

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm

### Members:

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

### Regrets:

Marty Mako

### Staff Liaison:

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

### Council:

Councillor Carlos Garcia

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#### 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

##### 3.1 50 Church Street, City Hall (Part IV Designated Property) Vincent Covatta, Project Supervisor, City of St. Catharines

- Proposed exterior brass storm windows due to bowing of existing windows, which will be retained in-situ.

Vincent Covatta gave an update on the restoration of the exterior brass windows currently being conducted on the front façade of City Hall. Mr. Covatta detailed the replica exterior storm windows that are to be installed, maintaining an identical profile. The Committee had questions regarding how the new windows will appear from the exterior. Mr. Covatta verified that they will look largely identical.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC receive the presentation and support the proposal to install brass storm windows at 50 Church Street, City Hall, due to the bowing of the existing brass windows, which will be retained in-situ.”

**CARRIED**

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Andrew Humenik

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, 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, February 13, 2020; the minutes of the Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020; the minutes of the Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2020; and the minutes of the Research & Inventory Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**6. Presentations (Invited Guests)**

- Vincent Covatta, Project Supervisor, City of St. Catharines, Regarding Item 3.1
- Sheldon D. Rosen, The Harbour Club, Regarding Item 8.2
- Paul Chapman, Niagara Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, Regarding Item 8.3

**7. Business arising from the Minutes**

**7.1** Neil Peart Commemoration Update  
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

Chloe Richer gave a brief update regarding the consultation timeline of Community Recreation and Cultural Services (CRCS). They closed their formal consultation on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Garcia recommended that a member of the SCHAC and SCHPAC should serve on the Neil Peart Commemoration Task Force.

**8. Business**

- 8.1** Mountain Locks Park  
Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services; and  
Brian York, Director of Economic Development and Government  
Relations, Economic Development and Tourism Services  
- Consultation regarding the proposed expansion of the existing parking lot at Glendale Place Plaza into Mountain Locks Park.

This item was deferred to the next SCHAC meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as Phil Cristi and Brian York were unable to attend the meeting.

- 8.2** 57A, 61, and 63 Lakeport Road (Port Dalhousie HCD)  
Owner(s): Port Dalhousie Harbour Group Inc.  
Agent(s): Bruce Hall, The Planning Partnership  
File No.: 19 113656 000 00 HERT  
- Review of the Commemoration Plan submitted as part of the heritage permit application.

Sheldon D. Rosen summarized the Commemoration Plan. Mr. Rosen detailed the proposed locations of the plaques and advised that the plaque text had been updated based on Committee feedback. The Committee provided further feedback which will be relayed through Chloe Richer to the Heritage Planning consultant. The Committee was generally supportive of the proposal.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee support the recommendations of the Commemoration Plan on the former Maple Leaf Rubber Company / Lincoln Fabrics building (61 – 63 Lakeport Road) regarding the chosen plaque options (Constructing the Maple Leaf Rubber Company Building – exterior, Power Generation in the Rubber Company

Building – interior and Goods Produced in the Building - interior) as well as using modern technology to provide additional commemorative information on the City's website.”

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 NS&T Railway Plaques Update**

Paul Chapman, Niagara Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association

- Update to be provided regarding progress on Plaque #1 and draft text and photographs shared for Plaques #2 and #3.

Paul Chapman gave a presentation on proposed plaques to commemorate the NS&T Railway. The cost of the plaques will be approximately \$3,000 plus HST each. The Committee discussed alternative funding possibilities. Mr. Chapman confirmed that there are no other confirmed funding opportunities. The Committee discussed two map options; one focused on St. Catharines and the other with a wider view of the Niagara region. The preferred option is to integrate both options on the same plaque, if possible. It was noted that the budget for 2021 is not yet confirmed so the Committee agreed to contribute \$3,000 in principle, pending confirmation of the new budget. Chloe Richer will confirm these details with the Committee as they become available.

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee receive the update on the proposed NS&T Railway plaque series.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee dedicate \$1,500 plus HST from the 2020 Heritage Budget for Plaque #1.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC support the recommendation of text and photographs for the proposed Plaques #2 and #3 of the NS&T Railway plaque series,

to be installed in Fall 2021, with the SCHAC in principal contributing up to \$3,000 from the 2021 Heritage Budget.”

**CARRIED**

**8.4 SCHAC Work Plan Review**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

- Review 2020 SCHAC Work Plan and revise if necessary.

The Committee revisited the 2020 Work Plan. One suggestion was to add the designation of additional Part IV properties under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to the Work Plan. The Committee will forward any other comments to Chloe Richer.

Moved by: Justin Nicholls

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee receive the draft 2020 SCHAC Work Plan, subject to future revisions.”

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Additions to the List of Significant Individuals**

Brian Narhi, Chair of the SCHAC

- Update to be provided regarding proposed additions to the List of Significant Individuals.

Brian Narhi gave an update on the Significant Individuals List. The Sub-Committee developed a list of possible additions to the List. to the Committee discussed examining the diversity of the List and potentially focusing on women, people of colour or any other underrepresented populations. With these new additions, the Committee will share the List with councillors and with the general public. Social media posts could be made with biographies of the significant individuals. One member explained that individuals who are already commemorated shouldn't be added to the List.

Moved by: Justin Nicholls

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee receive the recommended Additions to the List of Significant Individuals and support the choice of new additions.”

**CARRIED**

## **8.6 SCHAC Blog Naming**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

- Names to be considered include Canal City Chronicles: St. Catharines Heritage News, Our Town Wheelbarrow and Canal City Chronicles: A Blog of the SCHAC.

The Committee deliberated a name for the blog. Titles with 'Canal City' were agreed to be somewhat vague as there may be several canal cities in the Niagara region. A Committee member suggested that the title should be generic for search engine optimization. The Committee was supportive of a more basic name such as 'Heritage St. Catharines' to start with, which could be changed later if needed.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

"That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee select the name 'Heritage St. Catharines' for the SCHAC blog series."

**CARRIED**

## **8.7 10 Seymour Avenue (former Merritton High School) Redevelopment**

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

- Application to amend Official Plan and Zoning By-law to enable proposed development of six residential apartment buildings ranging in height from three and four storeys along Seymour Avenue to 10 and 12 storeys along the southern property line.

Chloe Richer highlighted the option for the SCHAC to request an evaluation of the cultural heritage value or interest of the former Merritton High School at 10 Seymour Avenue. A Committee member gave some brief background information on the heritage and community value of the building. The Committee can begin further research on the building and also request that the developer retain a heritage consultant for an evaluation.

Moved by: Loraine Giroux

"That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee request the applicant for the 10 Seymour Avenue redevelopment provide a Heritage Impact Assessment with a cultural heritage evaluation to determine

whether the property is worthy of listing or designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Peter Wing

“That the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee refer research and evaluation on the property at 10 Seymour Avenue (former Merritton High School building) to the Research and Inventory Sub-Committee for potential listing on the Municipal Heritage Register or designated under the OHA.”

**CARRIED**

**8.8 Report on Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Lecture  
Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison**

- Information to be provided on a Heritage Week lecture organized by the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.

This item was deferred to the next SCHAC meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**9. Updates from Sub-Committees**

**9.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies**

Sub-Committee Chair Peter Wing provided an update on the last DPC Sub-Committee meeting:

- Draft text on the Collier Mill site;
- Review of and new draft of existing “Designation” brochure;
- Facer Street Historical Plaque(s);
- Priority properties for evaluations; and
- North end farm houses.

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

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

**CARRIED**

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

Chloe 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 Name;
- Social Media Posts;
- Communications Plan; and
- Library window display.

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

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

**CARRIED**

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

Sub-Committee Chair Mark Hoerdts 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: Robert Speck

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

**CARRIED**

## **10. Information/Correspondence**

- Supporting information 50 Church Street, City Hall Window and Door Restoration Project.
- [Parking Partnership Proposal – Mountain Locks Park.](#)



- Commemoration Plan, 57A, 61, and 63 Lakeport Road (former Lincoln Fabrics building).
- Draft text and photographs for Plaques #2 and #3, NS&T Railway plaque series.
- Draft 2020 SCHAC Work Plan.
- Proposed Additions to the List of Significant Individuals.
- 10 Seymour Avenue (former Merritton High School) Redevelopment Information Package.
- [Welland House slated for heritage designation](#) (article in the St. Catharines Standard).
- [Welland Museum exhibit tells 'uncomfortable' Canadian story](#) (article in the St. Catharines Standard).
- City of St. Catharines 2020 Annual Juried Exhibit, [MORE THAN WORDS: Truth and Reconciliation](#); see also [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#).
- Verbal update provided by Gail Benjafield regarding the Downtown Development Revitalization Advisory Committee (DDRAC) and digital signage.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, April 9, 2020

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by: Robert Speck

"That the SCHAC meeting be adjourned at 6:47pm."

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

## Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub-Committee

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**Ante Room at 12:30pm**

#### **Members:**

Robert Speck  
Peter Wing  
Brian Narhi

#### **Staff Liaison:**

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

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

Peter Wing called the meeting to order at 12:31pm

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

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

None.

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

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the DPC Sub-Committee ratify and adopt the agenda for this DPC Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**6. Business**

**6.1** Draft text on the Collier Mill site  
321 Oakdale Avenue

The Sub-Committee reviewed Brian Narhi's draft plaque text and the version shortened by Communications staff. The Sub-Committee discussed the detail level of the plaque. Chloe Richer advised that commemoration resources such as the U.S. National Park Service's Wayside Exhibits: A Guide to Developing Outdoor Interpretive Exhibits support shorter text lengths of roughly 100 words. The Sub-Committee prefers a more in-depth plaque length of roughly 500 words.

Moved by: Robert Speck

"That the DPC Sub-Committee receive and revise the draft text for the Collier Mill site plaque."

**CARRIED**

**6.2** Review of and new draft of existing "Designation" brochure

Communications staff have not presented a draft yet. As such, the item has been deferred to the next Sub-Committee meeting.

**6.3** Facer Street Historical Plaque(s)

Chloe Richer and Peter Wing have not yet heard back from Mike Britton with the Facer District Merchants and Residents Association (FDMRA). Mr. Wing will begin preliminary research for a potential Facer District plaque.

**6.4** Priority properties for evaluations

Chloe Richer provided an update on the St. Catharines Standard building draft report. The Sub-Committee discussed how to collaborate on the report.

Mr. Narhi will do a title search of the property. Robert Speck will gather information from the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre and Peter Wing will do research at the St. Catharines Public Library. The Sub-Committee will focus research on photographs and

historical/associative information about the property, and will summarize their findings in draft text for the report.

Brian Narhi volunteered to conduct research and begin drafting a report for the property adjacent to the St. Catharines Standard building, the La Scala building.

#### **6.5 North end farm houses**

Brian Narhi provided a summary of the list of north end farm houses. The Sub-Committee discussed the need to conduct research on properties outside of the commercial core as well as selected a priority property to focus research on.

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee receive the list of North end farm houses.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPC Sub-Committee select 497 Carlton Street as a priority property for future research towards a potential heritage designation.”

**CARRIED**

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

#### **8. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:24pm

# Public Outreach & Education Sub-Committee

## Minutes

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**Ante Room at 12:30pm**

### **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

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

Lorraine Giroux called the meeting to order at 12:32pm

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

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

##### **3.1 St. Catharines Public Library Window Display**

The Sub-Committee has booked a time slot in June to fill a display area in the St. Catharines Public Library with artifacts related to theme of The Mack Centre, Dr. Mack and the General Hospital. Brian Narhi gave an update on the status of obtained artifacts and potential for additional artifacts. Chloe Richer will reach out to the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre regarding any additional artifacts.

#### **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 Wednesday, March 11, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**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 advised that she has made progress on edits to the brochures. The Sub-Committee will circulate the revised brochures and make any additional necessary revisions.

**6.2 Review of Significant Individuals List**

The Sub-Committee discussed the number of individuals on the list. It was agreed that adding a higher number of individuals is more preferable rather than restricting the number, especially in the context of diversifying the list (i.e., there is no limit to number of individualstthough the research on individuals is time consuming). The Sub-Committee will bring forward the present list to the SCHAC for their support.

**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 advised that the call for name submissions for the Lakeside Park Pavilion closed on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The next step is the preparation of a short list of names for the final round of consultation.

#### **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.

Brian Narhi advised a draft of the guide has been completed and circulated to the Sub-Committee for feedback. The Sub-Committee discussed potential changes to the draft, e.g., whether the guide is too detailed and complex for the general public. Mr. Narhi favoured a detailed guide as historic research can be complex. To make the guide easier to follow, graphics could be inserted for visual assistance. This would be done by Communications staff. Mr. Narhi will forward the edited version to Chloe Richer to pass along to Communications staff.

#### **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.

The Sub-Committee had no new recommendations. The previously discussed potential “Martin Road Race” walking tour was further discussed.

#### **6.6 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. Chloe Richer has not heard from Mr. Britton that any local businesses have requested a framed history and will advise the Sub-Committee when any requests are received.

#### **6.7 WordPress Blog Name**

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.”

Potential names include:

- Canal City Chronicles: St. Catharines Heritage News;
- Canal City Chronicles: A Blog of the SCHAC; and
- Our Town Wheelbarrow.

The Sub-Committee discussed whether “Canal City” is truly representative of St. Catharines, as there are other “Canal Cities” in Niagara Region. The full SCHAC will need to discuss the potential names further.

#### **6.8 Social Media Posts**

Connor Wright presented draft social media posts for a “Throwback Thursday” posting series. The Sub-Committee discussed other post ideas and edits to the current ideas. Heritage Planning staff will forward the draft posts to Communications staff to be posted on City social media.

#### **6.9 Communications Plan**

A Communications Plan is a projects on the SCHAC’s 2020 Work Plan that has not been started yet. Having a Communications Plan in place came out of concerns from a SCHAC member regarding the City’s Communications policies.

Chloe Richer highlighted the need to begin work on a Communications Plan. The Sub-Committee discussed the interactions regarding communications and the Public Outreach and Education Sub-Committee. One member identified the needs for an “on paper” procedure for this process. Ms. Richer will begin a template of the Plan, to be completed at subsequent Sub-Committee meetings.

### **7. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

### **8. Information/Correspondence**

### **9. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm



# Research & Inventory Sub-Committee

## Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room at 3:30pm

### Members:

Lorraine Giroux  
Mark Hoerd  
Brian Narhi  
Robert Speck  
Andrew Humeniuk

### Staff Liaison:

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

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#### 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

None.

#### 4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the RI Sub-Committee ratify and adopt the agenda for this RI Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Declarations of Interest

None.

## **6. Business**

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

Chloe Richer summarized the status of new properties listed on the Heritage Resource Inventory. The Sub-Committee reviewed several properties and updated the priority ratings. Members gave an update on their progress with other properties. Four new properties were assigned to Andrew Humeniuk.

### **6.2 Ontario Architectural Styles Training**

Connor Wright gave a presentation on common architectural styles in Ontario. The Sub-Committee further discussed historical architecture and ways to identify styles.

Moved by: Brian Narhi

“That the SCHAC receive the presentation on Architectural Styles in Ontario, presented by Connor Wright.”

**CARRIED**

## **7. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, April 9, 2020

## **8. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:19pm