the legibility of the First Welland Canal in the landscape.
- Part 4 designations should be re-introduced.
- Consider actions aimed at recognizing the first three Welland Canals.
- The recreational heritage aspects of the area should be recognized.
- Design compatibility needs to be addressed.
- The heritage character aspects of the precincts needs to be incorporated into the document.

The Committees will provide comments after reviewing the presentation materials. In 2017, the consulting team will provide an updated presentation to the Committee outlining the progression of the Secondary Plan and HCD update.

It was then,

Moved by: Nancy Cameron

“That the SCHAC receives the presentation of the consulting team”.

CARRIED

Moved by: John Bacher

“That the SCHPAC receives the presentation of the consulting team”.

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Business

There was no business beyond Item 5.1.

8. Updates from Sub-Committees

There were no updates from the Sub-Committees.

9. Information/Correspondence

Secondary Plan and HCD information, including:

- Views analysis
- Presentation handout
- Preliminary principles outline

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2017

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 12, 2017
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**