

# St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, May 05, 2022**

**Electronic Participation at 2:30 pm**

### **Members:**

Brian Narhi  
Gail Benjafield  
Robert Speck  
Holly Washuta  
John Crawley  
Lorraine Giroux  
Mark Hoerd  
Andrew Humeniuk

### **Regrets:**

Justin Nicholls

### **Staff Liaison:**

James Neilson, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services  
Margaret Josipovic Manager, Planning and Building Services

### **Council:**

Councilor Ward 6, Carlos Garcia

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

Chair Narhi called the meeting to order at 2:32p.m.

2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**

Chair Narhi acknowledged that the land which we call St. Catharines and the Niagara region is the ancestral territory of Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This Land is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this Land is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples – who share the land with us. This Land Acknowledgement is a

statement that reminds us that our standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people over many generations.

**3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**

Chair Brian Narhi asked to add the Doors Open Walking Tours to the Agenda as Item 9.4.

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, as amended, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

A number of issues related to the minutes of the April meeting of the SCHAC were brought forward. As a result, this will be deferred until the next meeting once James Neilson has updated the minutes.

Motion by: Gail Benjafield

“That the SCHAC decided to defer adopting these minutes until the next meeting”

**CARRIED**

**6. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of Interest

**7. Presentations (invited guests)**

No presentations

**8. Business arising from the minutes**

**8.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Brochure**

James Neilson provided an update regarding the Heritage Advisory Committee Brochure. One new photo was added and a legend was added as per the direction of the Committee. Some corrections were required, which were to be fixed by staff after the meeting. The final version will go up on the City's website

and physical copies will be printed for members to hand out and to be placed in public locations around the City.

Motion by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC receive the update from James Neilson regarding Brochure”

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 Updates from the April Meeting**

James Neilson talked about the official opening of Richard Pierpoint Park. James reached out to Noora Rizvi, Culture Supervisor, and found out that the official park opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at 11 am. The program has been developed in collaboration with Michelle Bush of the BMA church. There will be a public art component in the form of an outdoor exhibit which is happening in partnership with the Rodman Hall Art Institute. The exhibit will feature three black artists from the region. The work is intended to be vibrant and contemporary to enhance the park aesthetically and create a space for black voices and narratives. The committee expressed that it would be an excellent opportunity to attend the opening and let people know more about the committee and what they do.

Motion by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC receive the update from James Neilson regarding updates from the April meeting”

**CARRIED**

## **9. Business**

### **9.1 Heritage Registry Update**

James Neilson provided an overview of 14 properties on Elizabeth Street that will be proposed to be added to the Heritage Register. Andrew Humeniuk provided input and his thoughts on the properties as he documented the properties and submitted them to the group for consideration. It was noted that these properties are important for their contextual value as a collection of buildings from a similar era of the City's development.

Councillor Carlos Garcia said that he agrees with Andrew on the contextual value of those buildings. Carlos Garcia also pointed out that contextual value is

challenging for Council to understand, but that it is important to consider. The question about the accuracy of dates was raised, and James said that the City has construction date data typically supplied by MPAC, but that these dates are sometimes estimates depending on the age of the building. James also said that if those houses were to be proposed for the designation down the road, there would be further research done that would go into details to pin down those dates. The dates of construction are not necessary to be included in the Register, and general eras or date ranges may be used. James noted that listing properties could be considered more like a flagging system where the owner can still make alterations, but will require an application to demolish a building. Any houses proposed for demolition would undergo an Ontario Regulation 9/06 evaluation to determine their cultural heritage value.

Motion by: John Crawley

“That the SCHAC receives the information from James Neilson and Andrew Humeniuk;

And that the SCHAC recommend the addition of the following prosperities to the Heritage Register:

- 1 Elizabeth Street
- 3 Elizabeth Street
- 5 Elizabeth Street
- 7 Elizabeth Street
- 8-10 Elizabeth Street
- 9 ½ Elizabeth Street
- 12 & 12 ½ Elizabeth Street
- 19 Elizabeth Street
- 27 Elizabeth Street
- 29 Elizabeth Street
- 31 Elizabeth Street
- 37 Elizabeth Street”

**CARRIED**

## **9.2 Heritage Permit Committee meeting updates**

James shared an overview of the April SChPAC meeting from the previous week, which included:

- a proposed new residence at 21 Verdun Avenue,
- a proposed demolition of 132 Main Street and replacement with a previously approved residence
- a new roof for the former First United Church at 95 Church Street

- and the demolition of a recently constructed condominium sales centre at 16 Lock Street in Port Dalhousie.

Motion By: Holly Washuta

“That the SCHAC receive the update from James Neilson about the April SChPAC meeting”

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Welland Canal Task Force**

Brain Narhi provided an update about the Welland Canal Task Force.

Motion By: John Crowley

“That the SCHAC receives the information about the Welland Canal Task Force”

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Doors Open Walking tours**

Brian Narhi discussed the upcoming Doors Open event in August and the walking tours that some members will be leading. Doors Open will take place on Saturday August 20, 2022, from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

Motion By: John Crowley

“That the SCHAC receives the information about the walking tours”

**CARRIED**

## **10. Date of next meeting**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **11. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SCHAC meeting be adjourned at 3:46 pm.”

**CARRIED**