

St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee - Designations, Plaquing, and Ceremonies Sub- Committee

Minutes

Friday, August 19, 2022

Electronic Participation at 10:30 am

Members:

Brian Narhi
Robert Speck
Lorraine Giroux

Councillors in Attendance:

Dawn Dodge

Staff Liaison:

James Neilson, Heritage Planner, Planning and Building Services
Elika Zamani, Summer Student

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

Chair Narhi called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.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**

No Additions or Deletions

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

“That the DPCSC adopt the agenda for this DPCSC meeting held on Friday, August 19th, 2022, copies having been previously distributed.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Robert Speck

“That the DPCSC adopt the minutes of the previous meeting on Friday, July 22nd, 2022, 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 Collier Mill

James Neilson gave an overview of what the committee discussed in the last meeting for Lorraine Giroux as she was unable to attend the previous meeting. Lorraine made a number of suggestions and noted that she had circulated her comments in a draft. Lorraine asked about the Richard Collier marking on the map. Brian Narhi responded that that was where Richard Collier’s property was located. Lorraine suggested making a note on the map or in the text that this is where Richard Collier’s house was located. Brian Narhi suggested identifying street names on the map and Lorraine agreed with this idea. James Neilson said that he will see how much information he would be able to fit on the map. Brian Narhi added that he thinks that the Collier store might have been somewhere near the Geneva/Queenston/St. Paul intersection. Robert Speck said that from his research he found that it was located at Niagara Street and Queenston.

Lorraine Giroux went over her comments about the text. Lorraine asked if the committee knew which Methodist Church was noted in the text. Brian said that he thinks it was the Mount Hope Methodist Church. He pointed out that it was

located by the word “concession” on the map in the location of a little square that is unlabelled on the map. The church is no longer there. A north arrow will be placed on the map in case the map is not oriented to the north.

Motion by: Lorraine Giroux

“The DPCSC receive the information from James Neilson and Lorraine Giroux about that the Collier Mill.”

CARRIED

9.2 Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery

Brian Narhi provided an update on Hostetter-Cooke Cemetery. Brian said that there was an article printed in a Port Weller Community Newsletter and added that a few people said that they would be interested in helping. James Neilson said that he didn't receive any news since the previous meeting. Brian said that he got an email from Robert Parker who offered to provide tips/advice about the project from his working experience with restoring his family cemetery. Lorraine Giroux asked if he should attend on the committee meeting and Brian responded that he would talk with Robert Parker.

No motion was made.

9.3 Welland Canal Commemoration Brainstorm

The committee did brainstormed locations for potential plaques as part of the Welland Canal Bicentennial. James Neilson pulled up a map and the committee members mapped locations for potential plaques along the canals. Lorraine Giroux asked what would happen if there is a plaque already in place. James responded that it would just be removed from the list.

The committee mapped approximately 20 sites along the first and second canal, starting in Port Dalhousie, towards the Welland Vale, then downtown and along Oakdale, before finishing at Merritton. The identified sites consisted of important features like locks and industries.

James Neilson added that the committee can match their map with Colleen Beard's map for correct wording for the names of the sites. The committee agreed that there should be one plaque near St. Paul Street that would generally talk about all mills. Also, one general plaque about hydraulic raceways should include the starting and ending points. Lorraine asked if they could have a plaque that shows how different the landscape of St. Catharines was from now. James

Neilson said that it would be a good idea to have the locks numbers identified, even if the committee wouldn't have much to say about each one separately. Brian Narhi agreed with that by adding that the only information they will need to provide is the lock number, canal number and the year of construction on the plaque. Lorraine Giroux suggested to compare the maps with Colleen Beard's map and exchange the knowledge on the date and sites. James Neilson said that they can invite Colleen when the committee is ready to go over their map. Councilor Dawn Dodge suggested having map of all the plaques. Erika Zamani, Horticulture Co-op Student, suggested getting in contact with the geomatics department to add features, like plaques, for staff and public to access. Brian Narhi suggested having a brochure with all the plaques to use on the walking tours. James Neilson added that it is better to store the information of the plaques in the brochure because this project will be realized in 2029, and it can be a challenge to predict technology that far down the road.

No motion was made.

10. Date of next meeting

September 23rd, 2022

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Lorraine Giroux

"That the DPCSC meeting is adjourned at 11:44 am."

CARRIED