

Meeting Minutes

City of Guelph

Heritage Guelph Committee (HG)

April 8, 2019

City Hall, Meeting Room C

From 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: P. Brian Skerrett

Present: P. Brian Skerrett, Bob Foster, Michael Crawley, Arlin Otto, Charles Nixon, Kesia Kvill, Mary Tivy, Stephen Robinson (Senior Heritage Planner), Madeleine Myhill (Planning Clerk)

Absent: James Smith, David Waverman

Agenda Items

All were welcomed by the Chair.

Items 1, 2 and 3

Item 1, Call to order and review of agenda and addendum

Item 2, Acknowledgements

Item 3, Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None

Item 4, Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Kesia Kvill

Seconded by: Arlin Otto

Carried – unanimous

THAT the minutes of the March 11, 2018 meeting of Heritage Guelph be approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 5

43 Arthur Street South

Designated property (2018)-2029

Heritage permit application HP18-0009 proposing signage to be installed on south elevation of the Spring Mill Distillery at the Metalworks heritage building complex. See Attachment 1 for related images.

- Staff presented revised images of signage
- Explained justification for lettering and placement after further discussion with property owners

Moved by: Arlin Otto
Seconded by: Mary Tivy

Carried – unanimous

**That Heritage Guelph supports heritage permit HP18-0009 for the installation of signage on the south elevation wall of the Spring Mill Distillery at 43 Arthur Street South, as presented in elevation drawings presented at the April 8 2019 meeting of Heritage Guelph; and
That any modifications to the proposed design that are minor in nature may be dealt with by the Senior Heritage Planner.**

New Business

Item 6

25 Mitchell Street

Designation By-law (2004)-17377

Heritage permit application (HP19-0005) to reconstruct the existing front porch.

- Staff presented images and introduced the owner of the designated property
- Balustrade around the top of the porch was added after 1974 and had to be removed due to rot – reconstruction will not include the balustrade
- Columns will be restored

Moved by: Charles Nixon
Seconded by: Michael Crawley

Carried – unanimous

That Heritage Guelph supports heritage permit HP19-0005 to reconstruct the existing front porch at 25 Mitchell Street as presented at the April 8 2019 meeting of Heritage Guelph; and

That any modifications to the design that are minor in nature may be dealt with by the Senior Heritage Planner.

Item 7

191 Waterloo Avenue

Listed property

Heritage review application (HR19-0001) for proposed removal from Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties.

- Staff presented images and what is currently known about the property's history and the result of an interior inspection with the owner

Moved by: Kesia Kvill
Seconded by: Arlin Otto
Carried – unanimous

That Heritage Guelph refers heritage review application HR19-0001 to the Designation Working Group to bring back its recommendation to the May 13 2019 meeting of Heritage Guelph.

Moved by: Charles Nixon
Seconded by: Mary Tivy
Carried – unanimous

THAT the meeting be extended to 2:30 p.m.

Item 8

Draft Cultural Heritage Action Plan (CHAP) released for Council and public comment
Discussion of current draft document being presented to Council Planning on April 8 2019.

- Clarification provided around CHAP project timelines
- Concerns were expressed by committee members as to the project process and that there has not been enough consultation opportunities with the Committee
- Discussion around determination of priority for candidate cultural heritage landscapes

Moved by: Bob Foster
Seconded by: Kesia Kvill
Carried – unanimous

THAT Heritage Guelph requests that the consultant team for the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (MHBC) attend the May meeting of Heritage Guelph.

Item 9

785 York Road

Review of Cultural Heritage Resource Impact Assessment: York Road Environmental Design Study (revised March 2019) prepared for the City of Guelph by Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions.

- Staff summarized changes made to the CHRIA by the authors since the last consultation with Heritage Guelph
- Reviewed the cross section and proposed location for the reconstruction of the stone wing walls at the front entrance off York Road
- The reconstruction of the wall further back ensures that there will not need to be guardrails

- Discussion about salt use and its impacts on the stone wall and discussion around materials for reconstruction
- A conservation plan will be required to guide this work
- Heritage Planning believes that the proposed relocation will serve to reveal the original wall face to the road, whereas it's currently hidden. The reconstruction will better conserve the walls rather than leaving them largely underground.
- Staff presented aerial image with heritage elements identified for Clythe Creek
- The removal of water flow from the existing water features of this portion of Clythe Creek is a major concern of the committee members
- Discussion about the need to find balance between heritage and improvement of fish habitat and concerns with realignment of creek
- Feasibility and further considerations in detailed design
- P. Brian Skerret highlighted dairy cattle and milk production achievements of the GCC when it functioned as a working jail
- Concerns over errors in the CHIA document were brought to the committee's attention and concerns were voiced by the committee that the City isn't putting enough emphasis on conserving the heritage character defining elements of Clythe Creek within the GCC CHL
- Discussion of potential heritage designation – the GCC is listed as high priority in the draft Cultural Heritage Action Plan
- Moving the priority action on Clythe Creek and the OR lands generally to the Designation Working Group
- Many committee members were unable to offer support for the staff recommended motion

Item 10

Heritage Guelph Designation Working Group Report

P. Brian Skerrett provided a report

Item 11

Heritage Guelph Outreach Working Group Report

Kesia Kvill provided a report

Moved by: Kesia Kvill

Seconded by: Charles Nixon

Carried – unanimous

THAT Heritage Guelph endorses the recommendation of the Outreach Working Group that Chris Clark be engaged as a volunteer to update the photographs of designated properties and any other heritage properties identified by the working group or City Staff.

Moved by: Arlin Otto

Seconded by: Mary Tivy

Carried – unanimous

THAT the meeting be extended 2:45 p.m.

Information Items

1. Meeting protocol - housekeeping
2. Staff update on questions regarding vacant heritage properties within the city – Stephen Robinson will bring to Committee if possible
3. Doors Open Guelph (April 27, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.)
4. Ontario Heritage Conference, (May 30-June 1) in Bluewater and Goderich

Next Meetings

HG Outreach Working Group: April 22, 2019 (10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon) City Hall, Mtg Rm B

HG Designation Working Group: April 22, 2019 (12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.) City Hall, Mtg Rm B

Heritage Guelph: May 13, 2019 (12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.) City Hall, Mtg Rm C

Adjournment

Moved by: Michael Crawley

Seconded by: Charles Nixon

Carried – unanimous