

THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM #304
BY TELECONFERENCE

JUNE 30TH, 2020

5:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Joe Docherty (Departed 6:20 p.m.)
Steven McLarty-Payson
Ryan Belanger
Tino Clarke

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Absent

Jennifer Childs
Andru John

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Peters - Joe Docherty:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Former Trinity Anglican Church - 55 Southwick Street - Potential Heritage Designation

The Chair advised that the former Trinity Anglican Church at 55 Southwick Street had been listed for sale since the last Committee meeting.

The members discussed reaching out to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario London Region and St. Thomas-Elgin branches to obtain signed versions of their letters of support for the proposed designation.

The members discussed the various interior chattels, fixtures and other items that may be removed from the Church prior to selling, including the pews, chandeliers, items from the 91st Battalion corner, the bell, the organ and the lectern.

The members discussed the fact that there are many culturally significant features inside the building, but that it would be important to focus on protecting the exterior of the building, including the stained glass and leaded glass windows.

The members discussed potential future uses of the property.

The members discussed the fact that they would be recommending the heritage designation of the property to Council, without obtaining the property owner's consent.

Motion by Joe Docherty - Ryan Belanger:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the heritage designation of the exterior of the former Trinity Anglican Church, 55 Southwick Street, including all stained and leaded glass windows; and further,

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THAT: Consideration be given to protecting as much of the original interior features as possible.

Carried.

Urban Design Standards

The members discussed the fact that some municipalities require an urban design panel review as part of the development process. The members further discussed the benefits of City-wide standards, particularly when development occurs in close proximity to the Heritage Conservation District.

The members discussed submitting correspondence to City Council requesting consideration of the development of urban design standards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15-19 Flora Street

The members were in receipt of correspondence from Zelinka Priamo Ltd. relating to the Committee's comments to the Site Plan Control Committee for 15-19 Flora Street.

Motion by Joe Docherty – Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee requests the architectural changes as discussed in the June 22, 2020 response from Zelinka Priamo Ltd. relating to 15-19 Flora Street and that these changes be reflected in revised elevation drawings/renderings prior to final site plan approval.

Carried.

Heritage Home Inventory/Proposed Listed Properties

The members discussed the benefits of listing properties and that it requires owners to give the municipality 60 days' notice of their intention to demolish or remove a building or structure on the property.

The members discussed conducting walking tours of specific areas to review properties that the Committee would like to propose being listed.

The members discussed preparing a list of properties they were interested in having listed individually in order to compile and determine common interests.

Harrison suggested that the scope for the lists could be City-wide with more of a focus on Moore Street to Wellington Street. He further advised that many heritage standards use a 40-year limit for listing or designating properties.

Designation By-laws - 423 Talbot Street and 47 Jonas Street

NEXT MEETING

The members discussed utilizing the Zoom program for the next meeting.

The Corporate Administrative and Accessibility Clerk advised that he would follow up on whether the Committee could utilize Zoom.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on August 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:40 p.m. The meeting adjourned.