

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, November 09, 2017**

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

### **Members:**

Gail Benjafield  
Nancy Cameron  
John Crawley  
Dennis Gannon  
Marty Mako  
Robin McPherson  
Brian Narhi  
Mike Sullivan

### **Council:**

Carlos Garcia

### **Absent:**

Holly Washuta  
Marty Mako

### **Staff Liaison:**

Kevin Blozowski, Planning and Building Services  
Dylan Prowse, Planning and Building Services

### **Public:**

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

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

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

Brian Narhi requested that a plaque commemorating Bill Wiley be added, and Gail Benjafield asked that an update regarding the BME church be added.

**3. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 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 of the SCHAC meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2017, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Presentations (Invited Guests)**

None

**6. Business arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**7. Business**

**7.1** Rodman Hall (109 St. Paul Crescent)  
Heritage Designation  
File No. 10.64.187

At its October 12, 2017 meeting, the SCHAC discussed the possible designation of Rodman Hall and passed a motion receiving the Draft Historical Overview of Rodman Hall report, prepared by Brian Narhi. The draft background report details the heritage attributes of Rodman Hall, including the interior of the building and grounds.

Based on the discussion at the October meeting, Brian Narhi has finalized the draft report for further consideration towards possible designation.

The draft report has been provided to Brock University representative Tom Arkell. Mr Arkell has advised staff that its counsel, Mr. Victor Muratori, was not able to attend the meeting and requested that committee deliberation and action be deferred until they have had the opportunity to review and comment on the document.

Although deliberation and action towards possible designation was deferred, the committee evaluated the property based on the Rating System for Built Heritage Resources. The property was assigned a score of 90 out of 100 points, resulting in a Priority 1 rating. This means that the committee should focus its efforts towards designation. The discussion will continue with Brock representatives at a future meeting.

## **8. Updates from Sub-Committees**

### **8.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies**

The framed history for 78-80 Welland Avenue is complete.

The Mayhome plaque project has been initiated through the firm Loud and Clear.

The committee was provided draft text for a plaque planned to recognize Bill Wiley. Mr Wiley was a former City Councillor, Heritage Committee member and long-time “Merrittonian”. Other plaques considered by the ad hoc plaque committee included “the Leveraging Bar” and Second Welland Canal (Locks 14 and 15) at the Bill Wiley Memorial Park. The ad hoc committee has asked which plaques the SCHAC might favour and whether it would be willing to offer funds for their production.

Moved By: Mike Sullivan

“That the SCHAC supports the production of the Bill Wiley plaque and committing funds at a level to be determined once details are finalized”

**CARRIED**

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

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

NA

**8.4 Heritage Districts**

NA

**9. Information/Correspondence**

- Revised Rodman Hall Report prepared by Brian Narhi
- Gail Benjafield advised that the BME church has started a Go Fund Me campaign aimed at the restoration and maintenance of the premises.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 14, 2017  
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**

“It is not what you look at that matters. It is what you see”  
Henry David Thoreau