

Minutes of the seventh meeting of Heritage Oshawa for 2016, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Robert Bell, Member
Joseph Lorusso, Member
Amanda Robinson, Member (left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.)
Margaret Wilkinson, Member
Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society, Member
Councillor Rick Kerr, Member

Also

Present: Laura Davis, Committee Coordinator
Felicia Bianchet, Advisory Committee Coordinator
Laura Moebis, Planner B

Absent: Diane Stephen, Chair

The Committee Coordinator called the meeting to order.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

HTG-16-96 Election of Vice Chair

Members of the Committee advised that the Chair has relocated outside of Oshawa and is no longer eligible to maintain membership on the Committee.

The Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Chair of Heritage Oshawa until December 2016.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
"That Amanda Robinson be nominated as Chair of Heritage Oshawa until December 2016."

Amanda Robinson declined the nomination.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
"That Joseph Lorusso be nominated as Chair of Heritage Oshawa until December 2016." Carried by later vote

Joseph Lorusso accepted the nomination.

Moved by Robert Bell,
"That the floor be closed for further nominations for the role of Chair."
Carried

The vote to appoint Joseph Lorusso as Chair of Heritage Oshawa
Carried

The Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the
role of Vice Chair of Heritage Oshawa until December 2016.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
"That Amanda Robinson be nominated as Vice Chair of Heritage
Oshawa until December 2016." Carried by later vote

Amanda Robinson accepted the nomination.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
"That the floor be closed for further nominations for the role of Vice
Chair." Carried

The vote to appoint Amanda Robinson as Vice Chair of Heritage
Oshawa Carried

Joseph Lorusso assumed the Chair.

HTG-16-88 Request for Comment on Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision for
512 Thornton Road North

The Planner B provided a presentation on an upcoming Planning Act
Public Meeting on September 12, 2016 regarding applications for
Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision and Common Elements Draft
Plan of Condominium submitted by Gul Jacobi (Katanna
Developments) for lands at 512 Thornton Road North.

The Committee questioned the Planner B.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
"That Heritage Oshawa has no objections to the proposed Draft Plan of
Subdivision as submitted for 512 Thornton Road North." Carried

HTG-16-89 Resolution Regarding Proposal to Alter Trillium Cemetery to Include
Grave Marker for the Horse Lady Angela

The Planner B provided a presentation regarding a proposal to alter
Trillium Cemetery to include a grave marker for the Horse Lady Angela

The Committee questioned the Planner B.

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

Whereas the Trillium Cemetery located at 370 Britannia Avenue West in the City of Oshawa and legally described as Part 1, Plan 40R-28768, OSHAWA, is designated pursuant to Part IV of the Oshawa Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and,

Whereas the burial sites of distinguished horses, including many award-winning thoroughbreds, owned by Windfields Farm and the Taylor family, and the naturalness of the site, which gives the Cemetery its appropriate character, almost like a sacred grove of trees, are identified as heritage attributes pursuant to the Heritage Designation By-law, By-law 65-2015, passed on June 8, 2015, and;

Whereas Trillium Cemetery includes the remains of Lady Angela, described by some as the most important horse buried in Trillium Cemetery because of her status as granddam of Northern Dancer and hence matriarch of a vast dynasty of champion racehorses that continue to dominate the world of horse racing; and,

Whereas Muriel Lennox and John Mappin have applied to the City to undertake the installation of a gravestone to indicate the resting place of Lady Angela within the Trillium Cemetery. The proposed gravestone is intended to be of similar size and composition to that of the other gravestones in the Trillium Cemetery and to include the engraved name, date of birth, date of death and lineage of Lady Angela; and,

Whereas John Mappin has agreed to pay for the maintenance and installation of the gravestone; and,

Whereas Trillium Cemetery is owned by 2157236 Ontario Limited (Tribute Communities) and Tribute Communities has agreed to the proposal to install a grave marker to commemorate the horse Lady Angela; and,

Whereas Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act states that Council must consult with its municipal heritage committee, if one is established, prior to making a decision on the proposal;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That City Council consent to the installation of a gravestone in the Trillium Cemetery located at 370 Britannia Avenue West, and legally described as Part 1, Plan 40R-28768, OSHAWA, and that the gravestone be of similar size and composition to

that of the other gravestones in the Trillium Cemetery and include the engraved name, birth and death dates and lineage of Lady Angela and that it be paid for by John Mappin; and,

2. That City Council direct the City Clerk to give notice of its decision to the owner of the property, 2157236 Ontario Limited, and the Ontario Heritage Trust.” Carried as amended by later vote

Moved by Robert Bell,

“That the motion be amended by deleting the words ‘gravestones in the Trillium Cemetery’ in the fourth paragraph and inserting the words ‘gravestone in the Centre Core Cemetery’; and, by deleting the words “Trillium Cemetery” in part one of the resolution and inserting the words “Centre Core Cemetery.” Carried

The motion concerning HTG-16-89 carried as amended

HTG-16-90

Notice of Public Meeting for 1015 King Street East

The Planner B provided a presentation on an upcoming Planning Act Public Meeting on September 12, 2016 regarding applications for Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision and to Amend Zoning By-law 60-94 submitted by 1015 King Inv. Ltd. for lands at 1015 King Street East.

The Committee questioned the Planner B.

Moved by Robert Bell,

“That Heritage Oshawa has no objection to the proposal to implement a draft plan of subdivision for the lands located at 1015 King Street East.” Carried

HTG-16-91

Notice of Public Meeting for Windfields Community Park

The Planner B provided a presentation on an upcoming Non-Statutory Public Meeting on September 12, 2016 to obtain comments from the public regarding a proposed new location for the Windfields Community Park.

The Committee questioned the Planner B.

Moved by Robert Bell,

“That Heritage Oshawa has been informed of an upcoming public meeting concerning a proposed new location for the Windfields Community Park; and,

That Heritage Oshawa be given additional information regarding the siting of current park in relation to Centre Core Cemetery and proposed new uses for the current park area; and,

That Heritage Oshawa be given further opportunity to comment on the plan with this additional information.” Carried

HTG-16-92

Notice of Public Meeting for 382 Simcoe Street North

The Planner B provided a presentation on an upcoming Planning Act Public Meeting on September 12, 2016 regarding an application to Amend Zoning By-law 60-94 submitted by Lakeridge Health for 382 Simcoe Street North.

The Committee questioned the Planner B.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That the presentation regarding the Notice of Public Meeting for 382 Simcoe Street North be received for information.” Lost

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
“Whereas Heritage Oshawa received the presentation regarding the Notice of Public Meeting for 382 Simcoe Street North; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa cannot confirm that it will be given the opportunity to review the application with further details;

Therefore, Heritage Oshawa has concerns at this time regarding the re-zoning of this building including:

1. That it is a Type A property listed on the Heritage Oshawa Inventory; and,
2. That it partners with another fine property as a gateway to Alexandra Park; and,
3. That there are many properties on the same street within the Heritage Oshawa Inventory; and,
4. That consideration was given of establishing the area as a Heritage Conservation District in the past.” Carried by later vote

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
“That the motion be amended by deleting the words ‘that consideration was given of establishing the area as a Heritage Conservation District in the past’. Lost

The motion concerning the Notice of Public Meeting for 382 Simcoe Street North Carried

Amanda Robinson left the meeting.

HTG-16-93 2017 Draft Heritage Oshawa Work Plan and Budget

Moved by Robert Bell,
“That the 2017 Draft Heritage Oshawa Work Plan and Budget be tabled for discussion at the September 22, 2016 meeting.” Carried

Review of the Heritage Oshawa 2016 Work Plan

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

1. Communication: Item b) It was noted that members of the Heritage Oshawa Committee set up a display at the Fire Hall 6 Opening and the event was well attended. Members advised that the display was very positive, and copies of the Inventory were available for the public to view.

Additional Agenda-Related Items

Moved by Jennifer Weymark,
“That the rules of procedure be waived to add Report HTG-16-97 from The Parkwood Foundation regarding the Restoration of the R.S. McLaughlin Estate Parkwood National Historic Site Greenhouses 1,2,4,5 and 6 to the Heritage Oshawa agenda for August 25, 2016.” Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

HTG-16-97 Restoration of the R.S. McLaughlin Estate Parkwood National Historic Site Greenhouses 1,2,4,5 and 6

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

Whereas the R. S. McLaughlin Estate Parkwood National Historic Site (Parkwood) located at 270 to 290 Simcoe Street North in the City of Oshawa is designated pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of architectural and historical interest; and,

Whereas the greenhouses are identified as heritage attributes pursuant to the heritage designation by-law, By-law 5-2000 passed on January 17, 2000; and,

Whereas the greenhouse complex, in general, has been a conservation priority of The Parkwood Foundation for many years; and

Whereas The Parkwood Foundation has applied to the City (see Attachment 1) to undertake conservation work on Greenhouses 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. The proposed conservation work includes the preservation of Greenhouses 1, 2, 4 and 5 and the restoration of Greenhouse 6 (the Palm House) to restore the structures to their original appearance circa 1972, of which the conservation work will include: replacing the glazing as necessary to match the original configuration and material, including the curved eave glass on Greenhouse 6 (the Palm House) only (for Greenhouses 1, 2, 4 and 5 curved clear acrylic panels will be used in lieu of the curved eave glass), replacing degraded wood and metal elements to match the originals in size and profile, and the stabilization of masonry elements by repair or replacements in kind as necessary; and,

Whereas Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act states that Council must consult with its municipal heritage committee, if one is established, prior to making a decision on the application;

Therefore, City Council consent to the conservation work on Greenhouses 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of R. S. McLaughlin Estate Parkwood National Historic Site on the basis of the terms and conditions proposed by The Parkwood Foundation, namely, that it is The Parkwood Foundation's intention to undertake the preservation of Greenhouses 1, 2, 4 and 5 and the restoration of Greenhouse 6 (the Palm House) to restore the structures to their original appearance circa 1972, of which the conservation work will include: replacing the glazing as necessary to match the original configuration and material, including the curved eave glass on Greenhouse 6 (the Palm House) only (for Greenhouses 1, 2, 4 and 5 curved clear acrylic panels will be used in lieu of the curved eave glass), replacing degraded wood and metal elements to match the originals in size and profile, and the stabilization of masonry elements by repair or replacements in kind as necessary." Carried

Referrals from City Council

None.

Correspondence

None.

Reports

HTG-16-86 Doors Open Working Group Report – August 2016

Moved by Robert Bell,
“That in the absence of the Chair of the Doors Open Working Group, verbal Report HTG-16-86 regarding the Doors Open Working Group’s activities in August 2016 be deferred to September 22, 2016.” Carried

HTG-16-87 Inventory Working Group Report – August 2016

The Chair of the Inventory Working Group provided a verbal report of the Working Group’s activities to date, stating that the group did not meet during the summer, and will have a report for the meeting in September.

Moved by Jennifer Weymark,
“That verbal Report HTG-16-87 regarding the Inventory Working Group’s activities in August 2016 be received for information.” Carried

HTG-16-94 Brochure Working Group Report – August 2016

The Chair of the Brochure Working Group provided a verbal report of the Working Group’s activities in August 2016, stating that the group has not met over the summer, however will be meeting later to discuss the new brochure. The new brochure will have the same template as other new publications for consistency.

Moved by Robert Bell,
“That verbal Report HTG-16-94 regarding the Brochure Working Group’s activities for August 2016 be received for information.” Carried

HTG-16-95 Canada Day Working Group Report – August 2016

The Chair of the Canada Day Working Group provided a verbal report of the Working Group’s activities in August 2016, stating that the event was well attended, and there was interest in general history and the military history in Oshawa. The Chair advised that they did not have a tent, and recommends that Heritage Oshawa look into purchasing a folding gazebo to use for events in 2017. In addition, the Chair further noted that there was positive feedback for the museum activities.

Moved by Margaret Wilkinson,
“That verbal Report HTG-16-95 regarding the Canada Day Working Group’s activities for August 2016 be received for information; and,

That the Canada Day Working Group be disbanded.” Carried

Other Business

HTG-16-98 Demolition of Italianate – Style Front Porch at 707 Harmony Road North

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

Whereas the property at 707 Harmony Road North is identified as a Class A property in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties; and,

Whereas a Class A property is defined as a property with the highest potential for designation pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

Whereas the house on the property at 707 Harmony Road North was built in 1835 and other than the Oshawa the Oshawa Community Museum’s Guy House, is the oldest house in Oshawa and is one of a very few typical style of rural Ontario stone farmhouse structures remaining in Oshawa; and,

Whereas the intricate detail of the Italianate-style front porch of 707 Harmony Road North is unique to this type of rural Ontario stone farmhouse structure; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa has a process to review and comment on proposed alterations for 707 Harmony Road North (HTG-15-88) and passed the following resolution:

“That Heritage Oshawa has no objection to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to permit a real estate office or other types of service office and professional office uses on the property at 707 Harmony Road North and that Heritage Oshawa would like to see the existing front façade of the original building maintained.”

Whereas on December 14, 2016 Council endorsed the recommendation from the Development Services Committee to amend the Eastdale Part II Plan (File OPA-2015-01) to permit service office and professional office uses as additional permitted uses at 707 Harmony Road North and to amend Zoning By-law 60-94 (File Z-2015-

01) to permit service office and professional office uses as additional permitted uses at 707 Harmony Road North in accordance with the comments contained in Report DS-15-223 dated December 2, 2015, and the necessary by-law be passed; and,

Whereas Report DS-15-223 stated that the existing front façade and the heritage character of the existing building is proposed to be maintained; and,

Whereas it has come to the attention of Heritage Oshawa that the Italianate-style front porch of the house at 707 Harmony Road North is demolished and that the demolition of the front porch was not included as part of the owner's proposal to the City; and,

Whereas it has come to the attention of Heritage Oshawa that the owner has replaced all the windows on the front façade of the house and that the lancet shaped window on the front façade above the front porch was not replaced with a similar shaped window and that this work was not included as part of the owner's proposal to the City; and,

Therefore be it resolved that City Council request that when the owner of 707 Harmony Road North rebuilds the front porch, it is to be completed in a similar Italianate style and size and with similar materials to that which was demolished and replace the window above the front porch with a lancet-shaped window. This is in order to recreate the appearance of the façade of this unique and special heritage house as it would have appeared prior to the demolition of the front porch and replacement of the lancet-shaped window." Carried as amended by later vote

Moved by Councillor Kerr,

"That the resolution be amended by replacing the last paragraph with the following:

'Therefore be it resolved that in order to recreate the appearance of the façade of this unique and special heritage house as it would have appeared prior to the demolition of the front porch and replacement of the lancet-shaped window:

1. That when the owner of 707 Harmony Road North rebuilds the front porch it is to be completed in a similar Italianate-style and size with similar materials to that which was demolished; and,
2. That the owner replace the window above the front porch with a lancet-shaped window.' " Carried

The motion concerning 707 Harmony Road North Carried as amended.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
"That the meeting adjourn." Carried
The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.