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Minutes of the **Clarington Heritage Committee** held via Microsoft Teams on April 20, 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), Bob Malone (NVDHS)

Regrets: Katharine Warren (Museum)

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

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

21.16 By Consensus

That the Agenda be adopted

"Carried"

4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

21.17 By Consensus

That the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Clarington Heritage Committee meeting be adopted.

"Carried"

5 Delegations/Presentations: None

6 Business Arising

6.1 Red Oak Tree at 21 Beech Avenue

Staff provided a brief recap of the Committee's consideration of this matter at its March 16 meeting. Specifically, in response to the receipt of requests to individually designate the tree under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Committee received (i) delegations on this matter (ii) information regarding arborist reports and the health of the tree provided by Public Works staff, and (iii) an

overview of the current status of the tree as a significant landscape feature within the existing Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District (HCD) designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In response discussions at the March 16 CHC meeting, S. Brake, Director of Public Works, advised the Committee of the following:

- Staff has implemented parking restrictions and a 'No Stopping Zone' on Beech Avenue in the vicinity of the subject red oak tree in order to minimize risk of vehicles occupying the space underneath the tree limb that extends over the road;
- The Municipality's insurance company provided information that recommends actions be taken to minimize any identified hazards posed by the tree;
- Additional information provided by the arborist estimates the tree to be approximately 230 years old, noting with proper care the tree could live another 50 years; and
- A preliminary plan for mitigation and support for the tree as provided by the arborist would include pruning, 4 may poles, and a series of cables, with an estimated cost of approximately \$55,000.

In response to a request from residents of the community, the Evaluation sub-committee of the CHC undertook research and an evaluation of the tree to inform its recommendation as to whether the tree possesses sufficient cultural heritage value or interest to merit individual designation under Part IV of the OHA.

The sub-committee evaluation and advice based on extensive research and the information provided to the Committee, found insufficient cultural heritage significance to recommend support for individual designation of the tree under Part IV, as requested at the previous meeting.

Committee members discussed the history of the tree, the potential options to support the branches, and the importance of the red oak tree to the community and the Old Bowmanville neighbourhood. The red oak tree at 21 Beech Avenue remains protected as a significant landscape feature in the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District, designated under Part V of the OHA. The Committee looks forward to the efforts of the Municipality to preserve and extend the life of the red oak tree in the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District.

Committee members support the Municipality's preliminary plans and efforts not to remove the tree at this time, and recognize it is not the Committee's mandate to determine the Municipality's course of action but to assess the heritage impact of such actions, including but not limited to how the streetscape and canopy coverage over Beech Avenue may be affected.

In this context and in its role as an advisory committee on matters of cultural heritage, Committee members requested an opportunity to comment on any

Municipal course of action related to this recognized landscape feature of the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District.

6.2 Heritage Trees

The preservation of heritage trees has been a topic considered by the Committee for the last number of years. In consideration of the Committee's mandate to maintain an updated list of cultural heritage resources in the Municipality, Committee members discussed establishing a list of heritage trees in order to track these resources and inform any future Municipal tree-related by-laws. During the Committee's evaluation of the Fletcher Tree, a tree protection by-law was identified as a tool to establish minimum standards for the ongoing maintenance and long-term care of living cultural heritage resources on public and private lands, as well as how to deal with their decline.

21.18 Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by M. Van Dyke

That the Heritage Committee (i) establishes a Heritage Tree List consisting of trees with potential cultural heritage value in and interest (ii) that trees on the list be mapped by the Municipality, and (iii) that the following five trees be added to the list in the 'Candidate' category:

- Burl Oak Tree located at 4 Liberty Place, Bowmanville;
- Royal Oak Tree located at 57 George Street, Newcastle;
- Royal Oak Tree located at 160 Morgan Road, Newcastle;
- Beech Tree associated with Carrying Place, located on Park Lane in Newcastle; and
- Tree located at 6320 Scugog Road.

"Carried"

6.3 Fletcher Tree

No update for this standing agenda item.

6.4 Veterans Avenue Housing; 27 Second Street

Sub-committee members presented additional research gathered on the building at 27 Second Street, advising the building had been part of the commissary at Camp 30, and was moved in whole from the Camp 30 property. The Committee had recently passed a motion to add the property to the Cultural Heritage Resources List in the Heritage Merit category. Given the additional information, the sub-committee recommends revising the category to Secondary.

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

That the status of the property at 27 Second Street on the Cultural Heritage Resources List be changed from the 'Heritage Merit' category to 'Secondary'.

"Carried"

6.5 62 King Street W., Bowmanville; Consideration of Uncovered Architectural Feature

Exterior structural pillars that are original to the building at 62 King Street W. were recently uncovered during a renovation project. The Committee is pleased the pillars were conserved through the renovation, as they are a structural component of the building, and are now a prominent architectural feature of the front façade of the building. It was discussed that there are other locations in downtown Bowmanville that have similar pillars to those discovered at 62 King St. W. Committee members discussed the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act that provide for the modification of the designation by-law to add or remove listed significant heritage attributes. The subject property was designated in 1998, and the designation by-law has not yet been updated to align with the criteria established under O. Regulation 9/06. Committee members would like to see the designation by-law updated to better reflect the O. Reg. 9/06 criteria and to document the commercial/merchant history of the building.

21.20

Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by R. Sproule

That staff be directed to initiate the process to update the designation by-law for 62 King Street W., Bowmanville to better align with O. Regulation 9/06 to ensure the by-law accurately reflects the property's cultural heritage value or interest, and better informs current and future property owners.

“Carried”

6.6 Update on Former Goodyear Property

The landowner continues to work on a Heritage Impact Assessment and undertake efforts to secure the site.

6.7 Update on 81 Scugog Street

Staff has sent two letters to the property owner since January 2021 regarding the Heritage Incentive Grant Program that is available to assist with the cost of the upkeep and maintenance of the designated heritage features that have fallen into disrepair. To date, no response has been received. Committee members discussed next steps available to prevent further deterioration of the designated property, and asked staff to reach out again to the property owners with a letter outlining the requirements of the designation and property standards by-laws to maintain designated heritage buildings, and a response be provided by an appropriate date.

6.8 Belmont Property (302 Given Road) Re: Grist Mill

V. Suppan provided information relating to correspondence with the property owners' representatives in relation to the Wilmot Creek Heritage Park, and specifically where the Grist Mill might have been located. The Newcastle Village District Historical Society provided a watercolour illustrating the grist mill that will be shared with the members of the Committee for information. Committee members appreciate the opportunity to continue to be involved in the planning of the Wilmot Creek Heritage Park.

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. Summaries of the meetings items were provided including updates regarding the Community Improvement Plan Grant Programs, seasonal patio programs, and public art initiatives.
- 8.2 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO), Clarington Branch – The next ACO meeting is scheduled for June. No update regarding Doors Open for this year, as it is difficult to plan with the current COVID-19 restrictions.
- 8.3 Newcastle Village District Historical Society (NVDHS) – Digitization project continues to progress remotely as the room is still closed. Fundraising opportunities are being explored. Committee members welcomed back Mr. Malone to the Heritage Committee meetings.
- 8.4 Museum – A Library Board has not met since the last Heritage Committee meeting. The Museum remains closed to the public.
- 8.5 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee – See Item 6.1, above.
- 8.6 Wilmot Creek Heritage Park – See Item 6.8, above.

9 Project Reports

- 9.1 The sub-committee evaluated the following properties and recommended as follows:
 - Red Oak Tree in front of 21 Beech Avenue: In consideration of the protection afforded to the tree as a significant landscaping feature within the Beech Avenue Conservation District designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, and the evaluation of the tree as an individual cultural heritage resource, that individual designation of the tree under Part IV not be pursued at this time. See Item 6.1 above for additional details. Staff will notify those who made the designation request of the Committee's recommendation.

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

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that Part IV designation of the Red Oak Tree located in front of 21 Beech Avenue, identified as a significant landscaping feature of the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District, not be pursued at this time.

“Carried”

- 62 King Street West.: See Item 6.5 and Motion 20.20 recommending an update to the designation by-law for the property.
- 9.2 Outreach/Education Sub-committee:

Cultural Heritage Information Pole Project: Staff has drafted information and potential sites for the first phase of the project. The information will be circulated to sub-committee members for review for discussion at the May Committee meeting.

New Business

9.3 Proposed OPA/ZBA at 40 Station Street, Orono: Staff provided an overview of the proposed applications made to facilitate a future land division of a surplus farm dwelling as they affect the designated property at 40 Station Street. Committee members discussed the proposed applications and generally expressed no objections to the severing of the surplus farm dwelling to provide better opportunity for the home to remain properly maintained. Discussion and comment included:

- Confirmation the heritage designation would continue to apply to the dwelling, should the subject applications and future land division request be approved. It was noted however, that the legal description contained in the existing designation by-law may need to be updated to reflect the extent of the severed lands in the future.
- Members inquired about the size and configuration of the proposed surplus farm lot and the location of the driveway accessing the designated dwelling as it relates to the contextual value of the dwelling being located at the high point of the property.
- Committee members discussed the intent to review and update to the designation by-law to align with the current format prescribed by O. Reg. 9/06, and to better reflect the contextual value of the property.

It was noted the statutory Public Meeting for the subject Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications is scheduled for the Planning and Development Committee meeting on April 26th at 7:00p.m. Committee comments will be provided to the Planner processing the application.

9.4 Land Registry Microfiche Files – Staff has been corresponding with the Land Registry Office to inquire about the possible acquisition of Clarington microfiche records. Updates will be provided as they become available on this initiative, and this item will be added to the next agenda.

9.5 Title Search Training – Committee members expressed appreciation for the Title Search Training Session provided recently by heritage consultant ARA. The session was well attended by Clarington Heritage Committee members as well as heritage committee members and staff from other Durham local municipalities, and was very helpful and applicable to the research undertaken by Committee members.

Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.