

MINUTES

THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

City Hall Room 304 and Zoom

August 12, 2026

5:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Jennifer Childs
David Goodwin
Councillor Rymal

City Officials

Sherry Steadman, Legislative Services Coordinator
Kevin McClure, Senior Planner
Michelle Knieriem, Manager, Planning Services

Absent:

Ryan Belanger
Russell Schnurr
Tino Clarke
Nick Ewanick

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Rymal - S. McLarty-Payson:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on July 8th, 2026, be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit – 429-431 Talbot Street

The Chair provided a brief overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application.

Motion by Councillor Rymal - D. Goodwin:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage alteration Permit for 429-431 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-19-26.

Carried.

Heritage Alteration Permit – 52 Moore Street

The Chair provided a brief overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application.

Motion by J. Childs – S. McLarty-Payson:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage alteration Permit for 52 Moore Street relating to Application HAP-20-26.

Carried.

Walnut Street Committee of Adjustment application

The Chair provided a brief overview of the application and advised that it was being provided as information only, with no action required from the committee.

The Manager of Planning Services provided an overview of the carport structure and location.

Reagan Campbell, CJDL Consulting Engineers detailed the design and impact from the proposed structure and confirmed there would be no direct impacts due to the carport construction.

The members discussed the proposed roofline for the carport.

Ms. Campbell advised that the proposed carport was 9 feet tall with a shallow pitch, adding that it would blend in behind the building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heritage Property Tax Relief

The Chair advised that a report from Planning Services went to Council on July 13th.

The Manager, Planning Services advised that staff were reviewing opportunities for improvement to the existing Heritage Property Tax Relief program currently operating within the Community Improvement Plan and that the committee will be consulted with on any proposed changes.

Ontario Provincial Plaque Program

The Chair updated the members on the shortlisted historical events/persons for the Ontario Provincial Plaque Program including: The Pinafore Park Swan Boat Disaster, The Murder of Constable Colin McGregor, Bob Emslie & The Railway intersection collision of 1887. He further advised that there may be limited provincial interest in new or replacement signs.

The members discussed the potential of a municipal commemorative program and utilizing funds saved from not having a summer student to help cover sign costs.

The members discussed a potential report to Council about the idea and ways in which to increase awareness and communications relating to significant historical events and people.

Council and Unfinished Agenda Items

The Chair advised that the St. Thomas Cemetery Company item would be tabled until next spring and that the Home Insurance item would be deferred until Planning Services returns with potential CIP updates.

NEXT MEETING

September 9th, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

5:35p.m. The meeting adjourned.