

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, December 06, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
John Crawley
Dennis Gannon
Robin McPherson
Brian Narhi
Mike Sullivan

Council:

Carlos Garcia

Absent:

Marty Mako
Holly Washuta

Staff Liaison:

Kevin Blozowski, Planning and Building Services
Robertson Soosaar, Planning and Building Services
Amanda Knutson, Planning and Building Services

Public:

Justin Nicholls

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Robin McPherson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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, December 6, 2018 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 Thursday, September 13, 2018, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (Invited Guests)

There were no invited guests

6. Business arising from the Minutes

None

7. Business

- 7.1** Victoria Lawn Administration Building
480 Queenston Street
Owner: City of St. Catharines
File No: 10.64.189

On November 12, 2018, City Council passed a motion referring the correspondence regarding the caretakers (administration) building at Victoria Lawn Cemetery to staff and the SCHAC for consideration of

whether the building should be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The correspondence came from Justin Nicholls and suggested that an adaptive re-use should be found for the premises to preserve it as a local landmark feature at the entrance to the cemetery. Mr. Nicholls attended the meeting in support of his proposal.

The southerly portion of the administration building was constructed in 1856. Additions were constructed most likely around 1916 coinciding with the installation of the decorative front gates. Caretakers lived in the building until the 1980's at which time it was converted to office space for cemetery staff.

A 2009 study found a number of deficiencies with the building and recently funds have been earmarked for its demolition. The SCHAC visited the premises in August of this year.

The Historical Society of St. Catharines has extended its support for the designation and adaptive re-use of the building.

The SCHAC believes that there is merit in investigating both the potential heritage designation of the building and feasibility of its re-use.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

"That research be compiled by the SCHAC on the administration building at Victoria Lawn Cemetery towards a possible future heritage designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and discussions with staff. The draft research should be completed by the end of February, 2019. The committee will provide input on the adaptive re-use of the premises as part of its report."

CARRIED

8. Updates from Sub-Committees

8.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

None

8.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

None

8.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

None

8.4 Heritage Districts

Kevin Blozowski provided an update regarding the status of the Port Dalhousie Commercial Core and Harbour Area Secondary Plan and Heritage Conservation District Plan. Councillor Garcia provided an update concerning Council's recent motion aimed at ensuring the on-going maintenance and re-use of a number of vacant buildings in the Port Dalhousie commercial core.

9. Information/Correspondence

The existing advisory committees will remain in place until new appointments are made, likely in February or March of 2019.

Marty Mako has received the YMCA Peace Medallion.

Kevin Blozowski took a few moments to thank the committee for its efforts and support over the years as he bids adieu and prepares to move on to the next chapters of his life. 😊

10. Date of next meeting

TBD – Regularly Scheduled for Thursday January 11, 2019

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 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, January 11, 2019 (TBD)
Burgoyne Woods Room, Third Floor, City Hall

“Now is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

Winston Churchill