

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 08, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
John Crawley
Dennis Gannon
Robin McPherson
Brian Narhi
Mike Sullivan
Holly Washuta (to 5:45pm)

Council:

Carlos Garcia

Absent:

Marty Mako
Nancy Cameron

Staff Liaison:

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

Public:

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

2. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

None

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, March 8, 2018 copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

4. Motion to adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, copies having been previously distributed as amended.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (Invited Guests)

5.1 Mr. Scott Ritchie, Planning and Building Services
Smart Kiosks proposed for the Downtown and immediate vicinity.

Scott Ritchie made a presentation regarding the Smart Kiosks program proposed for select Downtown locations. The program is intended to implement a Strategic Plan initiative. Three kiosk units are proposed for the first year. The locations proposed are; Montebello Park, the Library courtyard, and next the former Lincoln County Courthouse. This program is intended to be cost neutral to the City through the use of ad space on the kiosks. The objective is to provide free Wi-Fi service where large numbers of people congregate.

The committee was generally supportive. Issues raised included: vandalism, sight lines, maximizing use of the kiosks, and precedent. It was recommended that screening be considered for the Montebello Park Kiosk.

Moved by: Robin McPherson

“That the SCHAC supports the installation of Smart Kiosks adjacent to the Lincoln County Courthouse and in Montebello Park. Consideration should be given to screening the units with landscaping or other means as appropriate for the Montebello Park location.”

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the Minutes

None

7. Business

- 7.1** British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church
92 Geneva Street
Church restoration and preservation update.

Staff visited the church after the last meeting. Rochelle Bush (BME Church) has identified a number of items that require attention. A list has been provided and the church is in the process of retaining a heritage consultant. The consultant will prioritize restoration needs and where permits will be required. The report will identify projected costs, which will inform DPG grant eligibility.

8. Updates from Sub-Committees

8.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

-Funding for Bill Wiley Plaque (see November 2017 Minutes)

Final costs have not been determined. This information should be available in April.

-Updates and next steps for Mayholme and TenBroeck plaques

The target date for the Mayholme Plaque installation is tentatively scheduled for the end of May of this year.

The TenBroeck Plaque is almost completed, except for graphics, which will be provided. Installing is also tentatively scheduled for the end of May.

8.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

8.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

The committee discussed the future of the existing administrative building at Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Moved by: Gail Benjafeld

“That the SCHAC be provided an opportunity to visit and document the existing administrative building at Victoria Lawn Cemetery.”

CARRIED

8.4 Heritage Districts

9. Information/Correspondence

10. Date of next meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2018

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

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