



Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 8, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Howard Bohan (Chair), Sharon Portelli, Rick Wilson, Michele Camacho, Jeff Sutcliffe, Silje Nygaard Mikkelsen and Elena Dyagileva/Kavanagh

2. Others Present:

Councillor Rory Nisan and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

3. Regrets:

Pauline Laing and Thomas Douglas (Heritage Planner)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve minutes from meeting held December 4, 2018

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held December 4, 2018 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Heritage Planner update

a. Consultation on mid-rise design guidelines

- On behalf of the Brant Street Design Vision Sub-committee, Michele provided the following comments on the draft mid-rise design guidelines:
 - A new section immediately following the Introduction & Overview should be added specifically making a statement describing the City's design goal generally, and specifically for mid-rise buildings in Burlington.
 - A new section called "Heritage Resources" should be added.
 - Item 2.4.4 as it relates to not using materials that mimic other materials, is too specific and limiting.
 - Item 2.4.5 as it relates to using heavy materials such as brick, stone and metal for the building base, is too specific and limiting.
 - Should comply and help to accomplish the goals of Burlington's Strategic Plan
- Michele noted that Design Guidelines should not be an exercise to control the architecture of Burlington through limitations but rather about making wonderful architecture an important criteria.
- Committee members were in agreement with the above comments and Howard was asked to submit them to Planning staff on behalf of Heritage Burlington.

b. Discussion of heritage property not listed on Register

- Howard provided the following history of 6507 Jane Street (formerly 2087 Alice Street) in Thomas' absence:
 - Property is not heritage-designated or listed on the Register; however, it was a "B" on the old inventory and for this reason it was added to the Register in 2008 when Council added all the A and B properties to the Register. The 2012 New Approach report recommended removing all B properties and studying them one by one to consider if any should be added back to the Register. Accordingly this property was removed and a follow-up study has not yet occurred.
 - A potential purchaser was advised last winter that the property appears on the Inventory, and is of heritage interest, but it has no regulatory protections. Thomas encouraged the conservation of the house and provided information on incentive programs for designation - the tax rebate and grant program; however, they were more interested in demolition.

- New homeowner submitted an application to the NEC to demolish the house.
- City staff were contacted in December by a Kilbride resident inquiring about the house and whether it can be saved from demolition. Although the City has not listed the property on the Register, the NEC has its own responsibility to consider heritage value when they consider applications under their own policies in the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Due to community interest expressed to the NEC, they have required the property owner to complete a heritage evaluation of the property.
- Members suggested that perhaps Howard could meet with the interested resident for more information.
Action: Ask Thomas to facilitate contact with the interested resident.

7.2 Commenting framework on non-heritage development applications

- Michele commented on the request made by the committee last Spring to be included in the circulation of planning applications that were not related to heritage and noted that, in her opinion, it is outside the scope and mandate of the committee to comment on properties that have no heritage value.
- The committee discussed and were in agreement.

7.3 Communications Sub-committee update

- Sharon reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the Communications Sub-committee and highlighted the scope, outcomes and structure.
- The following members agreed to participate with Sharon on this Sub-committee: Elena, Sille and Pauline.

7.4 Recruitment update

- Jo-Anne advised that interviews for new members have been scheduled for January 15 and 18. A report will go to Council on January 28 with the recommended appointee list and following approval, applicants will be notified. New members will be at the February meeting.

8. Other Business:

- Rick invited members to a talk by Gurth Pretty about the Royal Navy during the War of 1812 at Burlington Public Library, Central Branch on January 14 at 7 p.m.

- Jo-Anne reminded members of the launch of Heritage Month on February 1 at St. John's Anglican Church at 1 p.m.
Action - Jo-Anne to email the calendar to members.

9. Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.