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Minutes of the **Clarington Heritage Committee Meeting** were held as a hybrid meeting in person at 40 Temperance Street, Bowmanville, and via Microsoft Teams on January 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Peter Vogel, Steve Conway, Ron Hooper, Jason Moore (ACO), Heather Graham, Noel Gamble, Laura Thiel-Convery (Museum), Steven Lawson, Joseph Dalrymple, Victor Suppan, Councillor Elhajjeh

**Regrets:** Sher Leetooze (NVDHS), Colin Maitland, Myno Van Dyke (NVDHS), Ron Sproule

**Staff Present:** Lisa Backus, Sarah Allin, Jane Wang, Planning and Infrastructure Services

**Guests:** Todd Brown, (Monteith Brown) (on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Project Team)

## **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**

**24.01** Moved by V. Suppan, seconded by J. Dalrymple

That the Agenda be adopted with an additional item regarding the land division process.

**"Carried"**

## **4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**24.02** Moved by R. Hooper, seconded by J. Dalrymple

That the minutes of November 21, 2023, the Clarington Heritage Committee meeting be adopted.

**"Carried"**

## **5 Delegations/Presentations:**

5.1 Todd Brown, (Monteith Brown) (on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Project Team)

T. Brown gave the overview of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan project and public reach-out activities for the project. The purpose of this Master Plan is to guide strategic decision-making over the next 10 to 15 years to meet the needs of all residents. The Master Plan will explore the current resources, including indoor & outdoor recreation facilities, parks and open spaces, cultural and library facilities and program and service delivery. It also recommends how to create a system of parks, recreation, culture, programming, services and facilities.

## **6 Business Arising**

### **6.1 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan Discussion**

T. Brown prompted questions seeking the Committee's input on preserving and enhancing local heritage assets through the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan. The Committee members discussed subjects related to heritage asset conservation and gave feedback and comments. The Committee Members outlined the Committee's mandate. The Committee provided comments relating to: heritage properties being integrated into future park development, that a heritage QR code program be integrated to provide information about heritage significance, space in indoor facilities be added to display physical pieces of history, cemetery recognition could be added to the project scope, Waverley Place restoration needing extra attention, the road naming program to recognize local historical figures should be considered, and former railway corridors, Bowmanville Creek, Soper Creek, and Wilmot Creek, can be considered opportunities to enhance trail experience with heritage acknowledgement. It was also suggested that the "Friends of Bowmanville" program be reinitiated. Further comments can be submitted as the project progresses.

### **6.2 Goodyear Heritage Impact Assessment Update**

S. Allin updated the progress after the Committee's recommendations regarding Goodyear property. The consultant retained by the property owner is working on refining the Heritage Impact Assessment after field investigation and additional research. The work on the salvage plan is ongoing. The result will be shared with the Committee in the future.

## **7 Project Reports**

### **7.1 Municipal Inventory/Register:**

V. Suppan presented the research and evaluation of the Morden Arch Bridge on the former Zoo lands. The evaluation suggested the bridge meets more than two of the nine criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest in accordance with Ontario Reg. 569/22. It was recommended that the Morden Arch Bridge be designated. Committee members also suggested that consideration be given to naming a sports facility in the area after Alfred Shrubbs, formerly a long-distance runner.

**24.03** Moved by V. Suppan, Seconded by S. Conway

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that the Morden Arch Bridge, located on the property of the former Zoo Land, be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**“Carried”**

V. Suppan also provided updates on several projects. Metrolinx conducted Cultural Heritage Evaluations for several properties potentially impacted by the Oshawa to Bowmanville GO train extension project. The evaluations were aligned with the Sub-committee’s previous evaluations of the properties and will be added to the property records. Other ongoing projects include the Stanley Hill location, Vanstone Mill, and 1816 Nash Road.

**7.2** Outreach/Education Sub-committee:

Heritage Information Station Project: No update

Heritage Barn Project: No update

**8 Correspondence and Council Referrals:** No update

**9 New Business:**

**9.1** Heritage Week Activity:

The Heritage Committee discussed possible options for public education sessions regarding heritage conservation. Ideas were brought forward, including an Information booth in the Maple festival and public promotion. The item will be further discussed at the next Heritage Committee meeting.

**9.2** Newcastle Village and District Historical Society membership

**24.04** Moved by V. Suppan, Seconded by R. Hooper

That the Clarington Heritage Committee renew their Newcastle Village and District Historical Society membership for 2024 in the amount of \$30.

**“Carried”**

**9.3** Land Division

Land Division approval responsibility was moved to the Municipality from the Region of Durham as of January 1, 2024. As per staff report [PDS-058-23](#), the Committee of Adjustment will deal with Minor Variance and Consent (Land Division) applications. The Heritage Committee will be circulated for comments on

any properties identified with heritage value that are subject to the Land Division applications similar to other planning applications.

## **10 Other Committee Updates: None**

10.1 Bowmanville, Orono and Newcastle CIP: The Orono CIP liaison meeting was held on November 30, 2023.

10.2 ACO – Clarington Branch: ACO had a brief meeting. Nothing to report.

10.3 NVDHS – no update

10.4 Museum:

Staff gave updates on various upcoming Programs and Events. Thursday Nights at the Museum is a new program that launches Thursday. CPLMA will soon be installing exhibits on local history at the library branches (Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Courtice, later Orono).

10.5 Heritage Conservation District:

The Committee discussed amending the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District to include properties on Centre Street.

**24.05** Moved by V. Suppan, Seconded by S. Conway

That the Heritage Committee recommended to Council that the Beech Avenue Heritage Conservation District be amended to include properties at 38, 54, 58, 64,72 Centre Street, Bowmanville.

**“Tabled”**

**24.06** Moved by J. Dalrymple, Seconded by R. Hooper

That table Motion 24.05 to the next Heritage Committee meeting for further discussion regarding the process of designating or amending a Heritage Conservation District in light of the changes introduced by Bill 23.

**“Carried”**

10.6 Wilmot Creek Heritage Park: Restoration work of the Belmont House is ongoing.

## **11 Standing items:**

11.1 81 Scugog Street: No update

11.2 Fletcher Tree: No update

Ontario Heritage Conference will be held in June in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.