Minutes of the twelfth meeting of Heritage Oshawa for 2014, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Diane Stephen, Chair
Christine McLaughlin, Vice Chair
Robert Bell, Member
Margaret Wilkinson, Member
Jennifer Waymark, Oshawa Historical Society, Member
Councillor Rick Kerr, Member

Also Present: L. Davis, Advisory Committee Co-ordinator
M. Kish, Senior Planner

Absent: Gail Bates, Member
Robert Stevenson, Member

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

None.

Additional Agenda-Related Items

None.

Review of the Heritage Oshawa 2014 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2014 Work Plan and noted the following status updates:

1. Administration: Item A – the budget and work plan have been completed and submitted to Finance Services for inclusion in the Council budget binders.

2. Administration: Item B – the Annual Report for 2014 to be completed at the December meeting.

3. Doors Open: Item A – Event for 2014 has been completed. Planning has commenced for 2015.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That the 2014 Heritage Oshawa Work Plan with current status updates be submitted as the 2014 Annual Report to Oshawa City Council.” Carried
Referrals from City Council

None.

Correspondence


The Committee discussed Correspondence HTG-14-116 dated November 2014 from Michael Chan, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade inviting nominations for two of Ontario’s Volunteer Recognition Programs for 2015.

Moved by Robert Bell, “That Correspondence HTG-14-116 dated November 2014 from Michael Chan, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade inviting nominations for two of Ontario’s Volunteer Recognition Programs for 2015 be received for information.” Carried

HTG-14-119  John Malish – Seeking a Letter of Support for St. George’s Ukrainian Catholic Church

The Committee discussed Correspondence HTG-14-119 dated December 9, 2014 from John Malish seeking a letter of support for St. George’s Ukrainian Catholic Church related to the widening project on Highway 401.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson, “That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

That, pursuant to Correspondence HTG-14-119 dated December 9, 2014 from John Malish seeking a letter of support for St. George’s Ukrainian Catholic Church related to the widening project on Highway 401, the City of Oshawa send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation expressing concern regarding the potential excessive ground vibrations or other potential negative consequences caused by the construction and widening of Highway 401 through the urban core, in particular St. Georges Ukrainian Catholic Church located at 579 Albert Street; and,
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That the Ministry of Transportation be requested to advise of the precautions that will be taken by the contractor to ensure there will be no damage to heritage properties.” Carried

Reports

HTG-14-110 Heritage Oshawa 2015 Meeting Schedule


Moved by Christine McLaughlin, “That the 2015 Meeting Schedule as proposed in Report HTG-14-110 ‘Heritage Oshawa 2015 Meeting Schedule’ be adopted as presented.” Carried

HTG-14-115 Information from Oshawa City Council – December 1, 2014


Moved by Jennifer Weymark, “That Report HTG-14-115 ‘Information from Oshawa City Council – December 1, 2014’ dated December 4, 2014 be received for information.” Carried

HTG-14-117 Revised Scugog Carrying Place Plaque Text


The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Robert Bell, “That Heritage Oshawa endorses the text for the Scugog Carrying Place plaque as set out in Report HTG-14-117 ‘Revised Scugog Carrying Place Plaque Text’ dated December 10, 2014.” Carried


The Chair of the Doors Open Working Group provided a verbal report on the activities of the working group to date, stating that the required closing forms have been forwarded to the Ontario Heritage Trust, and that the planning has commenced for 2015.
Moved by Christine McLaughlin,

HTG-14-120 Pioneer Memorial Garden Cemetery Research Report


Moved by Robert Bell,
“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

That pursuant to Report HTG-14-120 ‘Pioneer Memorial Garden Cemetery Research Report’ dated June 2012, Pioneer Memorial Garden Cemetery be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.” Carried

HTG-14-121 Bible Christian Cemetery Research Report


Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

That pursuant to Report HTG-14-121 ‘Bible Christian Cemetery Research Report’ dated August 2012, Bible Christian Cemetery be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.” Carried

HTG-14-122 Methodist Cemetery Research Report


Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

That pursuant to Report HTG-14-122 ‘Methodist Cemetery Research Report’ dated August 2012, Methodist Cemetery be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.” Carried
Other Business

HTG-14-123  Reconsideration of Doors Open 2015 Working Group

Moved by Robert Bell,
"That the appointments to the Doors Open 2015 Working Group be reconsidered." Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner regarding staff support for the 2015 Doors Open event.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
"That the composition of the Doors Open 2015 Working Group be increased by five members to a total of nine members; and,

That six members of the Working Group must also be members of Heritage Oshawa; and,

That three members of the Working Group may be members of the public; and,

That Margaret Wilkinson and Councillor Kerr be appointed to the Working Group as members of Heritage Oshawa; and,

That Laura Thursby, Amanda Robinson and Chelsea Robichaud be appointed to the Working Group as members of the public.” Carried

HTG-14-124  Additional City Staff Support for Doors Open 2015

The Committee discussed the need for additional City staff support related to the preparation for Doors Open 2015.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
"That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

Whereas Doors Open has run successfully for over 10 years entirely by volunteers coordinated through Heritage Oshawa; and

Whereas Doors Open 2014 added three new sites to the 2014 event; and,

Whereas at this year’s Doors Open event there were many requests from the public that the event be a two-day event; and,
Whereas support from city staff significantly improved the coordination of the Heritage Oshawa Doors Open Working Group; and,

Whereas the theme for Doors Open 2015 is 'Our Athletic Heritage' of which Oshawa has a varied and rich heritage; and,

Whereas the Culture Counts, Oshawa’s Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan calls for a strong, vital and connected arts, culture and heritage sector,

Therefore Heritage Oshawa recommends that City Staff be assigned to assist the volunteers in coordinating and implementing the Doors Open event in 2015.” Carried

HTG-14-125 Highway 407 East Extension Further Impact to Heritage Properties

The Chair advised that the Ministry of Transportation has confirmed that there are no additional heritage properties in Oshawa that will be affected by the construction of the Highway 407 East Extension at this time.

HTG-14-126 Stone Pillar and Posts on Simcoe Street North

The Committee discussed the stone pillars on Simcoe Street North located on Tribute and RioCan lands that may be impacted by the widening of Simcoe Street North.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Robert Bell,

“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

That the existing fieldstone pillar matching those removed from the main gates at Windfields Farm as well as the additional smaller concrete posts and attached hardware be salvaged and relocated to be repurposed into landscape design on adjacent properties; and,

That Heritage Oshawa be advised as to the adaptive reuse.” Carried

HTG-14-127 Infill near Olive Avenue Row Houses

The Committee discussed construction that has taken place on vacant lots on Olive Avenue that are abutting structures listed on the Heritage Oshawa Inventory.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.
Moved by Robert Bell,
“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

That in future, when a structure is on the Heritage Oshawa Inventory, that Heritage Oshawa be notified if there is a development abutting it, that design criteria consider massing, roof heights, window and door openings, setbacks, exterior claddings and roof style and pitch in order to better protect the cultural heritage resources and present aesthetically appealing streetscapes.” Carried as amended

Moved by Christine McLaughlin,
“That the motion be amended to remove the words ‘That in future, when a structure is on the Heritage Oshawa Inventory, that Heritage Oshawa be notified if there is a development abutting it’ and replace them with the words ‘Whereas the properties at 106-167 Olive Avenue are on the Heritage Oshawa Inventory, when these buildings or vacant adjacent lands are subject to a building permit.’.” Carried

The vote on the main motion as amended Carried.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That the meeting adjourn.” Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.