

# Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub-Committee

## Minutes

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

**Electronic Participation at 2:30 pm**

### **Members:**

Brian Narhi

Robert Speck

Lorraine Giroux

Councilor Ward 6, Carlos Garcia

### **Staff Liaison:**

James Neilson, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services

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

James Neilson called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**

James Neilson 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**

No Additions or Deletions

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the SChPAC adopt the agenda for this SCHAC meeting held on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, copies having been previously distributed.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the SCHPAC adopt the minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as amended.”

**CARRIED**

6. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

No presentations

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

No business arising from the minutes

9. **Business**

**9.1 Nomination of a new Chair**

Brian Narhi was nominated as the new Chair for the Designations, Plaquing and Ceremonies Sub-Committee.

**9.2 Collier Mill**

Brian Narhi spoke about Collier Mill and the preparation needed for the plaque. Brian Narhi said that the information should be around a page in length for the plaque, and two-to-three graphics should be chosen. The committee will need to go over the existing write-up and reduce it to one page and select the appropriate images that are included in the write-up.

Lorraine Giroux said that the graphics should avoid using a map or images with text that are too hard to read. Brian mentioned that he has been trying to find a picture of the mill itself, but that would require tracking down family descendants to see if they have photos. Lorraine replied that she would like to help to contact current descendants if Brian has the contact information.

Brian suggested editing the Collier text to one page for the next meeting, so that the text can be approved for mid-September. Brian asked if the plaque text needs to go to city staff for approval? James Neilson responded that the text needs to be finalized / vetted by staff. Lorraine asked if they have had started writing any of the plaque text when the Committee last met in 2020. Robert

Speck said that they did not. Brian offered to reduce the text to one page and that he would then distribute that to everybody for comment and editing.

Councilor Carlos Garcia asked about the size of the plaques and the amount of text / images needed to fill a plaque. Brian said that a page of text and a few photos was usually sufficient. Lorraine asked if the plaque would be about the same size as the railway plaques that they were editing in 2021. Brian responded that the size of this plaque would be same as the plaques that are scattered around the downtown. James Neilson added that quality of the photos will need to be considered if the images are to be enlarged.

Motion By: Robert Speck

“That the DPCSC receive the update about Collier Mill from Brian Narhi and defer the decision of the text to the next meeting”

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery**

Brian Narhi asked if there is information about financing opportunities for doing the Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery project. James Neilson noted that funds would be dependent on the priorities of the Committee, and that the ability to finance the cemetery project would be dependent on the cost of other plaque projects that are being prioritized (such as the Collier Mill Plaque). Brian asked if staff looked into alternative financing opportunities where the committee can get the money for Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery project. Brian Narhi said the Port Weller Residents Association would be interested in contributing to the project, and it would be a good opportunity to do fundraising to offset the cost. Brian added that the organization was waiting to see how much the city can contribute and one of the members will come forward from the organization to make an official pitch to the Heritage Advisory Committee. James offered to reach out to the Port Weller Residents Association. Robert Speck asked if the cemetery is readily accessible to visit. Brian said that it is accessible, but it is not easy to find. The members of committee agreed to visit the site with guidance from Brian Narhi the following week.

No motion was passed

### **9.4 Taylor & Bate**

Brian Narhi noted that a plaque for Taylor & Bate Brewery was previously discussed by the Committee. There was no research conducted, nor any writing done for this project yet. The Taylor & Bate Brewery was located at the bottom of the Eighth Street. The remaining structure is made out of red brick and is in perfect condition. Brian was unsure about the original purpose of the existing

structure that remains though it may have been used for keeping products cool or storing hops. Since people can wander by the place and not know what these ruins are, it would be great to have a plaque there to identify the site. Brian noted that there is a connection between the brewery and the nearby residences where the Taylor & Bates house is located.

Brian noted that the plaque may be considered as part of the Welland Canal Bicentennial Task Force's work and that it may be important to ensure that there is coordination should the plaque be pursued before the Task Force's work is complete. Lorraine said that she was talking to Kathleen Powell about the consistency of the plaques along the canal.

Lorraine added that the families of Taylor and Bates are still living in the area, and it would be nice to be able to invite those relatives to any future plaque designations that committee might have. Councilor Carlos Garcia asked Brian if Kathleen Powell has access to the photos he was looking for? Brian Narhi said that he approached the museum staff, and they claimed they have nothing at the museum, since Collier Mill was built so long-ago and photographs of the building may not have existed. James Neilson suggested deferring this project until the Welland Canal Task Force's work is further along to ensure that there is coordination with the plaquing program along the canal. James said that he will get in touch with Kathleen Powell to coordinate. Brian suggested that it would be wonderful to have some kind of a little logo (such as a stylized sailing ship) to identify that the plaque is related to the Canal and not a creek. Lorraine suggested a Welland Canal Logo could be used / created. Lorraine added that reading comprehension needs to be considered for the layout and design of the plaques.

Motion By: Robert Speck

"That the DPCSC receive the update about Taylor & Bate from Brian Narhi and defer the decision to the next meeting, pending to conversation with Kathleen"

**CARRIED**

**10. Date of next meeting**

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

"That the DPCSC meeting be adjourned at 11:09 am."

**CARRIED**