

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Electronic Participation at 2:30pm

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
Wilrik Banda, Planning Technician, Planning and Building Services

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Brian Narhi called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

9.3 Research & Inventory (R & I) Sub-Committee Update.

11 Date of next meeting revision (joint meeting with the SCHPAC scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020).

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Robert Speck
Seconded by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC ratify and adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, September 10, 2020, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

5. Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Gail Benjafield

Seconded by: Peter Wing

“That the SCHAC approve the minutes of the SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, as amended.”

CARRIED

6. Presentations (Invited Guests)

None.

7. Business arising from the Minutes

7.1 St. Catharines General Hospital – Decorative Arch Update

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

- Update to be provided regarding the decorative arch from the St. Catharines General Hospital site.

No update to share at this time. Ms. Richer proposed that the item be deferred to next month’s agenda.

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

Seconded by: Andrew Humeniuk

“That item 7.1 be deferred to the October 08, 2020 SCHAC meeting.”

CARRIED

8. Business

8.1 Facer Street District Flags Update

Chloe Richer, Heritage Planner and Staff Liaison

- Proposal to create and install flags on hydro poles along Facer Street to highlight the historical significance of the area, instill community pride and a sense of place, and further animate the streetscape.

Several designs were shared with the SCHAC for feedback.

The Committee raised a question regarding the “1854” date and wants clarification as to what event it refers to, as Facer Street was created in the period from 1868-1876. The size of the banners is not indicated and with many images presented in the collages, the Committee is concerned it will be unclear what they all are. The general design (including colour scheme) is good, however, the Committee felt the collages appear too busy and that a simplified design with larger images would create a bigger impact. Potential themes of diverse culture groups, time frames (e.g., by decade) and heritage buildings were all suggested. It was also suggested that the banners include an interpretive caption. Some clarification was requested regarding long term maintenance.

Moved by: Mark Hoerd
Seconded by: Peter Wing

“That the SCHAC support the proposal to install flags and banners on hydro poles along Facer Street, highlighting the historical significance of the area, instill community pride and a sense of place and further animate the streetscape. The SCHAC recommends confirming the establishment date of the Facer Street area at 1854 or 1868 – 1876; simplifying the collages with fewer, larger images; exploring adding more historical buildings to the banners and diverse communities; and adding captions to the banners.”

CARRIED

9. Updates from Sub-Committees

9.1 Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies

None.

9.2 Public Outreach and Education (POE)

None.

9.3 Research and Inventory (R & I)

Ms. Richer provided a summary of the Research and Inventory (R & I) Sub-Committee’s work over the past year researching and evaluating

properties recommended for addition to the St. Catharines Register of Non-Designated Cultural Heritage Properties ("the Register.") The staff report on the project is going before Council on Monday, September 14th. The Committee can watch the Council meeting live on YouTube.

The Chair advised he has been gathering additional documentation, maps and plans for the Sub-Committee to continue their research should there be a second wave of COVID-19 and research facilities close again.

Moved by: Robert Speck

Seconded by: Andrew Humeniuk

"That the Research and Inventory (R & I) Sub-Committee update has been received."

CARRIED

10. Information/Correspondence

- Draft Facer Street hydro pole flags (Item 8.1).
- Canadians and Heritage Places: New Study Confirms Canadian's Commitment to Preserving Heritage Places, Historic Sites and Traditional Neighbourhoods (National Trust for Canada).
- The Chair informed the Committee that there is a report coming from Willowbank School of Restoration Arts on September 16th regarding the conservation of Rodman Hall.
- The Chair also noted that popular ghost tours are all being done virtually this year and signup is through the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre.

11. Date of next meeting

- Joint meeting with the SCHPAC scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020.
- Regular SCHAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 08, 2020.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Gail Benjafeld

Seconded by: Justin Nicholls

"That the SCHAC meeting be adjourned at 3:20 pm."

CARRIED