

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
David Donnelly
Lorraine Giroux
Mark Hoerd
Andrew Humeniuk
Brian Narhi
Justin Nicholls
Robert Speck

Absent:

Peter Wing

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

Staff Liaison:

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services
Mallory Smith, Student Planner, Planning and Building Services

Public:

1. Call meeting to order (Staff Liaison)

Chloe Richer called the meeting to order at 4:32pm

2. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

None.

3. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

4. Motion to receive the Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Gail Benjafeld

“That the SCHAC receive the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Presentations (Invited Guests)

Jennifer Humeniuk, John Brown Heritage Foundation, re: John Brown Heritage Foundation Update

Paul Chapman, Niagara Division of Canadian Railroad Historical Association, re: NS&T Railway Plaques

6. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Business

7.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)
The Committee will appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair.

Moved by: Gail Benjafeld

“Appoint Brian Narhi as Chair and Lorraine Giroux as Vice Chair for the 2019 to 2022 term.”

CARRIED

7.2 Advisory Committee Handbook Update
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

Heritage Planning staff provided a brief update on changes to the Advisory Committee Handbook.

The Committee stated that they would like to further discuss any new communications procedures at the next meeting.

7.3 John Brown Heritage Foundation Update

1317 Pelham Road

Jennifer Humeniuk, John Brown Heritage Foundation

Request to amend designation by-law and provide an update to the Committee regarding the restoration of the John Brown house. The JBHF had previously presented their request to the SCHAC on [April 11, 2019](#).

Jennifer presented the JBHF's perspective on why changes to the designation by-laws would be beneficial (e.g., there are two separate by-laws) and provided information regarding the original features and materials. A list of proposed protected features (heritage attributes) was provided.

The Committee posed several questions regarding the proposed list of heritage attributes (e.g., why the Victorian elements are suggested to be removed). The Committee questioned whether, in regards to the John Norton Cabin, the Indigenous community has been consulted and the JBHF confirmed they have been.

Based on feedback from staff, the Committee asked that Item 7.3 be deferred to a later date pending further review of the materials and a site visit to the property.

Moved by: Mark Hoerd

"That the SCHAC defers Item 7.3 regarding the proposed amendment to the designation by-laws for 1317 Pelham Road (the Brown-Jouppien House)."

MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED

7.4 Designated Property Plaque Request

41 Lock Street

Mike Haines, Owner

Request for a Designated Property Plaque for 41 Lock Street, constructed in 1919.

The property owner, Mike Haines, discussed the materials provided and his request for a plaque commemorating the centennial of the construction of the dwelling at 41 Lock Street.

Moved by: Justin Nicholls

“That the SCHAC recommends the approval of the request for a Designated Property Plaque for 41 Lock Street, with a budget of approximately \$100.00 for the production of a printed brass plate to be fitting into the casting.”

CARRIED

7.5 NS&T Railway Plaques

Paul Chapman, Niagara Division of Canadian Railroad Historical Association
Request for commemoration/plaquing near several locations of significance to the NS&T Railway.

Paul Chapman provided background information on the proposal and the work of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association (CRHA). Discussion occurred regarding the preferred locations of two plaques. Committee members commented on the value of the plaques. The Committee preferred the following locations: Geneva and Welland, and at the end of the 12 Mile Creek Bridge (Options 2 & 3).

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC supports in principal a plaquing initiative to commemorate the NS&T Railway and request that Mr. Chapman, on behalf of the Niagara Division of Canadian Railroad Historical Association, submit a proposal to the Committee for the potential design, location and cost-sharing of one commemoration piece, with the Committee contributing up to \$1,500.00 plus HST in funding for 2019.”

CARRIED

7.6 Commemoration of Former St. Catharines General Hospital

142 Queenston Street

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

Brian Narhi to summarize the discussion from last fall, when the Committee discussed commemoration of the former St. Catharines General Hospital.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC defers Item 7.6 regarding commemoration of the former St. Catharines General Hospital.”

MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED

- 7.7** Research – Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building
480 Queenston Street
City of St. Catharines, Owner
Brian Narhi to provide an update on the Committee’s research towards a possible designation.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC defers Item 7.7 regarding research on the Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building.”

MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED

- 7.8** Heritage Resource Inventory and Property Evaluation Form
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)
Training provided on the Property Evaluation Form to be used for the Heritage Resource Inventory project.

Chloe provided an overview of the draft Heritage Property Evaluation Form. The Committee requested that a sub-committee be reinstated to continue working on the inventory, including the evaluation forms. The Committee would like the list of pre-1875 properties prior to the next meeting.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC has received the Property Survey Recording Form drafted by Heritage Planning staff, subject to modification, for future use in listing properties on the Municipal Heritage Register.”

CARRIED

8. Information/Correspondence

The following items were distributed to Committee members in advance of the meeting. Copies are available to the public upon request.

- Digital copies of materials provided by the John Brown Heritage Foundation (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11KbWSquZFclmPB5woif83s8Vj8t0En>).
- Designated property plaque application form for 41 Lock Street and supporting information/documentation.
- Commemoration proposal from the Niagara Division of Canadian Railroad Historical Association.
- Research materials/summary for 480 Queenston Street (Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building) – *forthcoming*.
- Draft Property Survey Recording Form.
- Update on the Schram-Tinlin Cemetery.
- Letter from Linda Krause.
- Invitation to Merritton Bill Wiley Memorial Parkette dedication. Sunday June 23rd at 12pm.

9. Date of next meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm