



MINUTES

Heritage Advisory Committee

October 15, 2019

6:15 p.m.

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Barbara Tuer
Clive Slade
Janis Fread
Paul King
Michael Bolton
Sherri Winter-Gropp
Stephen Habermehl
Michelle Stemmler
Councillor Fern Pridham

Members Absent: Al Strathdee
Dan Schneider

Staff Present: Trisha McKibbin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Clive Slade

Seconded By Michelle Stemmler

THAT the October 15, 2019 meeting agenda of the Heritage Committee be accepted as presented.

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Michelle Stemmler

Seconded By Janis Fread

THAT the Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update

8.1.1 Heritage Permits

None.

8.1.2 Sign Applications

The Committee discussed that a letter has been submitted to the Building and Development Department regarding the request to remove the Dollar Store sign from the façade of 125 Queen Street East. The Committee also discussed the repainting of the Bowling Alley signage as well as the installation of a new hanging sign for the Foot Care Clinic at 104 Queen Street East. Inquiries will be made to Jason Silcox, Building Inspector, as a sign permit was not submitted for the Foot Care Clinic sign.

8.1.2.1 DEV 53-2019 127 Queen Street East Sign Application

The Committee discussed that once the new sign was installed the temporary sign located in the window should be removed.

Moved By Barb Tuer

Seconded By Michelle Stemmler

THAT DEV 53-2019 127 Queen Street East Sign Application report be received; and

THAT the Heritage Committee support the façade sign permit for 127 Queen Street East.

CARRIED

8.1.3 Heritage Grant Applications

Staff provided an update on the Façade and Heritage Grant. \$20,000 in grant funding has been applied for and approved to date. There is \$10,000 remaining in the budget for 2019 and it is expected that at least one or two additional applications will be submitted this year.

8.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 - Designations/designated property matters

8.2.1 Heritage Permits

None.

8.2.2 Municipal Register, Part 1

8.2.2.1 Victoria Bridge Maintenance

Staff provided information on the maintenance to be conducted on the Victoria Bridge this fall. There is a small block in the north parapet wall that has disintegrated and will be replaced with a spare stone block that was used during the 2012 bridge refurbishment project. As the Ontario Trust holds an easement on the bridge, staff contacted the Trust to discuss the project and as it is maintenance no permit from the Ontario Trust is required.

8.2.2.2 6 Water Street South

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the work underway at 6 Water Street South. Staff were

given a tour of the property by the new owner. The Heritage and Façade grant applications have been shared with the owner and proposed work discussed. Work to exterior doors and windows is anticipated to start as early as next month.

8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties

The Committee asked for an update on the expression of interest for the Junction Station and the McDonald House. Councillor Pridham provided an update that Council is progressing with the process and that more information would be shared in the upcoming months.

8.4 Properties of interest or at risk (not necessarily designated)

8.5 CHO Report

No update at this time.

8.6 Homeowner/Property owner letters

No suggestions at this time.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

No update at this time.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Doors Open 2019 - Review of Event

Staff provided a synopsis of the 2019 Doors Open Event and sought feedback from Committee members who attended or volunteered at the event. There was discussion that there was a good mix of locals and out of Town visitors who attended this year's event. Those in attendance came from such places as Brantford, Burlington, London, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Sarnia and Toronto. Destinations of interest this year were Central School Manor, Thames Vista Farm and the Waterworks Building.

For the first time, three guided bus tours were offered and were all fully booked. There was discussion on expanding the number of bus tours offered in 2021. There was also discussion on how to engage more people in regards to heritage in St. Marys.

Members of the Committee were thanked for their assistance in volunteering at sites and for making the day such a great success.

10.2 Driftscape App Update

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the project. Content, including audio recordings of the Heritage Interpretive Plaques have been completed by Paul King, verbiage and photographs for the individual sites have been completed and work continues on collecting information for the tours. Driftscape staff have been extremely helpful and are assisting in uploading the initial content to the site. Once the App is active, staff will conduct a soft launch of the App by reaching out to the Heritage Committee to test the content and functions of the App.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, November 11, 2019, 6:15p.m. at the St. Marys Museum

Regrets were shared by Clive Slade and Barb Tuer for the November meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Fern Pridham

Seconded By Mike Bolton

THAT the meeting of the Heritage Committee Adjourn at 6:48p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Secretary