

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, January 09, 2020**

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

### **Members:**

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

### **Regrets:**

Peter Wing

### **Staff Liaison:**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services  
Connor Wright, Student Planner, Planning and Building Services

### **Council:**

Councillor Carlos Garcia

### **Public:**

- Mike Britton, Facer District Merchants and Residents Association (FDMRA), Regarding Item 8.1

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

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:34pm

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

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

#### **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, January 9, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by: Andrew Humeniuk

“That the SCHAC approve the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2019; the minutes of the Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019; and the minutes of the Research & Inventory Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**6. Presentations (Invited Guests)**

- Mike Britton, Facer District Merchants and Residents Association (FDMRA), Regarding Business Item 8.1

**7. Business arising from the Minutes**

**8. Business**

**8.1 Facer District Historical Plaques**

Mike Britton, Facer District Merchants and Residents Association (FDMRA)

In 2017, Council referred the Historical Plaques recommendation of the Future of Facer Street Recommendations report prepared by 8-80 Cities to the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee for research and implementation.

Mike Britton presented a history of Facer Street and the larger Facer District to provide a general overview of the District. Mr. Britton emphasized the diverse backgrounds of residents of this District over its history. Mr. Britton discussed the community vision study by 8-80 Cities which was approved by Council. There will be a subsequent \$70,000 Streetscape Master Plan for the area, which Mr. Britton believes is scheduled for completion in Q1 of 2020. Members discussed potential options for historical plaques, e.g., freestanding plaques in locations where previous landmarks have been removed, sidewalk plaques, and/or a freestanding plaque that highlights the history of the District at a high level.

Councillor Garcia asked about the potential for a Heritage Conservation District designation under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Committee suggested specific buildings that may have cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) and be worthy of individual designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Mr. Britton mentioned that there are many churches in this District that may have CHVI. Members discuss the Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub-Committee conducting research and drafting the text for at least one plaque as well as the Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee conducting research for framed histories, should the local business owners be interested. Mr. Britton will share the research sources he used for the presentation and will follow up with local business owners to determine whether there is interest in framed histories.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC receive the presentation by Mike Britton, Facer District Merchants and Residents Association, regarding the Facer District Historical Plaques.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies Sub-Committee begin research for the proposed historical plaque(s) and the Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee begin research for framed histories, pending the interest of business owners.”

**CARRIED**

- 8.2** Research – Draft Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, Welland House  
26/30 Ontario Street  
Brian Narhi, Chair, St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee  
Presentation by Brian Narhi on preliminary research on the Welland House, 26/30 Ontario Street.

Brian Narhi presented his progress on the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, which he hopes to complete in the next week. Mr. Narhi gave a background on the Welland House and its history. Members discussed the status of the Welland House due to ongoing concerns over property standards. Chloe Richer gave an update on the condition of the Welland House and options for protection.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the SCHAC receive the research update on Welland House, 26/30 Ontario Street, prepared by Brian Narhi.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Justin Nicholls

“That the SCHAC schedule a special meeting on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm regarding the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for Welland House, 26/30 Ontario Street.”

**CARRIED**

## **9. Updates from Sub-Committees**

### **9.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies**

None.

### **9.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)**

- Corporate Communications Officer Steve Herschel was invited to discuss revisions to existing brochures (walking tours and the pioneer cemetery driving tour).
- The Sub-Committee discussed the Designated Properties Grant brochure, however funding was not approved by Council for grants in 2020. The Sub-Committee will deliberate how to improve marketing for future years.
- The Sub-Committee will work to update the Significant Individuals List and have it displayed in a more prominent location on the City's website.
- Researching Your House guide will be drafted by Mr. Narhi and added to the City's website once finalized.
- The City of St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre received funding for Doors Open 2021. Ms. Richer discussed how the SCHAC had assisted the Museum with Doors Open 2017.
- Mr. Henschel suggested a formal SCHAC spokesperson be appointed to speak to the media.

Moved by: Mark Hoerd

“That the update from the Public Outreach and Education (POE) Sub-Committee be received.”

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)**

- The Sub-Committee discussed six new properties, five recommended for listing on the Municipal Heritage Register.
- One dwelling has been approved for demolition; as such, the Sub-Committee has not recommended any further action be taken regarding this property.
- The Sub-Committee also discussed further training on historical research and architectural styles at future Sub-Committee meetings.

Moved by: Andrew Humeniuk

“That the update from the Research and Inventory (R & I) Sub-Committee be received.”

**CARRIED**

**10. Information/Correspondence**

- Gail Benjafeld advised the fundraising goal of \$100,000 for the BME Church (92 Geneva Street) has been exceeded.
- Chloe Richer advised that the City of St. Catharines 2020 budget, approved in December 2019, does not include funding for a Downtown St. Catharines Heritage Conservation District Study.
- Ms. Richer provided an update on the timeline for the appointment of a new member to the SCHAC, to fill the existing vacant position.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, February 13, 2020

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:54pm

# **Appendix A: Sub-Committee Minutes**

## Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub-Committee

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

**Ante Room at 12:30pm**

#### **Members:**

Brian Narhi  
Robert Speck  
Peter Wing

#### **Staff Liaison:**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services

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#### **1. Call meeting to order (Staff Liaison)**

Chloe Richer called the meeting to order at 12:40pm

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

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

##### **3.1 Appointment of Chair**

“That the DPC Sub-Committee appoint Peter Wing as Chair for the 2019 to 2022 term.”

#### **4. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee ratify and adopt the agenda for this DPC Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

**6. Business**

**6.1** Ongoing research on the Collier Mill site  
321 Oakdale Avenue

Robert Speck shared his research on the former Collier Mill for a potential plaque.

Moved by: Peter Wing

“That the DPC Sub-Committee receive Robert Speck’s research on the Collier Mill site at 321 Oakdale Avenue and that Brian Narhi complete the research for a potential plaque.”

**CARRIED**

**6.2** Review of and new draft of existing “Designation” brochure

Peter Wing advised that due to his limited experience on the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee, he feels that it would be more appropriate to have a more experienced Committee member work on this project. Chloe Richer will work with Communications staff on a draft brochure and Peter may share feedback on the draft from the perspective of the general public (e.g., indicating if there is too much jargon included).

**6.3** Historical Background Report on the Lord and Burnham greenhouse at Malcomson Eco-Park  
325 Lakeshore Road

Brian Narhi presented a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report on the Lord and Burnham greenhouse at Malcomson Eco-Park. He discussed the land use history of the site and his recommendations. Robert Speck congratulated Brian on an excellent report.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee receive the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report on the Lord and Burnham greenhouse at Malcomson Eco-Park.”

**CARRIED**

**7. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

**8. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:14pm



# Research & Inventory Sub-Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

**Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:30pm**

### **Members:**

Lorraine Giroux  
Mark Hoerd  
Andrew Humeniuk  
Brian Narhi  
Robert Speck

### **Staff Liaison:**

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

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#### **1. Call meeting to order (Staff Liaison)**

Chloe Richer called the meeting to order at 3:36pm

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

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

##### **3.1 Appointment of Chair to Research & Inventory Sub-Committee**

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the Research & Inventory Sub-Committee appoint Mark Hoerd as Chair for the 2019 to 2022 term.”

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the RI Sub-Committee ratify and adopt the agenda for this RI Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 12, 2019, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

**6. Business**

**6.1 Review and update of the Heritage Resource Inventory**

Chloe Richer presented the 2019 Heritage Resource Inventory update based on feedback from the previous R&I meeting. A member described the intent behind recommending designation for 13 Duke Street. Two members will work alongside Brian Narhi to research their assigned properties. Ms. Richer discusses the purpose of the Rating Sheets and their intended use in assigning a Priority (1, 2 or 3) to the assigned properties. Sydney DiTomasso clarifies the meaning of “Trend”, an evaluation criterion listed on the Heritage Resource Evaluation Sheet. The sub-committee discusses how to effectively complete the Evaluation Sheets; Members will fill out a sheet for every property they conduct research on.

Moved by: Mark Hoerd

“That the R&I Sub-Committee receive the Heritage Resource Inventory update and support the recommendations on listing or designating the properties included in the presentation, pending the evaluation sheets.”

**CARRIED**

**7. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, January 9, 2020

**8. Motion to Adjourn**

“That the R&I Sub-Committee be adjourned at 4:26pm.”

**CARRIED**