

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
David Donnelly
Andrew Humeniuk
Brian Narhi
Robert Speck
Peter Wing

Regrets:

Lorraine Giroux
Justin Nicholls

Absent:

Mark Hoerd

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

Staff Liaison:

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

Public:

- Jennifer Humeniuk, John Brown Heritage Foundation
- Hank Beekhuis, Port Dalhousie Conservancy

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

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

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

- Update on Malcolmson Eco-Park from Chloe Richer.
- Newspaper articles on the Wiley plaque and 7 Shelley Avenue shared by Brian Narhi. Proposal for a tour of the Special Collections - St. Catharines Public Library by Brian Narhi.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Andrew Humeniuk

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: David Donnelly

“That the SCHAC approve the amended minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, copies having been previously distributed. Amendment to be made regarding to the 12 Mile Creek Bridge (change to Burgoyne Bridge for clarity).”

CARRIED

6. Presentations (Invited Guests)

- Jennifer Humeniuk, John Brown Heritage Foundation, re: John Brown Heritage Foundation Update
- Hank Beekhuis, Port Dalhousie Conservancy, NS&T Trolley Stop

7. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Business

- 8.1** Re-Establishing the SCHAC Sub-Committees
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

Committee members discussed their interest in sitting on the following potential Sub-Committees: Research & Inventory; Public Outreach and Education; Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies; and Heritage Districts.

Chloe provided information on the mandates of the various Sub-Committees. The Committee members asked questions and voted on the terms of the Sub-Committees. However, as three members were unable to attend the meeting, the Committee chose to defer the appointment of members to the Sub-Committees until August 2019.

Moved by: David Donnelly

“That a Research & Inventory Sub-Committee be established, with a start date of July 11, 2019, to the end date of the Committee term, to report back to the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee once a month, with a mandate of:

- Updating the Heritage Resource Inventory, including:
 - Creation of a database in Microsoft Office Suite and associated layout (Heritage Planning staff);
 - Photographing and mapping each resource;
 - Conducting research to describe the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of each resource; and
- Reviewing and maintaining the Heritage Resource Inventory on an annual basis.”

CARRIED

Moved by: Andrew Humeniuk

“That a Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee be established, with a start date of July 11, 2019, to the end date of the Committee term, to report back to the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee as needed, with a mandate of:

- Representing the SCHAC at City Council (Chair) and other heritage organizations as required;
- Representing the SCHAC with media, at community groups;
- Developing/updating the SCHAC promotional materials including city website, pamphlets and walking tours;
- Developing community-focused projects that celebrate built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes with a focus on telling our city’s stories;
- Developing an education program to foster a better understanding of heritage and the importance of heritage preservation/adaptive reuse;

- Developing and maintaining a resource list of experienced tradespeople and craftspeople who can provide goods and services for the restoration of heritage properties; and
- Developing “How To” guides for heritage homes and building owners.”

CARRIED

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That a Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies Sub-Committee be established, with a start date of July 11, 2019, to the end of the Committee term, to report back to the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee as needed, with a mandate of:

- Conducting research for inventories, designations and plaques;
- Presenting information about designation applications under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to the Committee;
- Meeting with property owners interested in heritage designation;
- Working with Heritage Planning staff to prepare information packages for City Council for designations;
- Assisting family members to try to locate the possible burial place of their ancestors interred in pioneer cemeteries and exploring fundraising;
- Planning and organizing designation and plaque unveiling ceremonies; and
- Working with the Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee to develop/update information pamphlets on topics including designating properties under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.”

CARRIED

8.2 2019 SCHAC Work Plan

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

Discuss priorities, action items and accomplishments for the 2019 Work Plan (e.g., Communications Plan).

Chloe presented a draft 2019 Work Plan for the SCHAC and the Committee had the opportunity to discuss any action items. The 2019 Work Plan is to be a living document, modified as priorities and action items come up over the year.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“Receive the draft 2019 SCHAC Work Plan, subject to modification, for guidance throughout the 2019 to 2022 term.”

CARRIED

8.3 Rodman Hall Task Force

109 St. Paul Crescent

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

City Council approved a motion to create a special Task Force for Rodman Hall, which a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee may sit on.

Councillor Garcia provided background information to the Committee on City Council’s motion to create the Rodman Hall Task Force. Gail Benjafield declared a pecuniary conflict of interest, thus she will not be able to sit on the Task Force.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“Recommend that Peter Wing be appointed to the Rodman Hall Task Force as a representative of the SCHAC.”

CARRIED

8.4 Commemorative Plaques Policy

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

In consideration of the SCHAC’s annual budget of \$5,000.00, the Committee may discuss potential parameters of commemorative plaque applications.

In previous years, the designated property plaques have been used to recognize Part IV designated properties. The Committee discussed requiring property owners pay for their plaques if not a Part IV designated property, to meet the intent of the plaques program.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That commemorative plaques for Part V designated properties that have an existing plaque not be considered for funding by the SCHAC.”

CARRIED

8.5 John Brown Heritage Foundation Update

1317 Pelham Road

Jennifer Humeniuk, John Brown Heritage Foundation

Request to amend designation by-laws and provide an update to the Committee regarding restoration of the John Brown house.

Chloe presented photographs of architectural features in the Brown-Jouppien House to be included in an updated designation by-law, as well as features that the JBHF request not be included as heritage attributes. The Committee discussed whether to exclude former property owner Jon Jouppien's reproduction work, and what would constitute an original feature of the house. The Committee discussed which potential heritage attributes are related to the historical significance of the house.

Moved by: Robert Speck

"That the SCHAC support the John Brown Heritage Foundation's request to update and consolidate the designation by-laws for 1317 Pelham Road, with consideration of the addition of some Victoria-era heritage attributes to the Statement of Significance."

CARRIED

8.6 Port Dalhousie NS&T Trolley Stop

Hank Beekhuis, Port Dalhousie Conservancy

Update on donation of a historic structure, the last known Trolley Stop of the NS&T streetcar line into Port Dalhousie.

The Committee discussed whether the restoration may take place on-site. The restoration process was discussed, including a restoration plan and who may be qualified to do the restoration work. There was a discussion regarding the potential location of the structure. The proposed location may block a significant view of the water when entering Port Dalhousie.

Moved by: Andrew Humeniuk

"That the SCHAC support the Port Dalhousie Conservancy's restoration plans for the NS&T Trolley Stop and request an update be provided following a review of the proposal by the City of St. Catharines Senior Management Team."

CARRIED

8.7 Research – Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building

480 Queenston Street

City of St. Catharines, Owner

Committee to undertake research towards a possible designation.

A draft Historical Background Report prepared by Brian Narhi was discussed by the Committee. The discussion included the finding that the cemetery is a cultural heritage landscape and its significance to the City of St. Catharines. The Committee members filled out the Heritage Resource Evaluation Sheet for the property.

Moved by: David Donolley

“The SCHAC recommends that the Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building (exterior and interior) and memorial gates at 480 Queenston Street be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to be of cultural heritage value or interest for reasons set out in the report from Brian Narhi, as the Committee finds the property to be of major significance (Priority 1 rating), with the recognition that the Victoria Lawn Cemetery is a Cultural Heritage Landscape within the City of St. Catharines.”

CARRIED

8.8 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.

The Committee determined it would be most appropriate for the Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies Sub-Committee to consider this agenda item.

9. Information/Correspondence

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

- Work Plan template.
- Rodman Hall Task Force Terms of Reference.
- Digital copies of materials provided by the John Brown Heritage Foundation (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=11KbWSquZFcLplmPB5woif83s8Vj8t0En>).
- Photograph and proposed location of NS&T Trolley Stop.
- Research materials for 480 Queenston Street (Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building).
- Update on the Schram-Tinlin Cemetery and the Darby Cemetery.
- Moccasin Identifier Project in the Greenbelt (<https://www.alternativesjournal.ca/people-and-profiles/moccasin-identifier-project>).

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2019

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm