

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

Members:

Gail Benjafield
Brian Narhi
Lorraine Giroux
Mark Hoerd
Justin Nicholls
Peter Wing

Regrets:

Andrew Humeniuk
Robert Speck

Staff Liaison:

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

Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 4:36pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

None.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Justin Nicholls

“That the SCHAC approve the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

6. Presentations (Invited Guests)

None.

7. Business arising from the Minutes

7.1 Neil Peart Commemoration Update

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

Update provided regarding appropriate options for the commemoration of Neil Peart, including replacement of an existing photograph in the Pavilion with one of Mr. Peart.

The POE Sub-Committee elaborated on their recommendation of which existing photograph to replace with Neil Peart’s photograph. The Committee discussed additional ways to commemorate Mr. Peart, including naming the Bandshell in the park in his honour and installing a related plaque.

The Committee also discussed the need for an explanation or title for the existing photographs in the Lakeside Park Pavilion.

Moved by: Peter Wing

“That the SCHAC support the recommendation of the Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee regarding incorporating a photograph of Neil Peart into the Pavilion at Lakeside Park, and recommending the north side photograph be removed if required. The SCHAC recommends identifying notes be included about the photographs. Another option to consider would be the naming of the Bandshell in Lakeside Park after Mr. Peart and the inclusion of a plaque on Mr. Peart on the Bandshell.”

CARRIED

8. Business

8.1 Rodman Hall Task Force Update Peter Wing, SCHAC & Rodman Hall Task Force Update provided regarding Rodman Hall.

Peter Wing summarized the last meeting of the Rodman Hall Task Force. The Task Force will be preparing a report and Community Recreation and Culture Services (CRCS) staff will provide comparative information on other public galleries. The Task Force meets next on February 19th, 2020.

Moved by: Mark Hoerd

“That the SCHAC receive the Rodman Hall Task Force Update provided by Peter Wing.”

CARRIED

9. Updates from Sub-Committees

9.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

Chloe Richer provided an update on the last DPC Sub-Committee meeting:

- Ongoing research on the Collier Mill site;
- Review of and new draft of existing “Designation” brochure;
- Facer Street Historical Plaque(s); and
- Priority properties for evaluations.

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the update from the Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies (DPC) Sub-Committee be received.”

CARRIED

9.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

Ms. Richer gave an update on the last DPC Sub-Committee meeting including:

- Review of existing walking tour brochures;
- Review of Significant Individuals List;
- Commemoration of Neil Peart in Lakeside Park;
- Researching Your House Guide;
- Doors Open 2021;
- Framed histories research and implementation;
- WordPress Blog Content; and
 - The Committee discussed how the content from their previous WordPress blog will be reused. It will be hosted on the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre website.
- Social Media Posts;
 - The Committee can send any ideas about heritage-themed social media posts to Chloe Richer, who will coordinate with Communications staff.

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC recommend the addition of Neil Peart of Rush to the Significant Individuals List.”

CARRIED

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC support the POE Sub-Committee recommendation of the reuse of the SCHAC WordPress content on the blog of the St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre.”

CARRIED

Moved by: Justin Nicholls

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

9.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

Mark Hoerdt gave a brief summary of the meeting. The Sub-Committee worked collaboratively to discuss improvements to the way they evaluate properties using the Ranking System for Built Heritage.

Moved by: Peter Wing

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

CARRIED

10. Information/Correspondence

- Welland House staff report is scheduled to be at the February 24, 2020, City Council meeting.
- Black History Month at the St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre includes special tours of the “Follow the North Star” exhibit on Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 am in February, and more.
- [Tribute to Peart ‘overdue’ says St. Catharines mayor](#) (article in The St. Catharines Standard).
- [Is the LPAT up to the job?](#) (article in the “Ontario Heritage Act and More” blog).
- [Iconic European Floor Plans](#) (CityLab Four-Part Series).
- Marty Mako has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the SCHAC and will be attending the next meeting in March 2020.
- There will be a joint SCHAC and SCHPAC meeting on February 27, 2020, to review the Commemoration Plan for the former Lincoln Fabrics building at 63 Lakeport Road.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Appendix A: Sub-Committee Minutes

Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub-Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Ante Room at 12:30pm

Members:

Robert Speck
Peter Wing

Regrets:

Brian Narhi

Staff Liaison:

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

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Peter Wing called the meeting to order at 12:33pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

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, February 11, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

6. Business

6.1 Ongoing research on the Collier Mill site
321 Oakdale Avenue

In December 2019, Robert Speck shared his research on the former Collier Mill for a potential plaque. Brian Narhi had agreed to complete the research for the plaque. Chloe Richer advised that Brian Narhi has completed most of the research, and has not written the draft plaque yet.

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

Heritage Planning staff have reviewed and updated the text for the “Designations” brochure and shared with Communications staff for their feedback. The Sub-Committee was supportive of the current draft of the text, noting that the brochure is not yet finalized as the graphic design must be completed.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee receive the draft text for the “Designations” brochure and support the revisions.”

CARRIED

6.3 Facer Street Historical Plaque(s)

In January 2020, the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee referred research on a potential plaque for the Facer Street district to the DPC Sub-Committee. Peter Wing will lead the research efforts. Ms. Richer will follow up with Mike Britton of the Facer District Merchants and Residents Association for any background information regarding Facer Street, as discussed at the SCHAC meeting.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee begin research for a potential plaque about the Facer Street district, with Peter Wing leading the research efforts.”

CARRIED

6.4 Priority properties for evaluations

Chloe Richer discussed potential priority properties in the commercial core for Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports, with the goal of increasing the number of Part IV-designated properties in St. Catharines. The Sub-Committee members were in agreement to start the priority research on 17 Queen Street (St. Catharines Standard building) and provided feedback on other potential priority properties in the commercial core. The Sub-Committee also discussed properties in other areas, such as farm houses in the north end.

Ms. Richer suggested a collaborative approach on the reports between Heritage Planning staff and the DPC Sub-Committee, as was done with the Power Glen Heritage Conservation District Study and Plan. She identified the completion of title searches and research at the St. Catharines Public Library and the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre as areas where the Sub-Committee members could be of assistance.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee begin research for a potential recommended Part IV designation of 17 Queen Street (the former St. Catharines Standard building), with a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report to be prepared by the Sub-Committee.”

CARRIED

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:23pm

Public Outreach & Education Sub-Committee

Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room at 2:30pm

Members:

Brian Narhi
Lorraine Giroux

Regrets:

Gail Benjafield

Staff Liaison:

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

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Lorraine Giroux called the meeting to order at 2:36pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the POE Sub-Committee ratify and adopt the agenda for this POE Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

6. Business

6.1 Review of existing walking tour brochures

The existing brochures do not meet AODA standards and need revisions. The Sub-Committee is to revise the content.

Lorraine Giroux gave an update on the progress of this. Ms. Giroux will make necessary changes. Brian Narhi will also contribute edits to the brochures. Chloe Richer can then work with Communications staff to implement these changes.

6.2 Review of Significant Individuals List

Ms. Giroux gave an update on the potential candidates to be added to the Significant Individuals List. The list of possible additions will be presented to the SCHAC in March 2020.

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the POE Sub-Committee receive the update of possible additions to the Significant Individuals List and support the addition of the identified individuals to the List.”

CARRIED

“That the POE Sub-Committee recommend the addition of Neil Peart of Rush to the Significant Individuals List.”

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

CARRIED

6.3 Commemoration of Neil Peart in Lakeside Park

Community, Recreation and Culture Services (CRCS) is taking the lead on the proposed commemoration of Neil Peart in Lakeside Park. Chloe Richer has reached out to CRCS to indicate that the SCHAC is interested in participating in this project, e.g., by researching content for a potential plaque.

CRCS has proposed adding a photograph of Mr. Peart to the Pavilion. This would require the removal of one of the four previously selected photographs.

The Sub-Committee discussed the alternative of naming the Lakeside Park Bandshell after Neil Peart in lieu of replacing a Pavilion photo. However, if a photograph of Neil Peart is to be added to the Lakeside Park Pavilion, the existing north side photograph would be the preferable choice to replace.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the POE Sub-Committee recommend the addition of a photograph of Neil Peart of Rush to the Pavilion at Lakeside Park, and recommend the removal of the north side photograph. Another option to consider would be the naming of the bandstand in Lakeside Park after Mr. Peart and the inclusion of a plaque on Mr. Peart on the bandstand.”

CARRIED

6.4 Researching Your House Guide

In January 2020, Brian Narhi indicated that he will work on a first draft of the Guide, to be reviewed by Chloe Richer and Communications staff.

No update was shared as the draft is not yet complete.

6.5 Doors Open 2021

The St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre has indicated that some ways the SCHAC may assist with Doors Open 2021 would be to identify potential properties to be included in the event and to lead walking tours.

Brian Narhi proposed the idea of bringing back the Martin Road Race in the form of a walking tour. The Sub-Committee will continue to discuss ideas at its March 2020 meeting.

8.6 Framed histories research and implementation

In January 2020, Mike Britton, Facer District Merchants and Residents Association (FDMRA), indicated to the SCHAC that he would reach out to local businesses in the Facer District regarding their interest in a “framed history” for display. Ms. Richer has contacted Mr. Britton to determine if any local businesses have requested a framed history yet. Mr. Narhi indicated he will contact the St. Catharines Downtown Association regarding featuring the project in their newsletter.

8.7 WordPress Blog Content

Staff with the St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre have indicated that they would be pleased to host the SCHAC's WordPress content on the Museum blog. They suggested posting one or two articles per month, and promoting them on social media. Chloe Richer suggests posting the articles in their original order and asked if the POE Sub-Committee has any ideas of names for a catchy title for the series. For example, the Museum has a series called "Yearbook Flip." Chloe will send the existing posts to the Sub-Committee members to help with deliberation on potential names.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

"That the POE Sub-Committee support the reuse of the SCHAC WordPress content on the blog of the St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre."

CARRIED

8.8 Social Media Posts

The Sub-Committee discussed heritage-related content to be used for social media posts. One suggestion was posting significant individuals with a short biography from the updated Significant Individuals List, and to inform that the Committee is presently working on additions to the List. Another suggestion was a link to the Researching Your House Guide when complete. Mr. Narhi suggested leading workshops on the Guide in the future.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

8. Information/Correspondence

9. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:31pm

Research & Inventory Sub-Committee

Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:30pm

Members:

Lorraine Giroux
Mark Hoerd
Brian Narhi

Regrets

Robert Speck
Andrew Humeniuk

Staff Liaison:

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

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Mark Hoerd called the meeting to order at 3:37pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

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 Thursday, February 13, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

6. Business

6.1 Review and update of the Heritage Resource Inventory

Chloe Richer identified that the existing St. Catharines Register of Non-Designated Cultural Heritage Properties only contains Priority 1 and 2 properties, not Priority 3 properties (of little or no significance).

A Sub-Committee member proposed using an anchor metric in order to have a more coordinated use of the Ranking System for Built Heritage, similar to that used by teachers in their assessments of students.

The Sub-Committee members individually prioritized a sample property and discussed their rankings as a group to determine where inconsistencies may be and how to use the Ranking System in a meaningful way. Some Sub-Committee members will revisit their approach in consideration of the group discussion.

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020

8. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm