

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
Andrew Humeniuk
Brian Narhi
Robert Speck
Peter Wing

Regrets:

Lorraine Giroux
Mark Hoerd

Absent:

David Donnelly
Justin Nicholls

Staff Liaison:

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

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:32pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

None.

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, October 10, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Peter Wing

“That the SCHAC approve the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

6. Presentations (Invited Guests)

None.

7. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Business

8.1 Digital Signage on City Facilities

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

Update provided regarding the Planning and Building Services report to Council regarding digital signage on City-owned facilities.

Chloe Richer presented on the topic of Digital Signage and Cultural Heritage. Chloe reviewed the existing St. Catharines sign by-law and advised the Committee of the August 12, 2019, Council motion to defer a sign by-law variance application. A staff report regarding digital signage is being prepared and will be presented to Council in late 2019. Chloe introduced the Ontario Heritage Trust sign guidelines, which states that digital signage detracts from the heritage value of buildings constructed prior to the mid-twentieth century. Members felt that digital signage will not contribute to the community or compliment the heritage value of St. Catharines.

Moved by: Peter Wing

“That the SCHAC does not support the installation of digital signage on City-owned heritage facilities and/or properties as per the existing City of St. Catharines sign by-law and the Ontario Heritage Trust’s Guidelines for Signs on Cultural Heritage Easement Properties, which indicate that digital

signage detracts from the heritage character of the place. This policy would be consistent with other Ontario municipalities' by-laws prohibiting digital signage."

CARRIED

9. Updates from Sub-Committees

9.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

The Sub-Committee discussed the tasks that were assigned at the September 17th meeting, which included researching the greenhouse at Malcolmson Eco-Park and the former Collier Mill, and updating the City of St. Catharines heritage designation brochure. Students from Willowbank will continue their independent research on the Malcolmson Eco-Park greenhouse and are encouraged to attend next month's SCHAC meeting to present their findings. Robert will continue research on the former Collier Mill. Chloe will connect with Communications staff regarding the plaque at the appropriate time. Further, Peter will send out the information he has gathered on designation brochures.

9.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

None.

9.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

The Sub-Committee reviewed an example Property Survey Recording Form in detail to understand the most appropriate way of filling out the form and ways to improve its format. Chloe provided a number of suggestions regarding what information should be included, where on the form the information should be included, and any other necessary recommendations. The Sub-Committee would like to complete a good portion of forms to submit to Council quarterly. Prior, Chloe will give a presentation to the Committee about the findings of the research and the Committee may choose which properties to recommend for listing on the Municipal Heritage Register. A Committee member expressed that the Property Survey Recording Form has been a very insightful exercise so far.

10. Information/Correspondence

- [Heritage Conservation Districts, pre- and post-2005, part two](#) (Ontario Heritage Act and More blog)
- [Walking tours delve into history of Heritage Trail](#)

- Genealogy Fair occurred the previous weekend, in which a number of groups made presentations
- The front doors and windows at City Hall will be undergoing a restoration process
- Reminder of the Heritage Training Workshop on Wednesday, October 16th at 3:30

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm