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Minutes of the **Clarington Heritage Committee** held via Microsoft Teams on March 16, 2021, 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), Jason Moore (ACO), Katharine Warren (Museum)

Regrets: Bob Malone (NVDHS)

Staff Present: Faye Langmaid, Sarah Allin, Planning and Development Services; Stephen Brake, Public Works

Guests: Bill Humber (Beech Ave. Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee), Rick McEachern, Mark and Darlene Clermont

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

21.11 By Consensus

That the Agenda be adopted

"Carried"

4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

21.12 Moved by R. Hooper, seconded by N. Gamble

That the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Clarington Heritage Committee meeting be adopted.

"Carried"

5 Delegations/Presentations:

5.1 Rick McEachern Re: Red Oak Tree in front of 21 Beech Avenue

R. McEachern provided an overview of the history of the red oak tree to the Committee, suggesting it is of landmark status, in support of a request that the Committee consider the individual designation of the red oak tree located in front of 21 Beech Avenue, Bowmanville under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

5.2 Bill Humber Re: Red Oak Tree in front of 21 Beech Avenue

Mr. Humber provided a summary of the reports issued by arborist retained to assess the red oak tree in summer 2020 after a large limb fell, damaging the dwelling at 21 Beech Avenue. Mr. Humber also indicated the community's long-time connection with the tree, requesting the Committee consider its designation and the Municipality's consideration of remediation options provided in the arborists' reports to maintain and support the tree in order to ensure its continued health and protection. Mr. Humber also invited Mr. and Mrs. Clermont to speak in support of the request for the tree's designation.

5.3 M. Clermont and D. Clermont Re: Red Oak Tree in front of 21 Beech Avenue

M. and D. Clermont spoke in support of the designation of the red oak tree as the owners of 21 Beech Avenue and reiterated the community's connection to the tree they have witnessed since moving to the community.

Committee members thanked all the delegations for their presentations.

6 Business Arising

6.1 Red Oak Tree at 21 Beech Avenue

Committee members discussed the request for the tree to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage in consideration of the information presented by the delegations. Planning and Development Services staff confirmed the tree is currently identified as a notable landscape feature in the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District Plan (Beech Avenue HCD Plan) designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Beech Avenue HCD Plan provides for the maintenance of the tree, which may include its removal if warranted.

Committee members inquired whether a Part IV designation would enable the access to the Heritage Incentive Grant program funding to help with required upkeep and maintenance. Staff advised the HIG program is directed toward the maintenance of buildings and structures. To include maintenance related to a designated tree in the HIG Program would require a Council resolution. Committee members also inquired about alternative funding opportunities to support heritage trees, which staff will explore.

S. Brake, Director of Public Works, indicated staff recognizes the importance of the red oak tree to the community and the Old Bowmanville neighbourhood. At this time the matter is still under review. S. Brake communicated the need to do what is best for the safety of the community and consider the risk involved with each alternative proposed by the arborist assessment. Specifically, the large branches that extend over the road and sidewalk are identified as requiring support and posing a risk of failure in the next 5 years if not supported. Staff needs to consider the possible mitigation measures and associated costs of each identified alternative.

It was also noted staff is not immediately moving forward with a recommended action, providing the Committee time to undertake further investigation of the culture heritage value or interest of the tree in consideration of the request for

designation. Further, assessment of the Beech Avenue trees that informed the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District Study at the time the Beech Avenue HCD was established will be provided to Committee members for review.

6.2 Title Search Training

A Title Search Training Session will be held on March 27, 2021 in response to the Committee's request. Heritage consultants ARA will lead the session, which has also been offered to other area municipal Heritage Committee and heritage planners in Durham Region.

6.3 Fletcher Tree

No update for this standing agenda item.

7 Correspondence and Council Referrals: None

8 Reports from other Committees

8.1 Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Orono CIPs – The CIP Liaison Groups met in February. The minutes of the meetings will be provided to Committee members for information.

8.2 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO), Clarington Branch – The next ACO meeting is scheduled for June.

Newcastle Village District Historical Society (NVDHS) – No update to report.

8.3 Museum – A Library Board has not met since the last Heritage Committee meeting. The Museum remains closed to the public.

8.4 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee – See Items 5 and 6.1, above.

8.5 Wilmot Creek Heritage Park – V. Suppan has corresponded with the developer's landscape architect, who is finalizing a submission for the Municipality's review. Planning and Development Services staff will work with Public Works staff to enable the continued participation of Committee members in this initiative.

9 Project Reports

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

- 27 Beaver Street, Newcastle: the property be considered for addition to the Municipal Register.

21.13 Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by D. Reesor

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that the property at 27 Beaver Street, Newcastle be considered for addition to the Municipal Register; significant to the cultural heritage of the community.

“Carried”

- Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan and Courtice Employment Lands: Sub-committee members undertook a preliminary review of 17 properties identified as having potential cultural heritage value and interest in the associated Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment prepared to inform the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan and secondary plan for the Courtice Employment Lands area. The report, prepared by the sub-committee, made recommendations to inform the secondary plan studies and will be provided to relevant Planning and Development Services staff.

21.14 Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by D. Reesor

That the Heritage Committee (i) accepts the sub-committee’s report on the properties identified as having potential cultural heritage value and interest within the Southwest Courtice and Courtice Employment Lands secondary plan areas, and (ii) that the report be provided to project staff to inform the secondary plan studies.

“Carried”

- Buildings constructed with materials from Camp 30: sub-committee members presented information on the building at 27 Second Street and the Memorial Park Clubhouse in Bowmanville. The buildings are partially constructed with materials from the former barracks at Camp 30, representing historical significance to the community that should be remembered.

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

That the property located at 27 Second Street and the Memorial Park Clubhouse at 120 Liberty Street South in Bowmanville be added to Clarington’s Cultural Heritage Resource List as Heritage Merit to acknowledge the history of materials from the former Camp 20 barracks.

“Carried”

9.2 Outreach/Education Sub-committee:

Cultural Heritage Information Pole Project: Staff provided background information to sub-committee members outlining possible options for this project. QR Code option was noted as the method that may be the preferred option at this time. Planning. The sub-committee indicated it intends to meet to discuss further and develop a recommendation to the Committee.

10 New Business

- 10.1 Heritage Week Feb. Presentation: P. Vogel provided a great presentation to the Planning and Development Committee of Council on March 15th in recognition of Heritage Week.
- 10.2 4511 Courtice Road (Langmaid House) – Committee members inquired about the dwelling, identified as Secondary on the Cultural Heritage Resources List, which was damaged by a recent fire. The opportunity to restore/retain the structure will depend on the extent of the damage from the fire.
- 10.3 Works at 62 King Street W. – the recent works at the designated building at 62 King Street W. uncovered original pillars that been hidden by previous work. The pillars have been retained and now protrude from the front façade as an architectural feature of the building.

Adjournment:

D. Reesor moved adjournment, 9:15 pm.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m.