

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Heritage Guelph**

DATE March 9, 2015

LOCATION City Hall Committee Room C
TIME 12:00 PM

PRESENT Daphne Wainman-Wood (Chair), Mary Tivy, Michael Crawley, D’Arcy McGee, Uli Walle, Bob Foster, Charles Nixon, Christopher Campbell, Bill Green, Stephen Robinson (Senior Heritage Planner), Michelle Mercier (Recording Secretary), Melissa Aldunate (Manager of Policy Planning and Urban Design)

REGRETS Jessica Tivy, Tony Berto

DELEGATIONS Niska Road Bridge and Cultural Heritage Landscape - Philip Rowe (R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd.), Owen Scott (CHC Limited), Leonard Rach (R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd.), Brad Hamilton (City of Guelph Engineering), Laura Murr, Sandy Nicholls (represented by Laura Murr), Vince Hanson, Nicole Abouhalka, Marlene Hart, Bhaju Tamot (represented by Vince Hanson), John Hart, Dorothy Griggs

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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1	<p><u>Welcome and Opening Remarks</u></p> <p>Stephen Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Stephen Robinson requested that Daphne Wainman-Wood act as Chair for the meeting and that elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015 would be held later in the meeting.</p>
2	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Michael Crawley,</p> <p>“THAT the Agenda and Addendum for the Heritage Guelph meeting of March 9, 2015 be approved.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3	<p><u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest</u></p> <p>none</p>
4	<p><u>Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair</u></p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Bill Green,</p>

	<p>“THAT Daphne Wainman-Wood be nominated as Chair of Heritage Guelph for 2015.” CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Bill Green and seconded by Christopher Campbell,</p> <p>“THAT Mary Tivy be nominated as Vice-Chair of Heritage Guelph for 2015.” CARRIED</p>
5	<p><u>Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2015 and February 9, 2015</u></p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Charles Nixon,</p> <p>“THAT the Minutes from the meeting of January 19, 2015 be approved.” CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Uli Walle,</p> <p>“THAT the Minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2015 be approved.” CARRIED</p>
6	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>None</p>
7	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>Item 7.1 372 Crawley Road</p> <p>Stephen Robinson advised that he has received a Heritage Review application for the proposed removal of 372 Crawley Road from the Heritage Register. The owner has submitted a Cultural Heritage Review Impact Assessment for consideration. Stephen provided some background and reviewed some photos from a recent site visit. Stephen described the property having a brick dwelling and a 3bay barn with a swing beam, no stone foundation - a timber structure on grade. Stephen added that there has not been a demolition permit submitted at this time, however the owners are looking to sell the property and want to give clarity to potential purchasers as to whether the property would need to remain on the Heritage Register.</p> <p>Committee members held a discussion regarding the salvage and storage of the barn materials on site and the documentation of the barn before removal.</p> <p>Moved by Bill Green and seconded by Mary Tivy,</p> <p>“THAT the Cultural Heritage Resource Impact Assessment by Golder Associates (dated October 3, 2014) pertaining to 372 Crawley Road be received;</p>

THAT Heritage Guelph recognizes the cultural heritage value of the barn at 372 Crawley Road, as one of the City of Guelph’s few remaining heavy timber barns. The barn has design value or physical value because it is a representative example of later 19th century heavy timber construction methods. The barn has contextual value as it is a remnant component of the former agricultural role of the property;

THAT Heritage Guelph recognizes that if an adaptive re-use could be found for the barn building on or off the site, this would require extensive re-building and renovation;

THAT Heritage Guelph would have no objection to the approval of a permit to allow careful disassembly of the barn building, provided that the proponent agrees to the following conditions:

- **that the barn and its interior framing be completely documented through measured drawings and photographs (before and during the disassembly);**
- **that all salvageable wood members (e.g. framing, beams, posts or cladding) be retained for potential reuse preferably on site; and**
- **that the materials be stored in a manner acceptable to the Senior Heritage Planner**

That Heritage Guelph recommends that Council approve the proponent’s Heritage Review application for the removal of the property from the *Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties.*”

CARRIED

Item 7.2

Niska Road Bridge and Cultural Heritage Landscape

Delegations – Philip Rowe (R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd.), Owen Scott (CHC Limited), Leonard Rach (R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd.), Brad Hamilton (City of Guelph Engineering), Laura Murr, Sandy Nicholls (represented by Laura Murr), Vince Hanson, Nicole Abouhalka, Marlene Hart, Bhaju Tamot (represented by Vince Hanson), John Hart, Dorothy Griggs

Stephen Robinson provided an introduction to the Committee and showed photos of the bridge and the area. Stephen advised that a Class Environmental Assessment is currently underway which requires Heritage Guelph to make a recommendation as to the cultural heritage value of the Niska Road bridge and its associated cultural heritage landscape. Stephen noted that a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and Addendum has been completed for the bridge and cultural heritage landscape.

Philip Rowe of R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. advised that they have been retained by the City to conduct a Class EA on Niska Road. The Environmental Assessment area covers the land on Niska Road from the Niska bridge east to the Downey Rd. Issues to be addressed include the fact that the bridge abutments are in poor condition and at end of their service life and that the bridge superstructure was never intended to be permanent, only a temporary fix after the original single-lane bridge collapsed in 1974. Currently the abutments sit in the main river course and are being eroded, however the steel portion (superstructure) is still in relatively good shape for its age. Philip noted that the heritage consultants’ reports indicate that there is cultural heritage value in the bridge and its associated cultural heritage landscape. The CHER also indicates that if bridge removal is chosen, measures should be taken to relocate the superstructure to another appropriate location for re-use.

Owen Scott of CHC Limited, author of the addendum to the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report summarized his description of the proposed cultural heritage landscape Owen noted that the cultural heritage landscape assessment area includes lands on both sides of the river (within City of Guelph and Puslinch Township) and includes a portion of the former Kortright Waterfowl Park now owned by GRCA. Significant heritage features include the Steele/Anderson farmhouse, the Buchanan farmhouse and the Bailey bridge. The evaluation shows that the proposed cultural heritage landscape area contains attributes that meet the criteria for determining cultural heritage landscapes. Owen reviewed his recommendations and noted that he is recommending listing the cultural heritage landscape on the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties. Owen feels that designation is not necessary as of the area in question already has protection through the Natural Heritage System and other regulations related to the designated land use of this part of the Speed River.

Laura Murr advised that she feels that the former waterfowl park land should be more extensive than is shown and would like to see the cultural heritage landscape designated.

Laura Murr represented Sandy Nicholls and read her presentation. Sandy is in support of the ACO recommendation and would like to see the bridge and the former waterfowl property designated.

Vince Hanson, President of the Heritage Speed River Working group feels that this portion of Niska Road is more than a traffic corridor and deserves to be designated. Vince supports the designation of the cultural heritage landscape and the bridge itself.

Nicole Abouhalka commented that the Niska Road bridge should be considered a heritage feature and that by replacing the bridge we are destroying nature and the importance of natural areas.

Moved by Christopher Campbell and seconded by Bill Green,

“THAT Heritage Guelph extend the meeting until 3:00 pm.”

CARRIED

Marlene Hart commented on the importance of maintaining nature and that this area provides a natural environment for the residents. Marlene supports the designation of the bridge and landscape and has concerns that a 2lane bridge would destroy the cultural heritage landscape.

Vince Hanson represented Bhaju Tamot and read his presentation. Bhaju is supportive of designation of the bridge and landscape.

John Hart provided some historical background on the use of Bailey bridges. John is supportive of the bridge and landscape being designated.

Dorothy Griggs provided some history of the area. Dorothy noted that the bridge is low profile and fits into the character of area and that the bridge should be designated.

Stephen advised that a letter to Heritage Guelph dated February 16, 2015 was received from Susan Ratcliffe, President of the Guelph/Wellington Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and copies were supplied to members of Heritage Guelph.

	<p>Heritage Guelph went into deliberation to discuss the item and requested clarification on some of the information and issues provided.</p> <p>Stephen Robinson clarified the boundaries and indicated that the lands considered for the potential cultural heritage landscape are partially within the City of Guelph and partially in Puslinch Township. Stephen indicated that at this time staff is not recommending designation but that the bridge and proposed cultural heritage landscape be listed on the Municipal Register. Stephen also advised that the City has no jurisdiction over Township lands.</p> <p>Phillip Rowe noted that a traffic analysis was done and they have a model of traffic flow from now until 2031 and that road widening is not required at this point. Phillip added that there will be load restriction on the road and bridge and will be part of the design element stage.</p> <p>Due to the time constraints, it was decided that the Committee would recess and continue their deliberation at the April 13, 2015 meeting of Heritage Guelph.</p> <p>Moved by Bill Green and seconded by Mary Tivy,</p> <p>“THAT Heritage Guelph receive the reports and presentations as presented at the Meeting of March 9, 2015.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
8	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>Not covered</p>
9	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>HG Designation Working Group – Monday, March 23, 2015 in Meeting Room B Regular Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2015 in City Hall Meeting Room B</p>
9	<p><u>Other Matters (introduced by Heritage Guelph Members)</u></p> <p>None</p>
10	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Christopher Campbell,</p> <p>“THAT the Heritage Guelph meeting of March 9, 2015 be adjourned at 3:00 pm.”</p>