

THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

JULY 13, 2022

5:01 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters (Departed 5:48p.m.)
Ryan Belanger
Tino Clarke
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Manveer Lail, Student
Oreste Caputo, Agent, 341 Talbot Street
Lucrezia Caputo, Agent, 341 Talbot Street

Absent

Jennifer Childs
David Goodwin
Ed van der Maarel

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on June 8, 2022 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-11-22 - 341 Talbot Street

The members discussed the fact that the previous Heritage Alteration Permit was refused as the stucco material was installed without a permit before City staff could determine whether appropriate repairs were made to the brick underneath to satisfy a Property Standards Order.

The members discussed the current Heritage Alteration Permit application to remove the stucco and that a further permit may be required to repair the rear façade after stucco removal.

The members commented that it would be difficult to provide feedback on what may be needed after the stucco has been removed but that they would work with the property owner.

Lucrezia Caputo, Agent, 341 Talbot Street inquired about the next steps.

The Corporate Administrative and Accessibility Clerk advised that a report would be forwarded to Council at its August 8, 2022 meeting recommending issuance of the Heritage Alteration Permit, after which Planning Services staff will contact the applicant regarding the permit.

Motion by Councillor Peters - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for 341 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-11-22.

Carried.

Tour of Back Alleys

Councillor Peters suggested a walking tour be held later in the summer of some of the back alleys of Talbot Street, as many rear facades are in poor condition.

6th Meeting of the Municipal Heritage Committee - 2

The members discussed the fact that the Property Standards by-law is complaint driven.

The members agreed to hold a walking tour on August 25, 2022 starting at City Hall.

Urban Design Guidelines

The Chair provided an overview of the Phase 1 Report relating to Urban Design guidelines as prepared by Dillon Consulting that was presented to Council at its June 20, 2022 meeting.

The members discussed the fact that Urban Design Guidelines will provide assistance to staff when assessing development proposals.

The members discussed the heritage components of the principles and priorities and that it is likely that the Official Plan update will include more heritage language as well.

The Chair expressed some concerns in the language of the priorities and advised that he would be drafting comments for the Committee's review before submitting to Planning Services staff.

Student Update

Manveer Lail provided an overview of updates to the Tales of Talbot walking tour brochure being developed in partnership with the St. Thomas Public Library and a group of volunteers.

Manveer advised that QR codes on the paper brochures would connect to an online map which contains additional information and stories about the properties on the tour and that many properties on the tour do not appear in other maps and brochures. She further advised that there will also be posters in the windows of the tour stops.

The Chair advised that the walking tour is intended to launch at a Labour Day weekend event promoted through Railway City Tourism and the St. Thomas Public Library.

Manveer provided an overview of continuing work determining ownership history on properties identified in the Millersburg area and advised that research using Vernon's Directories was undertaken at the Elgin County Archives last week.

The Chair advised that the information will be inputted into a Word document, similar in structure to the 2021 listed properties and that architectural and historical details will need to be completed.

The members discussed being selective when recommending properties to be listed on the register to Council in order to be more manageable and of high quality.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on August 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:09 p.m. The meeting adjourned.