

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Heritage Guelph**

DATE August 14, 2017

LOCATION City Hall Meeting Room B
TIME 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

PRESENT Christopher Campbell (Chair), Mary Tivy, David Waverman, Bob Foster, Michael Crawley, Bill Green, Tony Berto, Stephen Robinson (Senior Heritage Planner), Irena Jurakic (Heritage Research Assistant)

REGRETS Daphne Wainman-Wood, Charles Nixon
DELEGATIONS None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<u>Welcome and Opening Remarks</u> Christopher Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	<u>Approval of Agenda</u> Moved by Mary Tivy and seconded by Bill Green; “THAT the Agenda for the August 14, 2017 meeting of Heritage Guelph be approved.” CARRIED
3	<u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u> None
4	<u>Adoption of Draft Minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting of Heritage Guelph</u> Moved by Tony Berto, and seconded by Michael Crawley; “THAT the Minutes from the Heritage Guelph meeting of July 24, 2017 be approved.” CARRIED

New Business**Addendum Discussion****5.1 69 Woolwich Street****Heritage Background Report for 69 Woolwich Street compiled by Heritage Guelph, dated August 1, 2017 (See Attachment 1)**

Stephen Robinson carries discussion regarding last meeting minutes, background report and motion regarding 69 Woolwich Street. His update includes the opinion of Todd Salter the inability to attach the pending Heritage Committee background report. Committee members have concerns that there appears to be no mechanism for Heritage Guelph to express their opinions other than by reference made by the authors of the staff report. The Chair stated that there should be a formal mechanism for the committee to express their concerns if they refute a consultant or staff's findings or recommendations— and this is in keeping with fulfillment of Heritage Guelph's mandate. Campbell also recommended that in situations such as this time is of the essence; when demolition permit requests are submitted for listed or designated properties, perhaps the Heritage Guelph Designation Working Group meeting can become an official Heritage Guelph meeting? Bob Foster requested that the City add a paragraph to the 69 Woolwich Street staff report that highlights the Heritage Committees recommendations and findings from its Heritage Committee background report. He also offered that another potential issue that complicates these properties is the fact that the area is zoned for High Density Residential.

There was discussion regarding demolition permits requested for listed buildings and Stephen Robinson clarified the 60 day period required for Council to decide on a demolition permit presented for a listed heritage property. He pointed out that unless we had more time to develop conservation plans in the case of some of these properties, the only reasonable response to such requests for demolition was to designate the property.

Stephen Robinson stated that he would revisit the issue with both Melissa Aldunate and Todd Salter.

Moved by Mary Tivy, and seconded by Tony Berto;

THAT Heritage Guelph accepts the final Heritage Guelph Background report dated August 1, 2017, regarding the cultural heritage significance of 69 Woolwich street and the report's identification of criteria met for designation according to Regulation 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

5.2 62, 68 and 74-76 Yarmouth Street Listed properties

Stephen reviewed the background and history of the properties at risk and briefly described what in his opinion could be heritage attributes of the buildings. Christopher Campbell led discussion regarding the possible designation of the area as a heritage district and some of the pitfalls of such designation; reviewing the working class nature of this part of Guelph and the fact that this portion of the neighbourhood is still intact and in very good condition. Campbell also suggested in a broader sense that the City of Guelph should identify all of the pre-Confederation stone buildings in the city and consider protection for them considering they are an integral part of the heritage fabric of Guelph. Stephen suggested that infill can be sensitive to the existing heritage resources on the street. Stephen

	<p>also introduced discussion regarding the Guelph Heritage Action Plan (CHAP) in regard to this property and how Heritage Guelph’s discussion questions are part of this larger plan. The consultants for the CHAP are to hit the ground soon and will be working in consultation with Heritage Guelph.</p> <p>5.3 Metcalfe-Huron Street Pedestrian Bridge</p> <p>Stephen Robinson provided an update on the closure of the Metcalfe-Huron Street pedestrian bridge. The bridge is currently closed due to safety issues and the concrete steps have been condemned. He reviewed the potential cultural heritage value and history of the “Hundred Steps” bridge as well as stressing the contextual value of the steps to the local community. The bridge is currently owned by Genesee & Wyoming Railway but will be owned by Metrolinx shortly. There is no immediate danger for the bridge, but Metrolinx will be twinning the rail line under it in the not so distant future and this twinning will impact the bridge. Stephen requested that Heritage Guelph begin to think about the bridge in terms of being a cultural heritage resource and how to define its cultural heritage value and importance in the St. Patrick’s Ward landscape. While owned by the Province, the bridge can be listed but not designated.</p> <p>5.4 Guelph Trails Master Plan</p> <p>Stephen Robinson provided an update on Parks Planning’s current update of the Guelph Trails Master Plan. The project consultants and Parks Planning staff will require input from Heritage Guelph and the River System Advisory Committee (RSAC). Stephen made a request to the committee to start thinking about cultural heritage resources and their relationship to the trail systems in Guelph.</p>
6	<p>Information Items</p> <p>7.1 Heritage Guelph Conservation Recognition Program</p> <p>Stephen Robinson encourages members of Heritage Guelph to photo document any properties of interest within Guelph that are currently not listed but were perhaps candidates for formal heritage listing and designation. Michael Crawley requested clarification on whether they should approach the property owners or request permission to photograph their properties. Stephen Robinson suggested this was unnecessary if photos were taken from the public realm, but introducing oneself might be a good opportunity to engage with the owner regarding the history of their property. There was some discussion led by Christopher Campbell regarding smartphone applications (as used in some other municipalities) to heighten recognition of local heritage properties.</p> <p>7.2 Heritage tours for cyclists</p> <p>Stephen Robinson extended an offer to Guelph Heritage to take part in a tour for cyclists and some members expressed interest.</p> <p>7.3 Policy Planning - Inventory of Faith Based Institutions</p> <p>Stephen Robinson briefly described to the committee how Policy Planning is currently compiling a list of all properties in Guelph that have ever contained a faith-based institution. If committee members had any advice or additions to the list they would be welcome.</p>
7	<p><u>Additional Items Discussed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Robinson briefly discussed 120 Huron Street and that only the large corner building is

	<p>listed (non-designated) on the heritage register. A demolition permit has been made for all other two buildings on the site. There was also discussion of the history of the property and the practicalities of the extensive brownfield remediation required on the property. Staff have requested that photo documentation of the associated buildings would be carried out before demolition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Robinson is away August 28th, 2017 and is unavailable for HG Working Group • Stephen Robinson recommended that Heritage Guelph members try using the Heritage Building Evaluation Sheet circulated by Bob Foster. This will result in later discussion of the merits/deficiencies of such checklists • Mary Tivy requested that the staff report for 69 Woolwich Street be made available for review as soon as possible. 		
8	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Heritage Guelph Meeting September 11, 2017 (12-2 PM) Location: City Hall, Meeting Rm C</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>HG Designation Working Group September 25, 2017 (12-2 pm) Location: City Hall, Meeting Rm B</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Heritage Guelph Meeting September 11, 2017 (12-2 PM) Location: City Hall, Meeting Rm C</p>	<p>HG Designation Working Group September 25, 2017 (12-2 pm) Location: City Hall, Meeting Rm B</p>
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9	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>		