

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm

Members:

John Crawley
Robin McPherson
Brian Narhi
Mike Sullivan
Holly Washuta

Council:

Joseph Kushner

Absent:

Dennis Gannon
Marty Mako
Gail Benjafield

Staff Liaison:

Kevin Blozowski, Planning and Building Services
Robertson Soosaar, Planning and Building Services
Amanda Knutson, 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 4:32 pm

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, September 13, 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, July 19, 2018, copies having been previously distributed as amended.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (Invited Guests)

There were no invited guests

6. Business arising from the Minutes

None

7. Business

7.1 Former Glen Ridge School
99 South Drive

The applicant seeks approval for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment for the lands to permit the conversion of the two-storey former Glen Ridge School building into 10 condominium apartment units. The 1987 gymnasium of the former school will be demolished and a new

parking lot will be established in its approximate location. No additions to the former school building are proposed.

The former school was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act by By-law 2016-284. The designation recognizes the original 1928-1929 portion of the school and the 1949 as having the most significance. The 1987 wing is not considered designation worthy.

Scott Ritchie provided the committee with an overview of the proposal, which is an adaptive re-use of the original 1928-1929 and 1949 portion of the school. The project also incorporates 10 two-storey townhouse units to the north and the east of the school. The townhouse units are designed to mimic the former school building. There will be minimal changes to the exterior of the designated parts of the building. The sculpted relief on the 1987 addition will be re-installed on the original building. The building will be brought back to its original form with the demolition of the 1987 gymnasium and re-installation of original style doors and windows.

Moved by: Robin McPherson

“The SCHAC supports the planning applications to permit the adaptive re-use of the former Glen Ridge school building at 99 South Drive into 10 condominium apartment units. The proposed conversion should be in accordance with the findings and recommendations contained in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Megan Hobson (May 16, 2018) and supplemental Gymnasium Demolition Plan, also prepared by Megan Hobson.”

CARRIED

8. Updates from Sub-Committees

8.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

The Rodman Hall designation is complete. The notice of passage of By-law was published on September 13, 2018.

8.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

None

8.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

None

8.4 Heritage Districts

None

9. Information/Correspondence

The SCHAC visited Victoria Lawn Cemetery in August to tour the administration building. The building was constructed in 1856. The building merits consideration for designation and/or adaptive re-use.

Moved by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC be afforded the opportunity to document the administration building at Victoria Lawn Cemetery”.

CARRIED

Brian Narhi advised that he has been contacted regarding potential improvements to Lock 14 of the former Second Welland Canal. The committee will be involved if the project proceeds.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

Please advise Kevin Blozowski (905-688-5601 ext. 1710 or kblozowski@stcatharines.ca) if you are unable to attend the meeting or did not receive the item(s) noted in the agenda.

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 11, 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