

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, February 08, 2018**

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

### **Members:**

Gail Benjafield  
John Crawley  
Dennis Gannon  
Marty Mako (to 5:15pm)  
Robin McPherson  
Brian Narhi  
Mike Sullivan

### **Council:**

Carlos Garcia

### **Absent:**

Nancy Cameron  
Holly Washuta

### **Staff Liaison:**

Kevin Blozowski, Planning and Building Services  
Shannon Labelle, Planning and Building Services

### **Public:**

Ken Draayer, Gord Sisler and Carla Mackie, Power Glen

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

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

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

None

**3. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Mike Sullivan

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 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 of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, copies having been previously distributed as amended.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Presentations (Invited Guests)**

**5.1 Mr Ken Draayer and Ms Carla Mackie**  
Power Glen Heritage District

Power Glen residents Ken Draayer and Gord Sisler, together with and Carla Mackie attended the meeting. Ms. Mackie has produced an aerial video of the heritage district that provides a narrated history of the area. The committee provided positive feedback of the video, which was shown at the meeting. Ken presented Carla with a token of resident’s appreciation for undertaking the project. The committee thanked the guests.

## **6. Business arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

## **7. Business**

### **7.1 British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church 92 Geneva Street**

The BME Church was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1980 (exterior) and in 1990 (interior). Constructed around 1855, the church, which is still active, was an integral part of the Underground Railroad. The site has been bestowed provincial and federal significance as well.

The building is currently in need of interior and exterior remedial and conservation works. To that end the congregation has embarked on a fund sourcing program from available avenues. The committee discussed how the City could assist in this regard.

In 2017, Council approved a comprehensive package aimed at initiatives for heritage properties. As part of the initiatives package, grants have been increased for qualified applicants. The committee discussed a “graduated” approvals process based on the church’s requirements. The committee expressed concern with respect to the possibility of structural impacts of future construction of the police detachment to the east.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the committee supports the BME Church in its construction and preservation efforts and requests that the Region of Niagara exercise care in future construction of the police detachment on lands to the east given the historical significance of this designated heritage property.”

**CARRIED**

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

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

The Rodman Hall designation report is being prepared by staff with a target date to Council in the early spring

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

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

**8.4 Heritage Districts**

The committee will be considering development applications for Port Dalhousie in the next few months

**9. Information/Correspondence**

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, March 08, 2018

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 8, 2018  
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall**

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