

**MINUTES**

**THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**ZOOM**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

5:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Harrison Cole, Chair  
Councillor Rymal  
Ryan Belanger  
Russell Schnurr  
Steven McLarty-Payson  
Jennifer Childs  
David Goodwin

City Officials

Sherry Steadman, Legislative Services Coordinator

Absent:

Nicholas Nestico  
Tino Clarke

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**MINUTES**

Motion by R. Schnurr - S. McLarty-Payson:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on January 14th, 2026, be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Welcome Councillor Rymal

The Chair welcomed Councillor Rymal back to the Committee.

**Heritage Alteration Permit - HAP-02-26 581 Talbot Street**

The Chair provided a high-level overview of the Application.

Erin Magwood, Campbell Building Group provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit Application, including the need for new windows and some minor brick work to re-integrate the façade to look original. Erin advised that the new sign for the Atrium would use low intensity reverse lighting.

The members discussed stark lighting and signage and the difference in the proposed windows at the front and back of the building.

Motion by D. Goodwin - R. Schnurr:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for 581 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-02-26.

Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

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### Home Insurance

The members discussed creating a package for distribution which includes a letter from a local insurance provider informing the public that insurance rates are not increased because a building is designated heritage.

### St. Thomas Cemetery Company

The Chair advised that the possibility of designation of the Cemetery was brought up at the last meeting.

The members discussed the current publicised issues with the Cemetery and that now may not be a good time to begin the process to designate.

The members discussed that if funding is approved for a summer student, this could be a good project for them and re-visiting designation in the fall under a new Council.

The members discussed heritage elements of the cemetery property, including the Mausoleum and some monuments.

The members discussed other properties to consider for designation including Aurthur Voaden Secondary School.

The members inquired about the date for listed properties to be removed.

The Legislative Services Coordinator advised that the date is in January, 2027 and that she would provide the list of properties as discussed on the next agenda.

The Chair advised that over the next few months, the members could work on a draft designation, doing the background work and vote on whether to recommend designation to Council.

### Heritage Map

R. Schnurr shared the link to the [St. Thomas Interactive Heritage Map](#) for the members to try, use and comment on.

### Rail Line Development

R. Schnurr shared a link and advised of the redevelopment of Centre Street near Elevated Park and suggested the members check out the [Plans on the City Website](#).

### In-Person Meetings

The Chair advised that the Municipal Heritage Committee would begin to offer in person meetings again as of the April 8th, 2026, meeting with the intent that it would be a more engaged and collaborative setting. He further advised that the March 11th meeting would remain as a virtual only meeting and that Zoom links will continue to be provided for those that cannot attend in person.

### **NEXT MEETING**

March 11th, 2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

5:30p.m. The meeting adjourned.