



MINUTES

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting #06 - 21
June 17, 2021
Virtually via Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Sue Brown, Nelson Cecilia, Michelle Goodridge, Mark Leclair, John Oldfield, Scott Roberts, and Councillor Pam Wolf with Amy Barnes in the Chair

Regrets: Kimberly Livingstone and Nancy Woodman

Staff in Attendance: Abraham Plunkett-Latimer, Senior Planner - Heritage, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary and Ayesha Da Silva, Network Administrator

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was held virtually via Zoom and live streamed to the City of Cambridge website. Amy Barnes, MHAC Vice Chair, welcomed everyone present, introductions were made and she advised those present that in its advisory role, MHAC makes recommendations that then go to Council for a decision. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Abraham Plunkett-Latimer explained that due to the departure of the current Vice-Chairperson, Amy Barnes, an election will be held this evening to fill that position effective the July 2021 MHAC meeting. He further noted the process, who is eligible to vote and how the closed balloting will take place virtually.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Abraham Plunkett-Latimer called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Susan Brown nominated Michelle Goodridge

Councillor Wolf nominated Scott Roberts

There being no further nominations;

Moved by: Scott Roberts

Seconded by: Amy Barnes

Michelle Goodridge accepted the nomination and Scott Roberts accepted the nomination.

Voting was not able to be completed through Zoom polling due to technical issues. Votes were directed to Ayesha Da Silva, who advised Scott Roberts was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for the remainder of 2021.

Declarations of Interest:

Addition of Agenda Item:

Councillor Wolf noted that at last month's meeting, the HIA for 16 Byng Avenue was deferred to allow discussion with the property owner regarding designation of the property and their plans for an alteration, prior to the item going before the Committee of Adjustment later this month. Councillor Wolf advised that she, Laura Waldie, Senior Planner Heritage and Amy Barnes, Vice-Chairperson were able to meet with the homeowner late yesterday. The timing of this meeting made it too late to add the item to an addendum. However, it is felt that in the interest of resolving the concerns of the Committee and addressing the plans of the applicant, it is important the item be brought forward to the Committee by having the property owner delegate and answer Committee questions raised at the previous meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Wolf

Seconded by: John Oldfield

THAT the notice requirements of the procedure by-law be waived to consider report 21-014 (MHAC) – 16 Byng Avenue Heritage Impact Assessment at the June 17th Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

In order to allow the homeowner, Mr. Benoit, to delegate, a vote was taken by the Committee.

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by Susan Brown

THAT the requirements of the procedure by-law be waived to permit a delegation from Matthew Benoit to report 21-014 (MHAC).

CARRIED

Presentation:

Robyn Huether, Architect and Slobodanka Lekic, Manager of Building Design & Construction, City of Cambridge gave a presentation on the heritage renovations on the

City owned Galt Riverbank Buildings. A copy of the presentation is available through the Planning Services Division.

Delegations:

Chair, Amy Barnes, noted discussions with the homeowner went very well and it was felt the Committee would benefit from having Mr. Benoit explain his plans.

Mr. Benoit thanked the Committee for inviting him to speak this evening. He noted that he, along with his wife, intend to restore Kirkmichael back to the way it was originally intended. They have no plans to change the masonry or exterior of the home and will be utilizing an existing opening in the west wall to move through to the proposed new garage. He further noted they worked with architect, Alicia Neeves, who is familiar with heritage buildings. The proposed glasswork to be utilized when moving from the old to new structure will separate the two buildings. Mr. Benoit also noted he uncovered a bell curve roof along the south porch that he intends to refurbish and to reinstate the porch arches that he discovered under the west porch.

The Committee asked Mr. Benoit about the porch rails, if the intention was to change the windows or other defining elements of the building and whether he is open to designation of the property. He noted that the porch rails will be refurbished and utilized and that he was not intending to make alterations to the fabric of the existing building. Mr. Benoit noted they are not intending to change the windows. The floors have been taken back to the original pine floors and have been completely refinished. As well, there are no plans to remove the fireplaces. Amy Barnes noted that designation had been discussed the previous afternoon and that Mr. Benoit was open to further discussions on the matter at a later date. The Committee thanked Mr. Benoit for his care and obvious love of the property.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by: Susan Brown

THAT the minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting of the Cambridge Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be considered for errors and omissions and be adopted.

CARRIED

1. Request to Alter a Part IV Designated Property – 200 Water Street North (Galt Collegiate Institute)

Moved by: Scott Roberts

Seconded by: John Oldfield

The Committee asked Staff if it was possible for the doors to be repaired and refurbished. Staff confirmed that the doors have been repaired several times and are at the end of their use.

THAT THAT Report 21-017 (MHAC) – Request to Alter a Part IV Designated Property – 200 Water Street North (Galt Collegiate Institute) – be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) recommend Council approve the replacement of two sets of wooden doors and frames on the east elevation of Galt Collegiate Institute at 200 Water Street North as outlined in Report 21-017 (MHAC);

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) recommend Council approve the replacement of existing transom windows and decorative moulding on the east elevation of Galt Collegiate Institute at 200 Water Street North for the reasons outlined in Report 21-017 (MHAC).

AND FURTHER THAT the MHAC recommend Council require detailed shop drawings of the replacement doors and windows be provided to the satisfaction of the Senior Planner—Heritage prior to the manufacturing of the replacement windows.

CARRIED

Amy Barnes removed herself from the meeting. Scott Roberts assumed the Chair.

2. 16 Byng Avenue Heritage Impact Assessment

Moved by: Councillor Wolf

Seconded by: Nelson Cecilia

The Committee asked if there had been any contact with the Region and with Committee of Adjustment Staff liaison to discuss this item. Abraham Plunkett- Latimer noted that he was not aware of any discussions with Regional staff, however, there have been numerous discussions with the Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment (COA). If the recommendation is approved this evening, it will be brought forward to the COA as part of the conditions. Staff have been reminded that the matter at hand for the COA is a minor variance. There was also a question to staff regarding the addition of the recommendation to this evenings agenda as not all members were aware it would be included. Councillor Wolf explained that the deferral was to allow time for discussion before this meeting. Unfortunately, that did not occur until late yesterday.

It was deemed to be more important to have the meeting than to delay another month or two. It was also noted that given the current situation, an in person site tour is not possible at this time.

THAT Report 21-014 (MHAC) – 16 Byng Avenue Heritage Impact Assessment – be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) accept the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and its findings as submitted by Letourneau Heritage Consulting dated April 8, 2021 for the construction an addition to the dwelling on the listed property at 16 Byng Avenue;

AND FURTHER THAT the MHAC recommends to the Committee of Adjustment that:

1. The roofing material and colour of the addition should be both compatible and subordinate to the extant roof.
2. Removal of the original wooden posts supporting the wrap around covered porch be avoided. If this is not possible, it is recommended that the posts be retained and reused to replace missing posts along the south elevation.
3. Qualified professionals with experience working on heritage masonry and carpentry should plan and undertake the work directly involving the extant dwelling and its heritage attributes.
4. A Temporary Protection Plan be prepared to the satisfaction of the City's Senior Planner-Heritage prior to the issuance of a building permit to demonstrate how the extant dwelling and its heritage attributes will be protected through ongoing construction including a plan for site access, delivery, and staging of materials and machinery as well as a fire and security plan.

CARRIED

Correspondence - NIL

Other Business – NIL

Chair's Comments:

Amy Barnes, Vice-Chair, noted that this is her last meeting and thanked the Committee for the last nine years that she has been part of the exciting work that the Committee does. She noted that the growth Cambridge is experiencing will ensure there will be much more interesting and important heritage work ahead. Chair, John Oldfield, thanked Amy for her dedication, eloquence and expertise that she has shared so

generously with the Committee and the City of Cambridge; wishing her and her family well in their new adventure.

Council Report/Comments:

Councillor Wolf did not have any items to report this month. She echoed John Oldfield's comments noting the important heritage work that Amy has been part of and thanking her for her many years of volunteering for the City of Cambridge.

Staff/Senior Planner- Heritage comments:

Abraham Plunkett- Latimer provided an update on the Galt Core HCD Study noting that the second PIC was held on June 10th where the consultants provided their research findings and recommendations. The information is available on the City's website.

He also provided an update on St. Andrews Pergola. The upper wooden structure of the Pergola has wood rot so will need to be replaced. The work has been commissioned and is to be completed by end of September 2021.

General Heritage Matters – Updates by Committee Members:

No items to report this month.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: July 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Michelle Goodridge.

Seconded by: John Oldfield

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED



Chairperson
Amy Barnes



Recording Secretary
Karin Stieg-Drobig