

# MEETING MINUTES



MEETING            **Heritage Guelph**

DATE                November 9, 2015

LOCATION            City Hall Meeting Room C

TIME                12:00 PM

PRESENT            Daphne Wainman-Wood (Chair), Mary Tivy, D’Arcy McGee, Michael Crawley, Bob Foster, Lynn Allingham, Charles Nixon, Uli Walle, Bill Green, Christopher Campbell, Stephen Robinson (Senior Heritage Planner), Abby Watts (Policy Planning), Stacey Laughlin (Policy Planning), Arun Hindupur (Engineering), Melissa Aldunate (Manager of Policy Planning and Urban Design), Don Kudo (Deputy City Engineer), Madeleine Myhill (Planning Clerk)

REGRETS            Tony Berto

DELEGATIONS     Laura Murr, Dr. Dorothy Griggs, Dr. Hugh Whiteley, Nicole Abouhalka, Shugang Li

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p>Daphne Wainman-Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Approval of Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Christopher Campbell and seconded by D’Arcy McGee,</p> <p><b>“THAT the Agenda and Addendum, for the November 9, 2015 meeting of Heritage Guelph be approved.”</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3	<p><b><u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
4	<p><b>Adoption of Draft Minutes from the meeting of October 21, 2015 Heritage Guelph</b></p> <p>Moved by Bill Green and seconded by Lynn Allingham,</p> <p><b>“THAT the Minutes from the Heritage Guelph meeting of October 21, 2015, be approved.”</b></p>

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**Matters arising from the Minutes****Item 6.1 Notice of Motion**

A notice of motion requesting that Heritage Guelph reconsider the motion from the April 13, 2015 meeting regarding the Niska Road Environmental Assessment.

**“THAT Heritage Guelph conditionally supports the preliminary preferred alternative for the Niska Road Environmental Assessment subject to the following conditions:**

**THAT should the bridge be approved for replacement that Heritage Guelph recommends that staff be directed to investigate practical options for the relocation of the superstructure of the Niska Road bridge to a suitable location within the city (or Puslinch Township/Guelph Eramosa) for rehabilitation as a pedestrian/cycling bridge; and**

**THAT staff be directed to bring a report to Council recommending that the Niska Road cultural heritage landscape identified within the city limits be listed on the City of Guelph’s Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties under Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,**

**THAT Heritage Guelph recommends that the Niska Road cultural heritage landscape identified within the city limits within the CHC report, be designated under Section IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,**

**THAT Heritage Guelph recommends that the consultant team provides copies of the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and the Niska Road Cultural Heritage Landscape Addendum to the Township of Puslinch and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa; and that the City of Guelph provide Heritage Guelph minutes from March 9, 2015 and April 13, 2015; and,**

**THAT the extant stone abutments of the bridge be retained and conserved in situ to stand as a monument to previous bridges and construction methods at this crossing; and,**

**THAT the City provide interpretive signage explaining the history of the Niska Road crossing and its associated cultural heritage landscape; and,**

**THAT if development is considered on lands adjacent to the identified Niska Road cultural heritage landscape that the views west and south from the intersection of Niska Road and Pioneer Trail be considered carefully in order to conserve the heritage attributes of the identified cultural heritage landscape; and,**

	<p><b>THAT</b> when development is proposed on adjacent lands, the viewshed be studied to the north and east with consideration of its impact on the cultural heritage landscape; and,</p> <p><b>THAT</b> Heritage Guelph is circulated the alternative design concepts for the preferred solution and be provided the opportunity to review and assess potential impacts of the proposed improvements and recommended mitigation plans on the cultural heritage landscape; and,</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the replacement bridge be designed in such a way that is compatible with the cultural heritage landscape and with the current views from the bridge (upstream and downstream) not impeded for vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic; and,</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the City’s EA study team return to update Heritage Guelph and provide opportunities for further input regarding the environmental assessment following the EA’s second Public Information Centre and prior to the filing of the EA document.”</p>
6	<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p><b>Item 7.1 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan – Draft Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>A brief presentation was given by Stacey Laughlin and Abby Watts of Policy Planning discussing the Draft Terms of Reference for the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan. The Heritage component of the Plan will fall under the “Community Plan” study. During Phase I of the study, the known cultural heritage resources within the area will be confirmed and mapped at which time it will be brought back to Heritage Guelph. During Phase II, the cultural heritage resource map will be confirmed, and during Phase III a design charrette will take place. The Final Phase (the Secondary Plan Phase) will be brought to Heritage Guelph for comment.</p> <p><b>Item 7.2 Update on recent Guelph Mercury article re: 404 Willow Road</b></p> <p>Stephen Robinson provided an information item of background and images of the subject property. A diagram of the proposed Willow Road grade separation was shown and it has been determined that at minimum, diversion of the driveway would be necessary. Stephen has been told that the project is moving slowly and no decisions are being made at this time, but the MTO will share the Heritage Report with the City and the Heritage Advisory Committee when complete.</p> <p><b>Item 7.3 Notice of Motion from Uli Walle</b></p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Uli Walle,</p> <p><b>“THAT the motion from April 13, 2015 be reconsidered by Heritage Guelph.”</b></p> <p>Recorded vote:</p> <p>For reconsideration: Christopher Campbell, D’Arcy McGee, Uli Walle, Michael Crawley, Daphne</p>

Wainman Wood, Mary Tivy  
Against reconsideration: Bob Foster, Bill Green, Charles Nixon

CARRIED

Delegations: Laura Murr, Dr. Dorothy Griggs, Dr. Hugh Whiteley, Nicole Abouhalka, Shugang Li

Laura Murr noted that the cultural heritage of the Niska Road area is worthy of protection and provided a table outlining costs to salvage the existing bridge based on her research.

Dr. Dorothy Griggs stated that there is a large public interest in protecting this area with 2,200 signatures for her petition.

Dr. Hugh Whiteley suggested that the current Environmental Assessment be paused to allow for decisions to be made regarding the cultural heritage resources as was done with the Black Bridge in the City of Cambridge. Dr. Whiteley also noted that the Niska Road Bailey bridge has significant historical elements that should be added to the City's list of designated bridges, and that Heritage Guelph should continue to examine feasibility of designation.

Nicole Abouhalka read a letter which she wrote stating that she would like to see the bridge repaired with the addition of a pedestrian and cyclist path, and that the area be designated and named after John McCrae.

Shugang Li would like to see the cultural heritage landscape designated and without a two lane bridge.

E-mail from Sandy Nichols reviewed by Committee.

Heritage Guelph went "in Committee" to discuss the item.

Moved by Chris Campbell and seconded by D'Arcy McGee,

**"THAT Heritage Guelph does not support the preliminary preferred alternative for the Niska Road Environmental Assessment presented to Heritage Guelph on April 13, 2015 by Engineering Staff and their consultant, and;**

**THAT Heritage Guelph recommends to Council that the Niska Road area bounded to the west by the Speed River, the north by the township line, to the eastern boundary of the GRCA lands, and the southern City boundary be designated under the OHA as a cultural heritage landscape and be preserved in such a form as to continue its sightlines and its current land use patterns, and;**

**THAT the area being recommended for designation include the existing Bailey bridge, stone abutments and existing road widths and graded shoulders."**

CARRIED

7	<p><b><u>Information Items</u></b></p> <p><b>Item 8.1</b>      <b>ACO Guelph/Wellington tour of the Basilica of Our Lady</b>  Guided Tour and Talk with Roberto Chiotti, Restoration Architect  Wedn. Nov. 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm</p> <p><b>Item 8.2</b>      <b>CHO News, Fall 2015 issue</b></p> <p><b>Item 8.3</b>      <b>Annual Ontario Heritage Conference at Stratford/St. Mary's</b>  May 12-14, 2016</p>		
8	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>HG Designation Working Group</b>  November 23, 2015  Location: City Hall, Mtg Rm B</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Heritage Guelph</b>  December 14, 2015 (12-2pm)  Location: City Hall, Mtg Rm C</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>HG Designation Working Group</b>  November 23, 2015  Location: City Hall, Mtg Rm B</p>	<p><b>Heritage Guelph</b>  December 14, 2015 (12-2pm)  Location: City Hall, Mtg Rm C</p>
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9	<p><b><u>Other Matters (introduced by Heritage Guelph Members)</u></b></p> <p>Committee members would like contact information for all members.</p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Michael Crawley,</p> <p><b>“THAT the meeting be extended to 2:10.”</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Stephen Robinson informed the Committee that the Ontario Municipal Board hearing for the Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District was completed after 2.5 days. The Board heard from three appellants and the City's Legal Services believes that a Board decision can be expected to be issued by December and if so, the HCD would then be in full force and effect.</p>		
10	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Bill Green,</p> <p><b>“THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 pm.”</b></p>		