

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

JANUARY 13TH, 2021

5:01 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Tino Clarke
Ryan Belanger
Joe Docherty

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Taylor Brydges, Student

Absent

Joe Docherty
Andru John
Jennifer Childs

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Tino Clarke - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Alterations - Holy Angels Parish - 502 Talbot Street - Appendix "A"

The Chair provided an overview of the request for alterations.

The members discussed their support for the wood fencing and creation of a courtyard area between the parish and rectory buildings.

The members discussed their concerns with the lack of information regarding the securing of the front verandah of the rectory building, which had been previously proposed.

The members agreed to request additional information and drawings relating to the plans for the veranda.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Tino Clarke:

THAT: The letter received from Joe Liebrechts, Holy Angels Parish Property Committee Chair requesting consent to a proposed alteration to install fencing at Holy Angels Parish, 502 Talbot Street be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the request to erect wood fencing at Holy Angels Parish, 502 Talbot Street between the parish and rectory buildings; and further,

THAT: Holy Angels be requested to provided additional information and drawings related to the screening of the front verandah; and further,

THAT: The Committee direct the Chair to prepare a report for Council.

Carried.

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIRMAN

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59 Walnut Street

The Chair advised that Council had deferred consideration of designating 59 Walnut Street and that Council wanted to discuss the topic at the Committee's upcoming presentation.

Councillor Peters advised that the owner of the property, Domus Developments had sent an e-mail to the Mayor and Council members expressing concern about not being notified of the recommendation to designate.

The members discussed the fact that under the Ontario Heritage Act, the property owner is required to be notified and has appeal rights after Council has begun the Notice of Intent to Designate process.

Councillor Peters asked that the heritage plaque at Stanley Street and Walnut Street be specifically mentioned in the designation by-law for 59 Walnut Street.

Student Update - Appendix "B"

Taylor Brydges provided a Power Point presentation on her and Matt Litwinchuk's activities, including updating properties in the MapMe program and work on the heritage property registry and the Talbot Street brochure.

The members agreed to remove the non-contributing properties and Chair's message from the Talbot Street brochure.

Ms. Brydges advised that there are currently 414 properties listed in the MapMe program, with 50 requiring a photo and 119 requiring both a photo and description.

The members discussed assisting the students with photos and information where possible, including the use of scanned postcards.

The Chair advised that he would send the list of properties out to the members.

Reference Committee Presentation - January 18, 2021

The Corporate Administrative and Accessibility Clerk advised that former Reference Committee presentations were being moved to be part of regular Council meetings and that the Committee's presentation had been rescheduled to January 18, 2021.

The members discussed topics for the presentation, including reviewing the Committee's role and highlighting work undertaken in the last few years, such as the downtown Heritage Conservation District, the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permits, research and recommendations to designate properties, development of heritage inventory and the MapMe program and creation of walking tour brochures. The members further discussed the need to address concerns relating to development pressure and alterations to heritage properties being completed without a permit or permission.

The members discussed any potential for additional staff support from the Planning and Building Services Department to attend the Committee's meetings.

The members discussed ensuring that there is clear distinction between the Heritage Conservation District, designated properties and listed properties on the Committee's web page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heritage Home Inventory/Proposed Listed Properties

The members discussed the fact that listing properties identifies them as a property with heritage value and allows for a 60-day review period when a demolition permit is applied for.

Harrison suggested that the focus of listed properties originally should be the Old St. Thomas Church and Courthouse areas, as well as the Rosebery Place and Wellington Street area.

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Designation By-laws - 423 Talbot Street and 47 Jonas Street

The members discussed the fact that the City was proposing affordable housing on the upper levels of 423 Talbot Street.

Alma College Development

The Chair advised that the Director of Planning & Building Services is still waiting for a response from the property owner.

Request for Alterations – Michigan Central Railway Trestle

The Chair advised that follow up questions had been sent to the applicant and the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation as agent and that responses have not yet been received.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on February 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:39 p.m. The meeting adjourned.