

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

**Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm**

### **Members:**

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

### **Regrets:**

David Donnelly  
Peter Wing

### **Staff Liaison:**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services  
Sydney Ditomasso, Student Planner, Planning and Building Services

### **Council:**

Councillor Karrie Porter

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

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:27pm

#### **2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**

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

##### **3.1 Updates from Sub-Committee Meetings**

##### Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

- Chloe Richer provided brief updates on the sub-committees and potential projects discussed at each sub-committee meeting.

**Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies:**

- Malcomson Eco-Park preliminary research to be completed in the next month;
- Potential plaque at the former Colliers sawmill site;
- Collaborating with the Public Outreach and Education (POE) Sub-Committee regarding updating brochures; and
- A future project may be commemoration of the former Taylor and Bates Brewery site's existing brick arch.

**Public Outreach and Education:**

- Spring 2020 library display and potential themes (medical or nursing related);
- Memorial Public School artifacts for the development of the site;
- Downtown walking tours and whether the Sub-Committee can facilitate them. Brian Narhi connected with the St. Catharines Downtown Association regarding the tours and they are supporting. The Downtown Association suggests City-led tours will complement the downtown tours they offer. Councillor Porter suggested a post-secondary student may lead tours;
- The Sub-Committee is interested in having Doors Open St. Catharines as a bi-annual event;
- The Sub-Committee discussed how to approach business or property owners regarding framed histories of their buildings; and
- List of Significant Individuals, which the Sub-Committee would like to review more regularly. Councillor Porter emphasized the importance of maintaining fairness and transparency during the naming process.

**Research and Inventory:**

- The Property Survey Recording Form was re-introduced and Sub-Committee members will begin research regarding adding properties to the Municipal Heritage Register;
- Chloe will assign properties on the Heritage Resource Inventory to Sub-Committee members, who will complete the forms; and
- Brian Narhi will facilitate a research training session at the St. Catharines Public Library on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Mark Hoerd

"That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2019, copies having been previously distributed."

**CARRIED**

**5. Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the SCHAC approve the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, August 8, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**6. Presentations (Invited Guests)**

Jessica Button (Project and Development Planner), Parks, Recreation and Culture Services, City of St. Catharines, Regarding Item 8.1

**7. Business arising from the Minutes**

**7.1 17 Welland Avenue (Queen Street Heritage Conservation District)**

Owner(s): AAM Welland Inc.

Agent(s): WND Associates

File No.: 60.35.1046

- Gail Benjafield provided an update regarding the District School Board of Niagara's archives.

Gail Benjafield shared information regarding a discussion with the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) Archivist, Trudi Wright. The Committee inquired about several artifacts; the DSBN has a few in its archives. Some of the plaques have been returned to former students and others have not. The Committee discussed the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act guidelines.

**8. Business**

**8.1 91 York Street Park Naming**

Jessica Button, Project and Development Planner

- Parks, Recreation and Culture Services introduced naming policy and consulted with the Committee regarding potential names for the park at 91 York Street.

Jessica Button introduced 91 York Street to the Committee. The park is becoming increasingly popular in the community and is a valuable resource. Naming the park has been requested. The naming policy and its primary intent was introduced. Council has initiated the process for this site and staff has done an initial review. The City has opened a call for names from the community, which closes on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Committee discussed a list of names and considers Dufferin Park, the original name. The Committee also considered names related to Louis Shickluna: Malta (in honour of his birth place), and Skylark and Valetta (ships

he built). Alternatively, the Committee considered Cronin (original name of Beech Street), and Wingrove and Stonehouse (the surnames of women who owned adjacent properties). Jessica Button suggested further research into the name suggestions and to come up with a few statements as to why the names are chosen while also stressing the importance of the connections to the immediate area.

The Committee discussed how to implement the List of Significant Individuals and suggested the most appropriate name would be associated with an individual who lived on the site in order to enrich the community's understanding of its cultural heritage value or interest.

**8.2 142 St. Paul Street Sign Variance Application Update**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner, and Gail Benjafield

- Update provided regarding the Sign Variance Application for 142 St. Paul Street proposed video billboard sign.

Chloe Richer introduced the property to the Committee. It is not listed or designated but is historically important and contains "ghost signs." Gail Benjafield provided an update based on her attendance at the Council meeting where the sign variance application was discussed. Council had deferred the agenda item pending a report by Planning and Building Services. The Committee believes the proposed digital sign is not compatible with the existing "ghost signs" and character of the surrounding area, and that the wall should be kept pristine for compatibility and preservation purposes.

**9. Information/Correspondence**

- General Committee Minutes ([August 12th, 2019](#)) regarding Item 8.2, 142 St. Paul Street Sign Variance Application Update
- Culture Days in St. Catharines ([Schedule](#))
- [Sifting through the centuries at Shickluna site](#) (The Standard article)
- The Committee inquired about the proposed designation of the Victoria Lawn Cemetery Administrative Building. Chloe Richer advised that additional information is required for the staff report to Council and will advise the Committee of the Council meeting date when it is known.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, October 10, 2019

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm