

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS**  
**AGENDA**  
**THE THIRD MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE**  
**ROOM #204**

**5:30 P.M.**

**April 11, 2017**

**MINUTES**

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dance Pavilion Roof

Wellington Block

Woodlot Shelter

Bird Viewing Area

Bill C-323

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Talbot Street Heritage Conservation District

Properties Requesting Heritage Designation

- Ansell's Awards and Specialties - 648 Talbot St.
- Hamilton, Ward and Cathers Insurance - 581 Talbot St.
- 763, 765 and 767 Talbot St. - across from Giant Tiger

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday May 9, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**Bill C-323 Passes Second Reading – A Victory for Heritage**  
**Peter Van Loan's Bill C-323 off to Committee**

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO** - Van Loan's Bill C-323 would create a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic properties. Based on a successful pilot project in the early 2000's, the bill would create a program that balances cost with efficiency. With 2017 being the 150th anniversary of Confederation, there was no more appropriate time to introduce this program.

"This Bill represents a historic opportunity to invest in our cultural heritage" said Van Loan, "it is very exciting that the House of Commons supports our initiative. We're looking forward to debate in committee."

Bill C-323 aims to reduce the demolition of Canada's heritage infrastructure, and instead encourage the rehabilitation of these culturally significant buildings. C-323 would create a 20 % tax credit for rehabilitation of recognized historic places. The tax credit would be available to properties that appear on the National Register of Historic Places.

"It is my view that Bill C-323 would reconnect Canadians to their cultural heritage, as citizens would have been more likely to seek out heritage designations for their historic properties" said Van Loan.

The bill passed by a vote of 150 to 139. All Conservatives, New Democrats and 22 Liberals voted for the Bill.

"I want to thank all those MP's who supported the Bill. I especially want to thank John Aldag, the member for Cloverdale — Langley City for his help on this Bill," said Van Loan.

The Bill is due to be discussed at the Environment Committee in the near future.

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