

THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

MAY 12TH, 2021

5:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Ryan Belanger
Jennifer Childs (Arrived 5:20 p.m.)
Ed van der Maarel

Absent

Tino Clarke
Joe Docherty

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk
K. McClure, Planner
L. Pompilii, Director, Planning & Building Services

Others

W. Graves, City Manager
J. Bray, Director, Parks, Recreation and Property
Management
Bill Curran, Thier + Curran Architects Inc.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Steven McLarty-Payson declared a pecuniary interest with regard to the Request for Alterations - Michigan Central Railway Trestle from the April 14, 2021 meeting, as he has an interest in the estate providing funding to the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation for the mural project. He refrained from all discussion and action relating to the matter.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Peters - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-04-21 - 10 Princess Avenue

The Chair provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit materials provided.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Ed van der Maarel:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 10 Princess Avenue relating to Application HAP-04-21.

Carried.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-02-21 - 614 Talbot Street

Mr. Bill Curran, Thier + Curran Architects Inc. provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application, including window changes and the addition of a small lobby and elevator to access the new micro apartments above the existing transit offices.

The members discussed any future potential for a mural on the west side of the building and the easement between it and the former Sutherland Press property.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Councillor Peters:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 614 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-02-21.

Carried.

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIRMAN

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Planning and Municipal Heritage

The Director of Planning & Building Services and Planner were in attendance to discuss heritage related planning questions.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that engagement for the Official Plan review would be starting and that the Municipal Heritage Committee would be consulted as part of the process.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that the new Community Improvement Program would be implemented.

The members inquired about any notification procedures for demolition permits.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that the Municipal Heritage Committee is consulted on demolition permit applications for designated and listed properties, and properties within the Heritage Conservation District.

The Chair advised that a report would be going to Council recommending a feedback process for a number of potential properties to be listed on the City's heritage register.

The members discussed the benefits of listing more properties and having consultation with Planning & Building Services staff.

The members discussed the recent removal of the solarium at 48 Stanley Street and that this was done through a demolition permit.

The members inquired about medium-density development beside low-density development in heritage areas and the potential use of secondary plans in the Official Plan.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that the City's medium density policies are consistent with other municipalities, but that the City's Zoning By-Law currently allows a broader range of uses in the zoning types. He further advised that the use of secondary plans would be reviewed as part of the Official Plan review.

The Planner advised that any landowner has the right to apply for a zoning change or Official Plan amendment.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that after the review of the Official Plan, it is likely that a review, consolidation and update to the Zoning By-Law will take place.

The Chair inquired about any update to the development of urban design guidelines.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that there was no money identified in the 2021 budget for consulting work for urban design guidelines, but that as time permits, work is being done on them internally.

The members discussed the development at Talbot Street and First Avenue and that as part of a development condition on a severance, site specific urban design guidelines were required to be submitted.

The Director of Planning & Building Services advised that staff worked with the property owner on the site design and that the end design was consistent with the site-specific urban design guidelines submitted.

Councillor Peters suggested that regular attendance by a staff member from the Planning & Building Services at the Committee's meetings would be welcomed.

The members thanked the Director of Planning & Building Services and Planner for their attendance at the meeting.

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Young Canada Works Funding Update

The Chair advised that the funding application for the Young Canada Works program had been denied and that the application would be placed on a waiting list, should further funding become available.

The members discussed requesting an increase in the 2022 budget to accommodate funding for a student each year, whether or not Young Canada Works funding is received.

59 Walnut Street

The members discussed the fact that 59 Walnut Street would be recommended for listing on the City's heritage register and that the re-zoning application would be returning to Council on May 17, 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

The members discussed the designation recommendations for 423 Talbot Street and 47 Jonas Street.

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that he would follow up on Council's direction on the two properties.

NEXT MEETING

The members discussed identifying a neighborhood to hold a walking tour of at a future meeting, should public health restrictions allow.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on June 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:53 p.m. The meeting adjourned.