

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, March 07, 2019**

**Ante Room at 4:30pm**

### **Members:**

Gail Benjafield  
John Crawley  
Brian Narhi  
Mike Sullivan  
Holly Washuta

### **Absent:**

Dennis Gannon

### **Regrets:**

Marty Mako  
Robin McPherson

### **Staff Liaison:**

Judy Pihach, Manager, Planning and Building Services  
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services  
Vincent Wen, Student Planner, Planning and Building Services

### **Public:**

None

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

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:31pm

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

n/a

**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, March 7, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**4. Motion to adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Holly Washuta

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, February 14, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Presentations (Invited Guests)**

There were no invited guests.

**6. Business arising from the Minutes**

n/a

**7. Business**

**7.1** Application for Designated Property Grant  
95 Main Street  
Owner: Janette Anderson

The applicant is seeking a Designated Property Grant for masonry repairs and repointing (\$7,000 in contractor costs).

The Committee reviewed the Application and supporting documentation. It was noted that the contractor for this project is experienced with heritage masonry work. The Committee confirmed that a receipt of project costs is required for the grant to be paid to the property owner.

Moved by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC supports the Application for Designated Property Grant for 95 Main Street on the condition that:

1. Replacement bricks match the historic bricks in colour and size;
2. A relatively soft lime mortar be used;
3. Repointed areas match the historic mortar in colour, texture and joint width and profile;
4. Old, defective mortars are to be cut out using hand tools only, except that power saws or discs may be used for partial cutting out of hard cement mortars, to a maximum of half the joint width; and
5. That the grant be half the repair costs, to a maximum of \$3,500 for 2019.”

**CARRIED**

**7.2** Application for Designated Property Grant  
29 Yates Street (Yates Street Heritage District)  
Owner: Nizam Ali, Rock Solid Investment Group

The applicant is seeking a Designated Property Grant for interior structural repairs (\$106,194.01 in contractor costs). The Application was considered at the SCHAC meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, but was deferred to allow time for Heritage Planning staff to confirm the status of the work. The Committee reviewed the new supporting information provided by the applicant (two letters provided by the firm WSP with an attached Construction Review Report and photographs) and it was determined that an exception could be made to the requirement to have the Application approved prior to the commencement of works, under the conditions outlined in the Committee’s motion.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC supports the Application for Designated Property Grant for 29 Yates Street on the condition that:

1. The structural repairs be inspected by City of St. Catharines Heritage Planning and Building Services staff and the SCHAC, and are found to be acceptable;

2. The grant does not fund the exterior masonry repairs, which do not conform with the Designated Property Grant Guidelines regarding mortar colour, texture and joint width and profile; and
3. That the grant be a maximum of \$5,000 for 2019.”

**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**

None

**9. Information/Correspondence**

- Hard copies of supporting information for 95 Main Street.
- Digital copies of supporting information for 29 Yates Street.
- The Committee suggested that the SCHAC and SCHPAC be advised of demolition applications for both designated and non-designated (listed) heritage properties.
- The Committee suggested that there be an outreach system to promote heritage conservation initiatives. This could include a brochure of frequently asked questions to inform the public of the benefits for designated heritage properties or information regarding the Heritage Designated Property Grant program.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, April 11, 2019

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32pm