

THE NINTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

NOVEMBER 9, 2022

5:02 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Ryan Belanger
Jennifer Childs
Tino Clarke
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson (Dep. 6:16 p.m.)
Ed van der Maarel

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk
K. McClure, Planner

Others

Oreste Caputo, Agent, 341 Talbot Street
Lucrezia Caputo, Agent, 341 Talbot Street
Glen Roberts, 305-309 Talbot Street
Nemesia Demelo, 36-44 St. Catharine Street
Steve Charles, Agent, 36-44 St. Catharine Street
David McCormick, Elgin Theatre Guild

Absent

David Goodwin

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on October 5, 2022 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit – HAP-13-22 – 305-309 Talbot Street

Mr. Glen Roberts, 305-309 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application.

The members discussed the fact that repairs of existing features and re-installation of a pigeon deterrent would not typically require a Heritage Alteration Permit.

The members inquired whether there was an outstanding Property Standards Order relating to the façade of the building.

The Planner advised that there were no Orders and that the applicant had been referred to the Planning & Building Services Department in case the work they were proposing required a permit.

The members discussed the fact that discussions took place at the time of the Heritage Conservation District implementation about certain work and applications being delegated to staff, rather than the Committee.

The members agreed that a Heritage Alteration Permit would not be required for the proposed work.

Heritage Alteration Permit - HAP-14-22 - 341 Talbot Street

The members discussed the fact that the application contained everything the Committee had discussed with the applicants at the last meeting.

Motion by Ed van der Maarel - Councillor Peters:

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THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for 341 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-14-22, subject to the following:

- (1) The board and batten siding be “sand” in colour and have a horizontal break between the first and second storeys.

Carried.

Request for Alterations - 36-44 St. Catharine Street - Former PUC Building

Mr. Steve Charles, Agent, 36-44 St. Catharine Street provided an overview of work that had been completed at the property and is proposed to be completed to accommodate a potential restaurant and brewery in the original main Public Utilities Commission building.

The members inquired about the windows being replaced.

Mr. Charles advised that the windows are being replaced with recreated insulated windows and that mullion kits would be installed to match existing patterns.

The Planner advised that no building permits were required for the work so far but that there may be some other planning applications in future.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Tino Clarke:

THAT: The request received from Nemesia Demelo, 36-44 St. Catharine Street requesting consent to proposed alterations to patch and repair concrete skirt, re-point bricks, replace windows, including mullion patterns similar to original windows, repair, replace and paint top limestone moulding and repair stairs at 36-44 St. Catharine Street be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the request to repair the concrete skirt, re-point bricks, replace windows, repair, replace and paint top limestone moulding and repair stairs at 36-44 St. Catharine Street; and further,

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

Carried.

Request for Alterations - 40 Princess Avenue - Princess Avenue Playhouse

Mr. David McCormick, Elgin Theatre Guild provided an overview of the proposed alterations.

The members inquired about the material for the handrails.

Mr. McCormick advised that they would be metal and match other handrails on the property.

The Planner advised that a Minor Variance application was also required for the work.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Jennifer Childs:

THAT: The request received from David McCormick, VP Elgin Theatre Guild requesting consent to proposed alterations to construct a new accessible ramp along the west and south facades and removal of existing outdoor elevator on the north façade at 40 Princess Avenue be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the request to construct a new accessible ramp along the west and south facades and removal of existing outdoor elevator on the north façade of 40 Princess Avenue, subject to construction being substantially in accordance with the plans accompanying the subject request; and further,

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

Carried.

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449 Talbot Street - Rear Exterior Deck & Stair Replacement

Plans were circulated to the members of a proposed rear exterior deck and stair replacement at 449 Talbot Street.

The members agreed that a Heritage Alteration Permit would not be required for the proposed work.

The members discussed the benefit of receiving this kind of information in case there is a need for a Heritage Alteration Permit at the property in the future.

Downtown Heritage Conservation District Plan

The members discussed the potential for a review of the Heritage Conservation District Plan.

The members discussed the importance of reviewing the requirements of the Heritage Conservation District Plan in the New Year, after Council has made its committee appointments, as well as educating property owners of the requirements.

The Planner suggested that there may still be some process issues relating to roles and responsibilities with the Plan.

Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

The members discussed the various impacts Bill 23 could have on heritage and planning matters.

The members discussed the proposed changes to heritage registers and the designation of heritage properties.

Ed van der Maarel advised that he would be attending a meeting of the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals tomorrow to discuss the bill.

The members discussed forwarding comments to the Director of Planning & Building Services with concerns about Bill 23, should the City be submitting general comments about the bill.

Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report - Former St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital

The members discussed their invitation to submit comments relating to a new Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for the former St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital in Central Elgin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

6:51 p.m. The meeting adjourned.