



Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: March 9, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Don Thorpe (Co-Vice Chair), Barry Duffey, Sille Nygaard Mikkelsen, Marsha Paley, Marwa Refaat, Len Collins, Jenna Dobson, Jim Miles, Robert Korporaal and Alan Harrington

2. Regrets:

Michele Camacho and Angela Richardson

3. Others Present:

Michelle Bennett (Community Garden Coordinator), Jennifer Spence (Supervisor - Sport and Neighbourhood Development), Councillor Rory Nisan, John O'Reilly (Heritage Planner) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement:

Don Thorpe, Co-Vice Chair, read the following land acknowledgement:

Burlington as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinaabeg to the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis – our lands spanning from Lake Ontario to the Niagara Escarpment are steeped in Indigenous history. The territory is mutually covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy, the Ojibway and other allied Nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve minutes from meeting held February 9, 2022

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held on February 9, 2022, were approved as presented.

7. Delegation(s):

7.1 2022 Year of the Garden - Burlington's gardening heritage

- Michelle Bennett, Community Garden Coordinator, and Jennifer Spence, Supervisor - Sport and Neighbourhood Development, provided a presentation on the Year of the Garden 2022 - a celebration of Canada's rich horticulture and garden heritage, today's vibrant garden culture and the creation of legacies for a sustainable future. Michelle and Jennifer highlighted the initiatives and programs that the City will be promoting and asked the committee what they would like to do to celebrate the Year of the Garden.
- Don suggested that perhaps they could host an event during Heritage Week (Aug 1-7) that focuses on Burlington's rich history of agriculture and gardening and invited them to attend the next Heritage Subcommittee meeting on March 30 at 10:30 a.m.
- Alan noted that in 1910, Burlington was known as the Garden City of Canada.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Heritage Planner update

a. MPAC Data Request update

- John advised that he has made progress with the MPAC request and noted that the scope of the data request has been narrowed to eliminate unnecessary information and an MPAC request has been fulfilled to alter the Heritage Register on the City's website so that it no longer shows legal descriptions. He is hopeful that he will have the data soon and confirmed that he will send out when it's received. In addition, John noted that MPAC does not anticipate any fees related to this request.

b. Housing Affordability Task Force report update

- John thanked the Committee for their feedback on the Housing Affordability Task Force report and provided a brief summary of

the discussion that took place at the Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Committee meeting on March 1. John stated that the Mayor was pleased with staff's report and thanked the Committee for providing their comments. The Mayor expressed concern with the Task Force recommendations and the absence of a municipal and/or heritage voice around the table, and was of the opinion that they were essentially gutting heritage. The Mayor stated that she was proud of staff and Heritage Burlington for the work done to include heritage resources in development applications. Councillor Nisan seconded the Mayor's remarks and had additional insights about flaws with the provincial report.

- John noted that the report was unanimously adopted and will receive final approval by Council on March 22. Following Council's approval, the City's comments will be sent to the Province.

c. Update on Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) Project

- John provided an update on the MTSA Project and reviewed the 3 study areas and the cultural heritage resource assessments (CHRAs) that were done for each - Burlington GO MTSA (one listed heritage resource), Appleby GO MTSA (two listed heritage resources and one designated heritage property), and Aldershot GO MTSA (three potential heritage resources in the area and four adjacent to the study area).
- John noted that the Area-Specific Plans and draft Official Plan Amendments will be released on April 14, 2022 and the City will be hosting a series of virtual Open Houses in late April to collect feedback. John added that the MTSA Project team would welcome Heritage Burlington to review the documents when they are available and would also be happy to attend the Committee's April meeting.
- Members asked several questions and suggested that the City list the heritage potential properties in the Aldershot GO MTSA and any other heritage potential properties on the Register as part of this project as this would secure some protection for them before a redevelopment application is submitted. Members agreed to having the MTSA Project team make a presentation at the April meeting.

- A member asked John to clarify whether the MTSA work was connected to the Downtown Burlington Mobility Hub Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) that ASI had completed and Heritage Burlington reviewed a couple of years ago. John said the MTSA work was separate from the mobility hub study and recommendations of that study would be implemented and worked on separately.
- Members requested that ASI (the heritage consultant on the project) appear before the Committee to describe their process of evaluating heritage properties and answer questions related to the MTSA studies.

8.2 Subcommittees

- **Heritage Grant/Loan Subcommittee** - John indicated that this subcommittee will not be required as he believes staff are best positioned to undertake the review of this program and will do so in an efficient, independent and consultative manner that balances heritage conservation standards with maximizing the program's popularity. Staff will develop draft recommendations to make the program more friendly and bring to Heritage Burlington for their review. The timeline for this has not been determined. Members were in agreement with this.
- **Plaques & Markers Subcommittee** - Don advised that the draft Terms of Reference have been submitted to Michele to review and noted that Alan has agreed to chair this subcommittee.
- **Evaluations Subcommittee** - Don advised that the draft Terms of Reference have been submitted to Michele to review and noted that Marwa will chair this subcommittee. Marwa noted that members are exploring the framework going forward and the evaluation criteria.
- **Heritage Trees Subcommittee** - Don noted that Marsha is chairing this subcommittee and is working on the Terms of Reference. John noted that Roads, Parks & Forestry staff have reached out to him with regards to designating a tree and explained that there would be a future update on this as staff are still consulting with potentially affected departments. There are still unanswered questions about what parts of a tree are designated (canopy, trunk, root zone, etc.), heritage alteration permits for trees, impact of municipal services on trees and the potential for a designation to impact multiple owners. The subcommittee can assist by researching best practices from other municipalities.

- **Review of "A" listed Properties Subcommittee** - Don advised that no chair has been assigned and no Terms of Reference have been submitted to Michele as of yet. It was noted that any recommendations and discussion with property owners will be deferred to after the municipal election when a new Council is in place; however, review of these properties can begin over the summer.
- **Heritage Week Subcommittee** - Don advised that he chairs this subcommittee and that work is ongoing for Heritage Week - August 1 to 7, 2022. More information will be shared at next month's meeting.
- **Motion** - Establish the following Subcommittees: Plaques/Markers Subcommittee, Evaluations Subcommittee, Heritage Trees Subcommittee and Review of "A" listed Properties Subcommittee.

CARRIED

9. Other Business:

- Marwa advised that the Evaluations Subcommittee was made aware of a property located at 795 Brant Street that had some potential heritage value and was at risk due to a pending development application. The Evaluations Subcommittee visited the site and based on the evaluations criteria, determined that it has significant history and considerable heritage value. It was noted that this property was relocated and had been on the Register, but had been removed. Members asked when and why it was moved and also when and why it was removed from the Register. Staff will look into this and bring forward at the next meeting. Members were of the opinion that this property should be added to the Municipal Register in order to allow for some protection with the pending development application. **Motion** - Heritage Burlington recommends that the property at 795 Brant Street be added to the Municipal Register. **CARRIED**
- Alan advised that the new content for the History of Burlington page on the City's website is almost complete.
- Jo-Anne advised that all Advisory Committee workplans/budgets and annual reports will be going to the Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability Committee meeting on April 6 and there is the opportunity for the Chair and/or Co-Vice Chairs to attend to answer questions.
- Jo-Anne noted that she is working with Geomatics staff on bike tours for Aldershot and Port Nelson and asked if anyone with a good camera would be willing to take photos of the properties on these tours. Barry volunteered to do this.

10. Adjournment: 8:54 p.m.