

THE TENTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

AUGUST 11TH, 2021

5:01 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Ryan Belanger

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

John Millard, 392 Talbot Street
Al Huggeim, 664-668 Talbot Street
Gail Ballard, 55 Walnut Street

Absent

Ed van der Maarel
Jennifer Childs
Tino Clarke

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Peters - Steven McLarty-Payson:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on July 14, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-08-21 - 392 Talbot Street

Mr. John Millard, Agent, 392 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application.

Mr. Millard inquired about undertaking work on the roof before working on the repairs as outlined in the Heritage Alteration Permit.

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that the Committee is reviewing a Heritage Alteration Permit filed in response to an order issued to the property and that roof work is typically not part of the Heritage Alteration Permit process.

The members discussed the condition of the neighboring property at 396 Talbot Street.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Ryan Belanger:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 392 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-08-21.

Carried.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-09-21 - 664-668 Talbot Street

Mr. Al Huggeim, Agent, 664-668 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application.

The members expressed concern about the use of vinyl siding on the front façade and that this material is not sympathetic or appropriate for use in the Heritage Conservation District.

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The members inquired about consideration to repairing and repainting the parging and stucco material, instead of using vinyl siding.

Mr. Huggeim advised that it was thought that vinyl siding would not deteriorate as quickly as the parging material. He further advised that he would have to consult with the applicant about using a different material and the associated cost.

The members discussed any other cost friendly materials that could be used instead of vinyl siding and deferring consideration of the application, pending additional dialogue with the applicant.

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee defer consideration of the Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 664-668 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-09-21, pending a review of alternate materials for the front façade.

Carried.

Request for Alterations - Old St. Thomas Church - 55 Walnut Street

Ms. Gail Ballard, President, Old St. Thomas Church Restoration and Maintenance Corporation Trust provided an overview of the request for alterations for the Old St. Thomas Church, 55 Walnut Street, including repairs to the front steps, re-cladding of the wood siding on the tower and re-pointing of the masonry of the west transept wall.

Ms. Ballard advised that based on the provincial heritage easement, approval for the alterations had already been received from the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Ryan Belanger:

THAT: The request received from Gail Ballard, President, Old St. Thomas Church Restoration and Maintenance Corporation Trust requesting consent to make repairs to the front steps, re-clad the wood siding on the tower and re-point the masonry of the west transept wall of the Old St. Thomas Church, 55 Walnut Street be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the request to repair the front steps, re-clad the wood siding on the tower and re-point the masonry of the west transept wall at the Old St. Thomas Church, 55 Walnut Street; and further,

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

Carried.

Elgin County Railway Museum Lands

The Chair advised that the members of the Elgin County Railway Museum voted in favour to conditionally selling approximately 8 acres of land to Doug Tarry Homes for potential future construction of apartment buildings. He further advised that Doug Tarry Homes would have a year to assess the costs and conduct surveying and studies relating to contamination and remediation.

The members discussed the fact that these lands are located within the Heritage Conservation District.

Listing of Properties on Heritage Register

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk provided an overview of updates to the Ontario Heritage Act which now require Council to provide notice to property owners whose properties have been listed on the register within 30 days.

The Chair advised that all properties on the proposed listing now have a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property.

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The members reviewed the draft heritage register report.

The members agreed to remove five properties from the original recommendation to Council.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Ryan Belanger:

THAT: The 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 August 11, 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee minutes, as amended; and further,

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

Carried.

Provincial Policy Statements

Harrison Cole advised that he had reached out to the Planning and Building Services Department about including an analysis of the Provincial Policy Statement when writing reports related to Heritage Alteration Permits and that he had not yet heard back.

59 Metcalfe Street

Councillor Peters advised that the owner of 59 Metcalfe Street was applying to remove the site-specific zoning which would have allowed a higher density development on the site in favour of keeping the existing two houses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

6:11 p.m. The meeting adjourned.