

Minutes of the thirteenth meeting of Heritage Oshawa for 2015, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Diane Stephen, Chair
Christine McLaughlin, Vice Chair
Robert Bell, Member
Joseph Lorusso, Member
Amanda Robinson, Member
Robert Stevenson, Member
Margaret Wilkinson, Member
Councillor Rick Kerr, Member

Also Present: Laura Davis, Advisory Committee Coordinator
Margaret Kish, Senior Planner

Absent: Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society, Member

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

HTG-15-105 Proposed Restoration to Genosha Hotel

Tracy Christie, Tony Mandorano and Ray Buller of Bowood Properties reviewed the proposed and ongoing restoration projects at the Genosha Hotel. The delegates presented a video of the progress to date, noting that they are attempting to salvage as much as possible and where replacements have been made such as the windows and skylights, they will mimic the original design. It was also noted that the brickwork has been washed and sealed with a product intended to last 10 years in order to reduce maintenance as much as possible.

The Committee questioned Tracy Christie, Tony Mandorano and Ray Buller.

Moved by Christine McLaughlin,
"That the presentation from Bowood Properties regarding the proposed restoration to the Genosha Hotel be received for information." Carried

HTG-15-106 Social Media Messaging

The Chair advised that this presentation has been deferred to 2016.

HTG-15-107 Request for Comments: 2370 Simcoe Street North (Trillium Horse Cemetery)

The Senior Planner along with resident John Mappin provided a presentation regarding a proposal to install a grave marker for Lady Angela at the Trillium Cemetery. It was noted that the marker would be similar in size and design to the markers for Vice Regent and Chop Chop, including the name, dates and lineage of the horse and that the marker would be paid for by personal donation. The Senior Planner noted that staff are still gathering information regarding the proposal, and that discussions must also be held Tribute as they own the property at this time.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner and John Mappin.

Moved by
"That the presentation from Planning Services regarding the request for comments for 2370 Simcoe Street North be received for information." Carried

Additional Agenda-Related Items

None.

Review of the Heritage Oshawa 2015 Work Plan

Moved by
"That the review of the Heritage Oshawa 2015 Work Plan be deferred to the end of the meeting." Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

Referrals from City Council

None.

Correspondence

None.

Reports

HTG-15-102 Heritage Oshawa 2016 Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed Report HTG-15-102 'Heritage Oshawa 2016 Meeting Schedule'.

The Committee questioned the Advisory Committee Coordinator.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That the Heritage Oshawa 2016 Meeting Schedule as set out in Report HTG-15-102 be adopted as presented with the addition of a regular meeting to be scheduled on August 25, 2016.” Carried

HTG-15-103 Inventory and Designation Working Group Report – December 2015

The Committee discussed Report HTG-15-103 ‘Inventory and Designation Working Group Report – December 2015’ dated December 10, 2015.

Moved by Joseph Lorusso,
“That Report HTG-15-103 ‘Inventory and Designated Working Group Report – December 2015’ be referred to the discussion of the 2015 Work Plan Status update.” Carried

HTG-15-104 Doors Open Working Group Report – December 2015

The Chair of the Doors Open Working Group provided an update of the working group’s activities to date, stating that the Working Group has received a list of event deadline dates as provided by Recreation and Culture Services that will be added to the Heritage Oshawa member manuals.

Moved by Christine McLaughlin,
“That verbal Report HTG-15-104 ‘Doors Open Working Group Report – December 2015’ be received for information.” Carried

Other Business

HTG-15-108 Upcoming Commemorations and Anniversaries

The Committee discussed a number of upcoming anniversaries and commemorations in 2016, 2017 and 2018 including the 200th anniversary of the Simcoe Street United Church congregation, the 150th anniversary of the Simcoe Street United Church building, the 150th anniversary of the Ontario Regiment, the 90th anniversary of the Jubilee Pavilion and the 100th anniversary of significant airplane crashes in Oshawa.

Review of the Heritage Oshawa 2015 Work Plan

The committee discussed the Heritage Oshawa 2015 Work Plan and noted the following status updates:

1. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item A: No specific discussion held by working group.

2. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item B: Presented statements and descriptions for cemeteries, ongoing follow up communication with property owners who inquired about designation.
3. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item C: No further action at this time.
4. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item D: Discussion on Memorial Park Designation to be continued in 2016.
5. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item E: Properties were not selected for 2015.
6. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item F: Implementation is ongoing.
7. Designations and Heritage Conservation Item G: None undertaken
8. Support and Assistance for Heritage Property Owners: Heritage Oshawa supported the Heritage Tax Reduction Program by assisting staff with inspections under this program.
9. Administration Item B: Annual Report completed in December 2015.
10. Administration Item D: Reviewed ten development applications, three demolition permit applications and two alteration/repair applications (complete list to be included on final report).
11. Inventory Item A: Photographs taken of Odessa Hall, barn on former Windfields Farm, House 22 on former Windfields Farm and Windfields Farm pillars and posts on Regional right-of-way. Properties with structures built in 1945 visually reviewed by Working Group.
12. Inventory Item B: Request from owner of 168 Centre Street South referred to Designation and Inventory Working Group; discussions continue with owner regarding possibility of designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.
13. Inventory Item C: Noted four additional alteration applications and the recommendation to repeal By-Law 68-2004 designating the Magner-Robson House.
14. Inventory Item D: The Heritage Oshawa Inventory was updated including House 44 on the former Windfields Farm (Harriet Cock House)
15. Inventory Item E: Four properties were added to the Municipal Register.
16. Inventory Item F: Plaque wording developed for Ritson Road North underpass. Received an update regarding the Highway 407 Community Value Plan Phase 2 including decisions regarding the embossment detailing on the Winchester Road

East Bridge that will be in keeping with previous Heritage Oshawa recommendations.

17. Communications Item A: Twitter post and press release by the City on November 16, 2015 commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the death of Northern Dancer.
18. Communications Item B: Text, design and location for Pedlar plaque in Memorial park undertaken; installation in 2016. Will be presenting at an Oshawa Historical Society meeting in 2016. Tent, banner and brochure procurement to be considered for 2016.
19. Communications Item C: Completed
20. Communications Item E: 407 Salvage Report adopted by Council, implementation of report is part of the 2016 Heritage Oshawa Work Plan.
21. Communications Item F: 2016 event deadlines for Doors Open provided by Recreation and Culture Services to be added to Heritage Oshawa member manual.
22. Doors Open Item A: Over 5700 people attended the event and the date selected for 2016 is October 1.

Moved by Joseph Lorusso,

“That the 2015 Heritage Oshawa Work plan as reviewed December 17, 2015 be submitted to City Council as the annual report for Heritage Oshawa for 2015.” Carried

Moved by Christine McLaughlin,

“That the meeting adjourn.” Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.