

Minutes of the fifth meeting of Heritage Oshawa for 2016, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Diane Stephen, Chair
Robert Bell, Member
Joseph Lorusso, Member
Amanda Robinson, Member
Margaret Wilkinson, Member
Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society, Member
Councillor Rick Kerr, Member (left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.)

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

Absent: Christine McLaughlin, Vice Chair

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

HTG-16-70 Proposed Alterations to 121 Simcoe Street South, Former Girl Guide House

The Senior Planner provided an overview of the proposed alterations to 121 Simcoe Street South, also known as the former Girl Guide House including a proposed staircase on the north side as well as air conditioning unit ventilation grills.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That, based on the presentation from Planning Services concerning proposed alterations to 121 Simcoe Street South also known as the former Girl Guide House, Heritage Oshawa has no objection to the proposed addition of a stairwell on the northwest corner of the building and the inclusion of air conditioning units for each apartment unit.”
Carried

HTG-16-71 Proposed Alterations to 20 King Street East

The Senior Planner provided an overview of the proposed alterations to 20 King Street East, noting the building was built in 1872, is listed as a Class B property in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory and that there is

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no research report on the property. The Senior Planner advised that the alteration will enlarge the main floor window opening.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Joseph Lorusso,

“That based on the presentation from Planning Services concerning proposed alterations to 20 King Street East, Heritage Oshawa has no objection to the proposed alteration to enlarge front window of the building; and

That the owner be advised of the City’s Façade Improvement Loan program.” Carried

HTG-16-72

Proposal Concerning 494 King Street East, Rogers House

The Senior Planner and Ferdinand Wagner, Architect, provided a presentation on a proposal concerning the property at 494 King Street East, also known as the Rogers House. The Senior Planner stated that the project developers have provided two options for the property both of which include severing the land into five separate lots. It was stated that option one is to demolish the existing house and construct five new houses, and that option two is to relocate the existing house closer to the corner of the lot and construct four new houses. It was further noted that option one conforms to Zoning By-law restrictions, while option two does not.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner and Ferdinand Wager.

Moved by Robert Bell,

“Whereas 494 King Street East is listed on the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of Heritage Properties as a Class A property built in 1880; and,

Whereas it is the preference of Heritage Oshawa to keep the house in situ with the existing landscaping; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa recognizes the economic realities of this being a valuable development site; and

Whereas although the setbacks under development Option 2 may be below current standards, they are in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood and reflect the existing built properties important to the character of the neighbourhood;

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Therefore Heritage Oshawa recommends:

1. That development Option 2 which includes relocating the house and the construction of four new houses be pursued; and,
2. That Heritage Oshawa recommends that the new houses complement and reflect the style and character of the neighbourhood.

Review of the Heritage Oshawa 2016 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2016 Heritage Oshawa Work Plan and noted the following status updates:

1. Communications Item d) The Pedlar Plaque unveiling will take place on June 13, 2016. The great grandchild of Hendry Pedlar will participate in the ceremony.

Additional Agenda-Related Items

Moved by Robert Bell,

“That the rules of procedure be waived to add Correspondence HTG-16-69 from RioCan Management Inc. regarding the Harriet Cock House and the Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program to the Heritage Oshawa agenda for May 26, 2016.”
Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

HTG-16-69 RioCan Management Inc. – Commemorating Harriet Cock and the Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program

Moved by Councillor Kerr,

“That based on Correspondence HTG-16-69 from RioCan Management Inc regarding commemorating Harriet Cock and the Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program:

1. That Heritage Oshawa send a letter of thanks for the financial donation of \$15,000; and,
2. That RioCan be advised that Heritage Oshawa appreciates the plaque and opportunity to work with the developer concerning placement and wording; and,
3. That Heritage Oshawa have the opportunity to photograph and salvage from the property prior to demolition.” Lost

Councillor Kerr left during discussion.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

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Moved by Jennifer Weymark,

“That based on Correspondence HTG-16-69 from RioCan Management Inc. regarding commemorating Harriet Cock and the Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program:

1. That Heritage Oshawa accepts, with regret, the decision to demolish the Harriet Cock House; and,
2. That Heritage Oshawa appreciates the opportunity to recognize Harriet Cock via a plaque and looks forward to working with RioCan Management Inc. on the wording and location; and,
3. That Heritage Oshawa requests the opportunity to photograph and salvage from the Harriet Cock House prior to demolition.” Carried

Referrals from City Council

None.

Correspondence

HTG-16-67 Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre Inviting Heritage Oshawa to Set Up a Display table at the Swing Into Summer Event

The Committee discussed Correspondence HTG-16-67 dated May 5, 2016 from Colleen Zavrel, Program and Services Director, Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres inviting Heritage Oshawa to set up a display table at the Swing into Summer event on June 1, 2016.

Moved by Joseph Lorusso,

“That based on Correspondence HTG-16-67 dated May 5, 2016 from Colleen Zavrel, Program and Services Director, Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres inviting Heritage Oshawa to set up a display table at the Swing into Summer event on June 1, 2016, Robert Bell and Diane Stephen attend the event on behalf of Heritage Oshawa with a display table and provide a copy of the Heritage Oshawa Inventory for use as a door prize if requested.” Carried

Reports

HTG-16-64 Inventory Working Group Report – May 2016

The Committee discussed Report HTG-16-64 ‘Inventory Working Group Report – May 2016’.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,

“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

Whereas Heritage Oshawa advises and assists Council on matters relating to the designation and preservation of heritage properties as well as promotion of the City's cultural heritage resources; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa has compiled an Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties which contains a list of significant cultural heritage resources within the city of Oshawa; and,

Whereas the Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties identifies Class A and Class B categories of heritage properties; and,

Whereas Class A properties are defined as having the highest potential for designation and Class B properties are defined as having a good potential for designation; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa from time to time identifies certain properties contained in the Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties as a priority for designation pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

Whereas the Heritage Oshawa Inventory Working Group will identify appropriate "Priority Properties" from time to time identified as either Class A or Class B in the Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa believes that it is important for owners of Class A and Class B properties identified in the Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties to understand the advantages and responsibilities associated with a heritage designation; and,

Whereas Attachment 1 to Report HTG-16-64 is a copy of a sample Heritage Designation Information Letter; and

Therefore, that staff be directed to issue Heritage Designation Information Letters as generally set out in Attachment 1 to Report HTG-16-64 to the owners of Priority Properties." Carried

HTG-16-65

Brochure Working Group Report – May 2016

The Committee discussed Report HTG-16-65 'Brochure Working Group Report for May 2016.

Moved by Joseph Lorusso,
"Whereas the Brochure Working Group was established to create a brochure outlining the details associated with the process to designate properties of cultural heritage value or importance and the advantages

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and responsibilities associated with owning a designated property;
and,

Whereas the Brochure Working Group has worked with City staff to create the Guide to Designated Properties brochure as shown in Attachment 1 to Report HTG-16-65; and

Whereas there are sufficient funds available in the budget to print copies of the brochure;

Therefore, that 500 copies of the brochure, generally as shown in Attachment 1 to Report HTG-16-65, be printed at a cost not to exceed \$200 plus taxes; and,

That 150 of the brochures be placed in the racks across from Service Oshawa and the remainder be used for various Heritage Oshawa events and matters.” Carried

HTG-16-66

Addition of Four Properties to the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties

The Committee discussed Report HTG-16-66 ‘Addition of Four Properties to the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties’.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,

“Whereas the Heritage Oshawa Heritage Building Evaluation System is a tool based upon well-defined criteria and used to evaluate and classify buildings according to architectural, historical and contextual value; and,

Whereas Class A properties are defined as having the highest potential for designation and Class B properties are defined as having a good potential for designation; and,

Whereas certain properties have been evaluated by the Inventory Working Group using the Heritage Oshawa Building Evaluation System and have been assigned a classification of either Class A or Class B as follows:

- a) 62 Whiting Avenue, Class A
- b) 309 William Street East, Class A
- c) 90 Roxborough Street, Class A

d) 504 King Street East, Class B; and

Whereas the properties located at 62 Whiting Avenue, 309 William Street East, 90 Roxborough Street, and 504 King Street East are not currently included in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties;

Therefore be it resolved that 62 Whiting Avenue (Class A), 309 William Street East (Class A), 90 Roxborough Street (Class A) and 504 King Street East (Class B), and their associated classification be added to the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties.” Carried

HTG-16-68

Doors Open 2016 Working Group Report – May 2016

The Chair of the Doors Open Working Group provided a verbal report of the Working Group’s activities to date, stating that the postcard brochures have been printed, and the Ontario Heritage Trust brochure will be circulated shortly. The Chair of the Working Group advised that the site list will be finalized by May 31, 2016 and that the working group is trying to include Northern Dancer’s Cemetery in the site list. It was noted that a walking tour of the parklands near the hospital will also be conducted during the event which will highlight the Doors Open theme of Medical Science and Innovation.

Moved by Robert Bell,
“That Report HTG-16-68 being a verbal report from the Doors Open 2016 Working Group for the month of May 2016 be received for information.” Carried

Other Business

HTG-16-73

Updated Heritage Oshawa Brochure

Moved by Robert Bell,
“That the membership and purpose of the Brochure Working Group be reconsidered; and,

That the membership of the Working Group be increased by one member of Heritage Oshawa; and,

That Robert Bell be appointed as a member of the Brochure Working Group; and,

That the Brochure Working Group review and update the Heritage Oshawa general information brochure.” Carried

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HTG-16-74 Canada Day Booth at Lakeview Park

The Chair of the Canada Day Working Group advised that the application to have a booth at the event in Lakeview Park on Canada Day has been submitted and that volunteers will be needed to help staff the booth at the event.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
"That the meeting adjourn." Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.