

Minutes of the fifth meeting of Heritage Oshawa for 2018, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Laura Thursby, Chair
Alicia Bertrand, Vice Chair
Jane Clark, Member (entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m.)
Ann Dulhanty, Member
Derek Grieve, Member
Jo-Ann Hayden, Member
Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society, Member
Councillor Rick Kerr, Member

Also Present: Felicia Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
Margaret Kish, Senior Planner

Absent: Jack O'Donnell, Member

Additional Agenda Items

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

None.

Review of the Heritage Oshawa 2018 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2018 Heritage Oshawa work plan and noted various status updates.

Referrals from Standing Committee

None.

Correspondence

HTG-18-33 Oshawa Public Libraries Requesting Feedback Concerning a Proposed New Series

The Committee discussed Correspondence HTG-18-33 dated May 1, 2018 from the Oshawa Public Libraries requesting feedback concerning a proposed new series.

Jane Clark entered the meeting during the discussion.

Moved by Alicia Bertrand,
“That Correspondence HTG-18-33 dated May 1, 2018 from the Oshawa Public Libraries requesting feedback concerning a proposed new series be received for information.” Carried

Reports

HTG-18-35 Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program Webpage and Essay Contest Volunteers

The Committee discussed Report HTG-18-35 dated May 16, 2018 concerning honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program webpage and essay contest volunteers.

Moved by Alicia Bertrand,
“That a Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group be created; and,

That the following members of Heritage Oshawa be appointed to the Working Group: Alicia Bertrand, Ann Dulhanty, and Derek Grieve; and,

That Heritage Oshawa appoint Margaret Wilkinson to the Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group as a member of the public; and,

That Derek Grieve be appointed as Chair of the Working Group.”
Carried

HTG-18-34 Inventory Working Group Report – May 2018

The Chair of the Inventory Working Group provided a verbal Report of the Working Group’s activities for May 2018 stating that the list of properties with structures built in 1948 has been divided between the Working Group. The Chair of the Working Group and Committee discussed how to implement the “Heritage Plaque Program” and the next steps.

Moved by Ann Dulhanty,
“Whereas at the meeting of City Council on February 20, 2018 Council adopted the recommendation contained in DS-18-30 requesting the City be given the first opportunity to acquire the land and building at 47 Simcoe Street South currently in use as a Canada Post Distribution Centre, should it become available; and,

Whereas 47 Simcoe Street South is in Oshawa’s Inventory of Properties of Cultural Heritage interest and value and deemed a Class

A property, with the highest potential to be Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

Whereas the recommendation contemplated using the existing building at 47 Simcoe Street South to house technological and entrepreneurial activities and in so doing support economic development in a way consistent with the City's Urban Growth Centre strategic plan; and,

Whereas repurposing existing properties and buildings in a way that preserves their cultural heritage attributes, while maintaining economic viability and usefulness, is considered a good practice both socially and environmentally;

Therefore, Heritage Oshawa expresses its strong support for the recommendation approved by City Council to consider the acquisition of 47 Simcoe Street South, currently a Canada Post Distribution Centre, to preserve and repurpose it, retaining its heritage attributes while fostering economic development." Carried

Moved by Ann Dulhanty,
"That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee:

Whereas the City of Oshawa released a Request for Proposal for development of the Columbus Area Part 2 Plan on March 29, 2018; and,

Whereas this development opportunity recognizes "Future growth is to occur in a manner that is sensitive to the community's historical context and cultural heritage" in the hamlet of Columbus; and,

Whereas the C2018-012 Columbus Part 2 Master plan recognizes that many properties of recognized heritage value and interest exist in Columbus, as recorded in Oshawa's Inventory; and,

Whereas the C2018-012 Columbus Part 2 Master Plan includes a Community Advisory Committee (section 2.6.3) which will be consulted at all steps along the development process; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa has knowledge and experience in assessing and protecting heritage properties and areas;

Therefore, Heritage Oshawa requests a representative from Heritage Oshawa be included on the Community Advisory Committee to assist the local residents with matters related to protecting heritage attributes, in addition to the role it will play through Development Services." Carried

Moved by Ann Dulhanty,
“That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services
Committee:

Whereas the Robson Tannery Office and the C.L.O.C.A. Building and
surrounding property, at 100 Whiting Avenue is a significant site in the
manufacturing, cultural and development history of Oshawa; and,

Whereas Heritage Oshawa has a research report on 100 Whiting
Avenue and it is a Class A property in the Inventory; and,

Whereas the Robson Tannery Office/C.L.O.C.A. Building, constructed
in the 1920s and currently in near original condition, has heritage value
with the clean, simple lines of Modern Classicism and yet it is noted as
unusually stylish with an uncharacteristic light colour for an industrial
site; and,

Whereas 100 Whiting Avenue has associative value as it has a long
history in the industrial and economic development of Oshawa,
including significant involvement in Oshawa’s oldest industry – tanning.
It was the site of the manufacture of farm equipment in the early
1800s, then leather goods for almost a century, including providing
boots for World War Two troops in the 1940s; and,

Whereas 100 Whiting Avenue has contextual value as it is adjacent to
streets (Robson and Frank) named for the founders of Oshawa’s
tannery industry, where factory workers once lived; and,

Whereas 100 Whiting Avenue has contextual value as it is currently
home to the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and in the
area of the pristine, natural Oshawa Creek trails;

Therefore be it resolved that 100 Whiting Avenue, including the
building and surrounding property with potential archeological
significance, be Designated as a property of cultural heritage
significance under the Ontario Heritage Act.” Carried

HTG-18-36

Heritage Oshawa Outreach & Education Working Group Report –
May 2018

The Chair of the Heritage Oshawa Outreach & Education Working
Group provided a verbal Report of the Working Group’s activities for
May 2018 stating that the Jane’s Walk event was well attended with 11
walks across Durham Region. The Chair of the Working Group stated
that the group is working on “Throwback Thursday” features, looking
for volunteers for outreach events, and will be discussing items to go
into the “outreach kit” at the next meeting.

Moved by Alicia Bertrand,
"That verbal Report HTG-18-36 concerning the Heritage Oshawa
Outreach & Education Working Group's activities for May 2018 be
received for information." Carried

Other Business

None.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
"That the meeting adjourn." Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.