

THE NINTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

JULY 14TH, 2021

5:03 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Ryan Belanger
Ed van der Maarel

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Lyndsey Van Gennip, Agent, 827 Talbot Street

Absent

Councillor Steve Peters
Jennifer Childs
Tino Clarke

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on June 9 and June 29, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-07-21 - 827 Talbot Street

Ms. Lyndsey Van Gennip, Agent, 827 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application which was for a new backlit sign.

Ms. Van Gennip advised that the sign would be internally lit using LED light bulbs.

The members discussed the fact that this property is at the far edge of the Heritage Conservation District, that there are internally lit signs beside the property and across the street and that there are no residential units above the ground floor.

The members discussed the lighting level of the LED bulbs.

The members discussed the fact that the need for a Heritage Alteration Permit was not identified at the initial building permit application stage and that the sign had already been manufactured.

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 827 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-07-21, provided that:

(a) The new sign does not exceed the current lighting level of the existing sign.

Carried.

Heritage Listing Feedback Update - Appendix "A"

The Corporate Administrative and Accessibility Clerk provided an overview of the common questions asked about listing properties on the heritage register and the feedback received from property owners.

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The Chair advised that reasons for listing were being finalized to ensure that there is content for every property.

The members discussed the fact that responses have been generally positive and that a number of people were engaged with the initiative.

The members discussed reaching out to the Planning & Building Services Department for some comments in support of listing properties as a good planning practice, to be included as part of the Committee's report to Council.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Steven McLarty-Payson:

THAT: That Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the listing of properties in the Old St. Thomas Church, Courthouse and Wellington Central areas on a register, as attached to the July 14, 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee minutes; and further,

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

Carried.

Potential Student Position

The Chair advised that the Committee had been approved for \$11,000 in funding for two students through the Young Canada Works program. He further advised that the two students would cost approximately \$13,000, meaning that the Committee would be covering \$1,000 for each student out of its budget.

The members discussed the many projects the students could work on, including soliciting sponsors for the walking tour maps in order to have more printed.

The Chair advised that since the funding approval was received late into the summer, the student positions would be part-time starting in September.

Motion by Ed van der Maarel – Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee approves the hiring of two Young Canada Works positions at an approximate cost to the Committee of \$1,000 each.

Carried.

Budget Update

The Corporate Administrative and Accessibility Clerk provided an overview of the Committee's budget and advised that the only other known expense would be the renewal of the MapMe application later in the year.

59 Walnut Street – Zoning Application

The Chair advised that Council's Notice of Decision refusing the zoning application for 59 Walnut Street had been published and that an appeal was filed by the applicant

The members discussed the Committee's recommendation to designate 59 Walnut Street and that it is unclear whether this would be part of the documentation sent to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

Heritage Alteration Permit – 344-360 Talbot Street

The Chair advised that Council had authorized the issuance of the Heritage Alteration Permit for 344-360 Talbot Street with the conditions recommended by the Committee.

The Chair advised that members of Council were discussing the large amount of paperwork associated with the permit and the process under the Heritage Conservation District.

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The members discussed the difficulties in addressing and enforcing property standards orders on properties and that when a property is neglected for too long, it can often lead to a need for demolition.

The members discussed inquiring with the Director of Planning & Building Services again about having a staff member from his department attend the Committee's meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on August 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:04 p.m. The meeting adjourned.