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Minutes of the **Clarington Heritage Committee** held via Microsoft Teams on November 17, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

Members Present were: Peter Vogel, Victor Suppan, David Reesor, Ron Sproule, Noel Gamble, Steve Conway, Councillor Ron Hooper, Myno Van Dyke (NVDHS), Katharine Warren

Regrets: Marina Ross (Museum), Jason Moore (ACO)

Staff Present: Faye Langmaid, Amy Burke, Sarah Allin, Planning and Development Services

Guests: None

1 Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest stated at this meeting.

2 Land Acknowledgement Statement

P. Vogel read aloud Clarington's Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3 Adoption of Agenda

20.40 "Approved by Consensus"

That the Agenda be adopted.

"Carried"

4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

20.41 "Approved by Consensus"

That the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Clarington Heritage Committee meeting be adopted.

"Carried"

5 Delegations/Presentations: None

6 Business Arising

6.1 Newcastle Village District Historical Society (NVDHS) Membership Renewal:

The Committee's membership to the Newcastle Village District Historical Society is due for renewal. The membership fee for organizations is \$25.00.

20.42 Moved by R. Hooper, seconded by K. Warren

That the Newcastle Village District Historical Society membership be renewed for the value of \$25.00.

"Carried"

6.2 Belmont House (302 Given Road) Update:

Recommendations of staff report PSD-044-20 to approve the Heritage Permit application for 302 Given Road subject to conditions were adopted at the Planning and Development Committee meeting on October 26, and ratified at the November 2 Council meeting, along with the minutes of the October Heritage Committee meeting containing Heritage Committee's comments on the application. The Heritage Permit application was approved subject to conditions relating to (i) the applicant addressing the outstanding comments from the Heritage Committee, and (ii) the property being placed under site plan control to address matters relating to landscaping, access, and servicing as well as to ensure the proposed restoration is undertaken in accordance with the Conservation Plan by persons with expertise in heritage building restoration. Other conditions relate to the significance of the artesian well and determination of its location on the property to avoid and mitigate adverse impacts on the well to the extent possible. By-law 2020-075 to place the lands under site plan control was passed by Council on November 2, 2020.

Committee members indicated they have been in touch with a former resident who may be able to help locate the artesian well. The former resident of 302 Given Road also advised the brick base in the photograph provided by the Committee to the applicant was not original to the home but had been added to address rotting at the base of the columns. The original columns were likely wooden from the bottom to the top, in keeping with what has been proposed by the applicant. The second storey railing shown in the photograph is likely original to the dwelling.

Planning and Development Services staff will continue to correspond with the applicant to address the Committee's outstanding comments and work towards the submission of a site plan application.

6.3 Fletcher Tree

Committee members highlighted the Fletcher Tree represents the first time Clarington has designated a living heritage resource. Along with the recommendation for designation of the Fletcher Tree, the Committee put forward information relating to tree protection by-laws in effect in other municipalities. Similar feedback was provided by Committee members as part of the Neighbourhood Character Study process. Committee members inquired whether there might be opportunity to develop provisions similar to those within the Property Standards By-law for designated heritage properties.

Planning and Development Services staff indicated the further protection and commemoration of the Fletcher Tree can be addressed as part of applicable planning approvals processes relating to the eventual development of the property. Broader tree-protection measures are matters for consideration by the Public Works Department. Planning and Development Services staff will ensure Public Works staff is aware of the Committee's interest in developing additional tools for tree protection.

Committee members asked that the Fletcher Tree be added as a standing item on the Committee's agenda.

7 Correspondence and Council Referrals: None

8 Reports from other Committees

8.1 Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Orono CIPs –The next CIP Liaison Group meetings are scheduled for November. Updates will be provided at the next meeting.

8.2 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO), Clarington Branch – None

8.3 Newcastle Village District Historical Society (NVDHS) – The NVDHS room remains closed, however the newsletter is still being sent. The document component of the digitization project has been completed. Work has now commenced on the digitization of artefacts.

8.4 Museum – None

8.5 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee – The approved works at 5 Beech Avenue including a replacement perimeter fence, a replacement detached garage and covered walkway are underway. The fencing is complete. Committee members acknowledged the property owner's commitment to ensure the alterations to the property uphold the significance of the Heritage Conservation District.

8.6 Wilmot Creek Heritage Park – Committee members who have been involved in the Wilmot Creek Heritage Park project raised concerns relating to their ability to continue to provide input into the project. Committee members would like to continue their history of active involvement in this project with the intent to create a heritage park that celebrates the heritage of the area and educates young people. Committee members also inquired about the status of the Wilmot Crown Lands.

Planning and Development Committee approved a report to establish street names for the Foster Creek plan of subdivision that specifically relate to the history of the area. The report will be considered for ratification at the next Council meeting.

Planning and Development Services staff will work with Public Works staff to enable the continued participation of Committee members in this initiative. Discussion with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry staff has been initiated.

The Committee requested that this item remain a standing item on future Committee meeting agendas. ...

9 Project Reports

9.1 The sub-committee evaluated the following properties and recommended as follows:

- 77 Scugog Street, Bowmanville: the property be considered for addition to the Municipal Register; significant to the cultural heritage of the community.

20.43 Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by R. Sproule

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that the property at 77 Scugog Street in Bowmanville be considered for addition to the Municipal Register.

“Carried”

- 26 Hunt Street, Bowmanville: the property be documented and removed from the Heritage Merit category on the Cultural Heritage Resource List.

20.44 Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by R. Sproule

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that (i) the property at 26 Hunt Street be photographically documented for Clarington’s archives, and (ii) the property no longer needs to be included on Clarington’s Cultural Heritage Resource List.

“Carried”

- 75 Wellington Street, Bowmanville: the property be considered for addition to the Municipal Register; significant to the cultural heritage of the community and the fabric of the surrounding neighbourhood.

20.45 Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by S. Conway

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that the property at 75 Wellington Street in Bowmanville be considered for addition to the Municipal Register.

“Carried”

9.2 Outreach/Education Committee:

The Outreach/Education Committee will work with Planning and Development Services staff and the owner of 1697 Highway 2 on the cultural heritage information initiative. The sub-committee will plan to meet to discuss the priorities and parameters for the project.

10 New Business

10.1 Recent Passing of Councillor Don MacArthur: The Heritage Committee wished to express their regret over the recent passing of former Councillor Don MacArthur and recognize his valuable contributions to the Committee and cultural heritage matters, particularly his efforts and insights on the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District and Tooley’s Mill Park projects. The latest edition of the Orono Times includes an editorial on Councillor MacArthur.

10.2 Title Searches for Heritage Purposes: Committee members requested training for conducting title searches on heritage properties to help them undertake property evaluations given Ontario Land Registry services are now exclusively online. It was also requested that Fire Insurance Plans for Bowmanville be made available to Committee members for the purpose of their research. Planning and Development Services staff will make best efforts to address the Committee's requests.

10.3 December Meeting of the Heritage Committee: The Committee has conducted the minimum number of meetings for 2020, in accordance with the Clarington Heritage Committee Terms of Reference.

20.46 Moved by D. Reesor, seconded by K. Warren

That the Heritage Committee has opted not to hold a December 2020 meeting, as it has achieved the minimum number of meetings for 2020 in accordance with the Clarington Heritage Committee Terms of Reference.

"Carried"

10.4 81 Scugog Street, Bowmanville: It has come to the attention of Committee members that identified heritage attributes of the designated property at 81 Scugog Street have fallen into disrepair and may pose a safety risk. Committee members asked staff to look into this matter in the context of the Property Standards By-law provisions for heritage properties.

10.5 Highway 407 ETR: V. Suppan provided an update on the status of the Highway 407 ETR signage matters relating to the indigenous monument at the interchange to Highway 35/115, 'Downtown Clarington' signage and community gateway signs.

Adjournment

K. Warren moved, D. Reesor seconded adjournment, 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m.