

Minutes of the eighth meeting of Heritage Oshawa for 2018, being a special meeting held in the Green Room, Arts Resource Centre on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Alicia Bertrand, Vice Chair
Jane Clark, Member
Ann Dulhanty, Member (entered the meeting at 7:38 p.m.)
Derek Grieve, Member
Jo-Ann Hayden, Member
Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society, Member (left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.)
Councillor Rick Kerr, Member (entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.)

Also Present: Felicia Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
Tom Goodeve, Principal Planner
Marnie Mandel, Culture Development Coordinator
Catherine Richards, Manager, Culture and Centralized Recreation Services

Absent: Laura Thursby, Chair
Jack O'Donnell, Member

Additional Agenda Items

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

HTG-18-58 Exhibition Plan for the Fire Hall 6 Heritage Gallery

Marnie Mandel, Culture Development Coordinator and Catherine Richards, Manager, Culture and Centralized Recreation Services provided a presentation concerning the exhibition plan for the Fire Hall 6 Heritage Gallery and distributed an additional handout to Committee members related to the design and artifacts list. The Manager and Culture Development Coordinator provided an overview on the 407 salvage strategy, link to culture counts, background information concerning the exhibition design and next steps.

Councillor Kerr entered the meeting during the presentation.

The Committee questioned the Manager, Culture and Centralized Recreation Services and Culture Development Coordinator.

Moved by Jennifer Weymark,
“That the presentation concerning the exhibition plan for the future Fire Hall 6 Heritage Gallery be received for information.” Carried

HTG-18-59 667, 657, 645, 595 Taunton Road East and Murton Street

Tom Goodeve, Principle Planner provided a presentation concerning 667, 657, 645, 595 Taunton Road East and Murton Street noting that there are no cultural heritage resources on or immediately adjacent to the site, and the application for plan of subdivision is for 11 single detached dwellings, 87 townhouse units, commercial block and a future development block.

The Committee questioned the Principle Planner.

Moved by Alicia Bertrand,
“Whereas Heritage Oshawa was asked to comment on the heritage attributes of the properties located at 595, 645, 657 and 667 Taunton Road East; and,

Whereas members of the Inventory Working Group visited the properties for the purpose of assessing the heritage attributes; and,

Whereas on the preliminary evaluation each of the four properties were noted to have architectural features of interest, such as the L-shaped construction and unusual brickwork on 595 Taunton Road East, the board and batten sheathing and elaborate landscaping at 645 Taunton Road East, the immaculately maintained classic mid-century bungalow at 657 Taunton Road East, and side split at 667 Taunton Road East; and,

Whereas a local family has been identified with knowledge of the history of the area;

Therefore be it resolved that Heritage Oshawa receive permission from the developer to have the opportunity to photograph the interior and exterior of the properties.” Carried

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

None.

Reports

HTG-18-51 Draft Proposed 2019 Heritage Oshawa Budget and Work Plan

The Committee discussed Report HTG-18-51 dated September 20, 2018 concerning the Heritage Oshawa Budget and Work Plan.

Moved by Alicia Bertrand,
“That the Draft Proposed 2019 Heritage Oshawa Budget and Work Plan be endorsed as presented and submitted to Finance Services for inclusion in the Council Budget Binders.” Carried as amended

Ann Dulhanty entered the meeting during discussion.

Moved by Jane Clark,
“That the 2019 Heritage Oshawa Budget and Work Plan as set out in Report HTG-18-51 be amended as follows:

1. That under the category of Inventory, Designation and Research Reports ‘Promote and expand the Heritage Oshawa Historic Building Plaque Program’ be amended to read ‘Develop, promote and expand the Heritage Oshawa Historic Building Plaque Program’
2. That under the category of Inventory, Designation and Research Reports ‘Investigate the use of a Heritage Easement Agreement’ be added
3. That the proposed budget items be amended as follows:
 - That ‘Advertising’ be reduced to \$300.00 and the remaining \$1,450.00 be relocated to ‘Professional and Technical’
 - That ‘Seminars and Training’ be reduced to \$900.00 and the remaining \$900.00 be relocated to ‘Professional and Technical’.” Carried

The vote on the motion Carried as amended.

Jennifer Weymark left the meeting.

HTG-18-52 Proposed Designation Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act
100 Whiting Avenue (Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority)

The Committee discussed Report HTG-18-52 dated September 27, 2018 concerning the proposed designation pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act at 100 Whiting Avenue.

Moved by Jane Clark,

“That Heritage Oshawa reconsider the scope of its May 24, 2018 heritage designation proposal for 100 Whiting Avenue in consideration of the implications a property-wide designation has on the ability of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority to carry out on its own lands its activities/responsibilities as an effective environmental steward and leader; and,

That on the basis of the above reconsideration, Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Development Services Committee that the proposed designation of 100 Whiting Avenue, as initially proposed by Heritage Oshawa at its meeting of May 24, 2018, be scoped to apply specifically to the former Robson Tannery Office building rather to the entire property.” Withdrawn

Moved by Jane Clark,

“That the meeting recess.” Carried

The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Alicia Bertrand, Jane Clark, Ann Dulhanty, Derek Grieve, Jo-Ann Hayden, Jennifer Weymark, and Councillor Kerr. Also in attendance were the Principal Planner and the Council-Committee Coordinator.

Moved by Jane Clark,

“That Report HTG-18-52 concerning the proposed designation pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act at 100 Whiting Avenue be deferred to the next meeting of Heritage Oshawa.” Carried

HTG-18-53 Information from Oshawa City Council – June 25, 2018

The Committee discussed Report HTG-18-53 dated September 14, 2018 concerning information from Oshawa City Council from the meeting of June 25, 2018.

Moved by Jane Clark,

“That Report HTG-18-53 dated September 14, 2018 concerning information from Oshawa City Council from the meeting of June 25, 2018 be received for information.” Carried

HTG-18-54 Inventory Working Group Report – September 2018

The Chair of the Inventory Working Group provided a verbal Report of the Working Group's activities for September 2018 stating that the group has been proactive with assessing properties and keeping busy.

Moved by Jo Ann Hayden,
"That verbal Report HTG-18-54 concerning the September 2018 Inventory Working Group Report be received for information." Carried

HTG-18-54 Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group Report – September 2018

The Chair of the Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group provided a verbal Report of the Working Group's activities for September 2018 stating that the group was established at the May 24, 2018 Heritage Oshawa meeting in order to create and post on the City's webpage a brief history of Windfields Farm and promote links to additional relevant information and undertake an annual essay writing contest for local grade 8 students on topics related to Windfields Farm/E.P. Taylor. The Chair of the Working Group advised that the group has discussed criteria, timelines and the rubric.

Moved by Ann Dulhanty,
"That verbal Report HTG-18-54 concerning the September 2018 Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group Report be received for information." Carried

HTG-18-56 Windfields Farm Legacy Grade 8 Contest

The Committee discussed Report HTG-18-56 dated September 27, 2018 concerning the Windfields Farm legacy grade 8 contest.

The Committee questioned the Principle Planner.

Moved by Jane Clark,
"Whereas on February 22, 2016 City Council adopted the Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy Program and as part of that program under the heading of 'Education' Planning Services and Heritage Oshawa are to undertake the following two tasks in cooperation with Corporate Communications and Marketing;

Education

1. Create and post on the City's webpage a brief history of Windfields Farm and promote links to additional relevant

information including Northern Dancer's Kentucky Debry Victory Race

2. Undertake an annual essay writing contest for local Grade 8 students on topics related to Windfields Farm/E.P. Taylor; and,

Whereas these tasks are included as part of Heritage Oshawa's Council approved 2018 Work Plan under Issues: a) Communications (Promotion, Public Relations, Education), and b) Perform Community Outreach; and,

Whereas at its meeting of May 24, 2018, Heritage Oshawa formed the 'Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group' to assist with these two tasks; and,

Whereas part of the competition requires a monetary award to incentivize participation for the successful entrants;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group be provided with funds not to exceed \$500.00 in prize money for the purposes of awarding the first, second and third place students, teachers, and schools as part of the competition; and,
2. That the breakdown of each prize amount be approved by Heritage Oshawa as follows:
 - First Place - \$100.00 for an individual and \$100.00 for a classroom;
 - Second Place - \$75.00 for an individual and \$75.00 for a classroom;
 - Third Place - \$50.00 for an individual and \$50.00 for a classroom; and,
3. That Heritage Oshawa reallocate unused funds within its 2018 budget for the purpose of advertising this competition, which are not to exceed \$1500.00; and,
4. That Heritage Oshawa provide the Windfields Farm Legacy Working Group with a list of three names to act as judges for the competition." Carried

Other Business

HTG-18-57 Absentee Member

The Committee discussed the attendance requirements pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure.

Moved by Alicia Bertrand,
"That item HTG-18-57 concerning an absentee member be received for information." Carried

HTG-18-60 Additional Properties to be added to Heritage Oshawa Inventory

Moved by Ann Dulhanty,
"Whereas the following properties were evaluated and deemed Class A properties: 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 LaSalle Court, 900 Park Road South and the connected property at 720 Park Road South, 508 King Street East, 765 Masson Street, and 871 Pinecrest Road; and,

Whereas the following properties were evaluated and deemed Class B properties: 132 Connaught Avenue, 354 Richmond Street East, 1119 King Street East, 1120 King Street East, 691 Simcoe Street North, 601 Wilson Street North, 904 Pinecrest Road, 945 Pinecrest Road, 685 Simcoe Street North;

Therefore be it resolved that the listed properties be added to the Heritage Oshawa Inventory as Class A and B properties." Carried

HTG-18-61 Designation of Harmony Public School

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

Whereas Heritage Oshawa has a research report on Harmony Public School at 149 Harmony Road South which is a Class A property in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory and recommended designation; and,

Whereas Harmony Public School was built in 1924, the year of incorporation for the City of Oshawa; and,

Whereas Harmony Public School has architectural value as a rare example of a schoolhouse of Classic Revival style with an elaborate Greek Doric portico entrance, an embodiment of a philosophy of natural light, spaciousness and good ventilation introduced in the late

1800s when small wooden schoolhouses were replaced with those such as the Harmony Public School; and,

Whereas Harmony Public School has associative value as public schools have stood on the site for over 150 years, the current building was constructed at a time when the population was expanding, increasing demand for schooling; and,

Whereas Harmony Public School has associative value with the Farewell family, one of the first to settle in the Village of Harmony in 1804; and,

Whereas Harmony Public School has contextual value as a landmark in the City of Oshawa, near the Farewell Cemetery; and,

Whereas the benefits of designating this property include promoting knowledge and understanding of Oshawa's cultural heritage, recognizing highly visible resources, recognizing the community's identity, and inspiring pride in Oshawa's citizens because the City has been built with care, thought, and hard work over the past 100 years; and,

Whereas the responsibilities of the owners of designated properties do not extend to upkeep or expenses beyond those of any property owner;

Therefore be it resolved that the building and site at Harmony Public School be designated as a property of cultural heritage significance under the Ontario Heritage Act." Carried

HTG-18-62

Designation of Ritson Public School

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

Whereas Heritage Oshawa has a research report on Ritson Public School at 300 Ritson Road South, a class B property in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory and recommended designation; and,

Whereas Ritson Public School, originally built in the 1923 and added to unobtrusively several times since, has architectural value with a neo-gothic central entranceway, and many windows on the east and west sides to increase natural light. The style is Collegiate Gothic, blending the ornate entrances with the simplicity of Modern Classicism; and,

Whereas Ritson Public School has associative value with John Ritson, Oshawa's first teacher who came to the City in 1820, and originally owned the land where the school now stands; and,

Whereas Ritson Public School has contextual value with the development of the City of Oshawa and is named after John Ritson; and,

Whereas Ritson Public School has contextual value as a landmark in the City of Oshawa, sitting on a prominent rise on Ritson Road South; and,

Whereas the benefits of designating this property include promoting knowledge and understanding of Oshawa's cultural heritage, recognizing highly visible resources, recognizing the community's identity, and inspiring pride in Oshawa's citizens because the City has been built with care, thought and hard work over the past 100 years; and,

Whereas the responsibilities of the owners of designated properties do not extend to upkeep or expenses beyond those of any property owner;

Therefore be it resolved that the building and site at Ritson Public School be designated as a property of cultural heritage significance under the Ontario Heritage Act." Carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.