



Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

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

1. Members Present:

Howard Bohan (Chair), Michele Camacho, Sharon Portelli, David Barker, Don Thorpe, Rick Wilson

2. Others Present:

Councillor Rory Nisan, Danika Guppy (Heritage Planner) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

3. Regrets:

Sille Nygaard Mikkelsen, Diane Miller and Heather Stevens

4. Declarations of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve minutes from meeting held November 13, 2019

On motion, the minutes from November 13, 2019 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Heritage Planner update

a. Notice of intention to demolish 5780 Cedar Springs Road

- Danika advised that staff received the peer review from ARA and it agreed with ATA Architects that the existing dwelling and accessory structures are not architecturally significant. The report found that the property contained historical/associative and contextual value; however, the cultural heritage value of the property has been demonstrated to exist with or without the current residence.
- Danika stated that staff are of the opinion that it is possible and preferable to conserve the heritage through means other than retention of the house on the subject property. She noted that with NEC regulations on this property, staff are satisfied that the site is already subject to protections that will ensure future development is done in a way that is compatible with the surrounding landscapes and community character, thereby conserving the contextual value of the property.
- Danika advised that staff's report recommends removal from the Municipal Register and will be considered by Council on December 16, 2019. **Motion** - Heritage Burlington supports the removal of 5780 Cedar Springs Road from the Municipal Register. - **CARRIED**

b. Update regarding 896 and 900 Lakeshore Court

- Danika advised that properties at 896 and 900 Lakeshore Court have been deemed unsafe by the Chief Building Official and the property owner has been notified of the intention to demolish the buildings. The demolition will take place in early 2020.
- Danika noted that in this circumstance, an unsafe order under the *Building Code Act* takes precedence over the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

7.2 Chair's update

a. Review of ERA Workshop

- Committee members discussed the ERA Workshop that was held on November 16 and 17, 2019 and although they found it very informative, they were in agreement that they felt they do not have the skills or knowledge to evaluate properties for placement on the Register.

- Members agreed that it would be beneficial to invite City of Hamilton staff and chair of their heritage advisory committee to the January meeting to learn about Hamilton's Downtown Built Heritage Inventory project in order to potentially adapt the methodology to a Burlington context. **Action** - Danika to contact her counterpart at the City of Hamilton.

b. Committee Vision and Mission Statements

- Members reviewed and agreed with the proposed Vision and Mission Statements.

c. Committee Action Plan

- Members discussed the Action Plan and suggested that #3 be revised to read "For item 2 above, prioritize buildings in the downtown and Kilbride and Lowville communities. **Action** - Howard to update Action Plan.
- With members feelings of inadequacy to accomplish the above, it was suggested that perhaps a heritage consulting firm could research an area and provide their professional opinion and the committee could make their recommendations.

8. Other Business:

- Jo-Anne distributed the schedule of 2020 meetings.
- Don provided a brief update on the activities of Heritage Month 2020 and asked for another member to sit on the Heritage Month Subcommittee.

9. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.