



Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: April 10, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Howard Bohan (Chair), Michele Camacho, Sharon Portelli, Pauline Laing, Elena Dyagileva/Kavanagh, Sille Nygaard Mikkelsen, David Barker, Don Thorpe, Diane Miller, Heather Stevens and Rick Wilson

2. Others Present:

Thomas Douglas (Heritage Planner), Danika Guppy (Planning Intern) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

3. Regrets:

Councillor Rory Nisan

4. Declarations of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve minutes from meeting held March 12, 2019

Minutes from meeting held March 12, 2019 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Heritage Planner update

a. Heritage permit application for 4250-4252 Lakeshore Road

- Thomas advised that Parks & Recreation staff are applying for a heritage permit to replace the wooden trellis on the east side of the city-owned property known as Paletta Mansion at 4250-4252 Lakeshore Road. The existing trellis is deteriorating and staff are seeking permission to use a composite material instead of wood that would have the same colour and look as the wood but last longer.
- Members discussed and noted that the composite material is environmentally friendly and more economical.

Motion: Heritage Burlington supports the requested heritage permit for trellis replacement in like design and composite material at 4250-4252 Lakeshore Road. **CARRIED**

b. Application for minor variance for 310 Seneca Avenue

- Thomas advised that 310 Seneca Avenue is designated by By-law 113-2004 which protects the heritage attributes on the front (east) and side (south) of the building. Thomas provided an overview of the application for a minor variance to permit a detached garage in the back yard, nearest the northwest corner of the house. The application indicates that variances #1-5 are needed to achieve the double garage width and height for a storage loft and car lift and #6 would recognize and legalize the existing setback of the heritage house from the front lot line: the front porch is set back 1.6m from the front lot line whereas the Zoning By-law requires 5.35 m. A heritage permit is not required for the construction of the garage.
- Committee discussed and there are no issues from a heritage perspective.

Motion: Heritage Burlington has no comment on requested variances #1 to #5 and supports variance #6 for 310 Seneca Avenue. **CARRIED**

7.2 Chair's update

a. Property monitoring

- Howard asked members for ideas/recommendations from information provided at last month's meeting and proposed that he send an email out with some suggestions to get the discussion started.

b. "B" properties not on Register

- Significant discussion took place regarding "B" properties that are not listed on the Register and concerns were raised with members lack of expertise in evaluating properties and the need to think about all outcomes of placing properties on the Register.
 - Thomas stated that the New Approach report was specific on focusing on the highest geographic area which is the downtown and noted there are a number of ways to split it up.
 - Howard noted that this is a great opportunity to try out the evaluation criteria and to look at properties to determine what should be included in a professional review.
- Action** - Michele to take a look at the "B" list and organize committee members to go for a walk to look at some properties.

c. Update on New Approach recommendations

- Howard advised that he will be meeting with Michele and Sharon to review and finalize the proposed comments to the New Approach and will bring back to committee for final review.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Heritage Tours

- Sille advised that she will set up a meeting with Heather and Don to discuss heritage tours.

8.2 Jane's Walk

- Howard advised that the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) is leading two Jane's Walks - in Hamilton on May 3 at Bayfront Park, 7:15 p.m. and in Burlington on May 4 at LaSalle Park at 2:30 p.m.
- Rick noted that the Historical Society may be doing a heritage tour that weekend as well.

8.3 Roundtable

- Rick noted that Vimy Ridge Day was April 9 which commemorated the deaths and casualties of members of the Canadian Corps during the First World War Battle of Vimy Ridge.
- Rick advised that the original 30 foot signal tower will be installed at Freeman Station on Saturday, May 4.
- Howard noted that he will be meeting with a lady in Kilbride who is interested in developing a walking tour in Kilbride and invited any interested members to join him.

- Thomas thanked Danika for all of her research and hard work on the Community Heritage Fund Financial Assistance Program.
- Howard advised with regret that he received Deborah Begonia's resignation from the committee.

9. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.