

THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

DECEMBER 15TH, 2020

5:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Tino Clarke
Joe Docherty
Jennifer Childs

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Thomas Wong, 244-248 Talbot Street
Lashia Jones, Agent, 244-248 Talbot Street

Absent

Ryan Belanger
Andru John

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Steven McLarty-Payson expressed a disclosure of interest with regard to the Request for Alterations – Michigan Central Railway Trestle as he has an interest in the estate providing funding to the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation for the mural project. He refrained from all discussion and action relating to the matter.

MINUTES

Motion by Harrison Cole – Steven McLarty-Payson:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-11-20 - 244-248 Talbot Street

Lashia Jones, Agent, 244-248 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application for 244-248 Talbot Street.

Ms. Jones advised that as much brick as possible will be salvaged from the removal and stabilization work and utilized in the restoration work. She further advised that the currently painted brick will be painted to match the colour of the unpainted brick.

The members inquired about the colour of the interior brick, as the building was historically yellow bricked.

Thomas Wong, 244-248 Talbot Street advised that some previously salvaged brick was yellow and that depending on what can be salvaged, consideration will be given to matching the painted brick to either red or yellow.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Tino Clarke:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 244-248 Talbot Street, relating to Application HAP-11-20.

Carried.

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIRMAN

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Request for Alterations - Holy Angels Parish - 502 Talbot Street

The Chair advised that the Parish administration is going to consider some additional options for fencing and securing the rectory and Parish Hall, including screening in the porch of the rectory.

The members discussed the fact that temporary security fencing is currently being used at the property in some areas.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report HAP-10-20 - 468-470 Talbot Street

The Chair provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application and the extent of the work required at 468-470 Talbot Street.

Motion by Jennifer Childs - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 468-470 Talbot Street, relating to Application HAP-10-20, provided that:

- (a) The demolition of the structurally unstable portions of the wall complies with the Building Code and is conducted in such a way to mitigate damage to the remainder of the façade;
- (b) The temporary solution to cover the opening as a result of demolition is chosen to minimize potential impacts to the structural integrity of the remaining brick;
- (c) The brick façade be reconstructed to maintain the pre-demolition façade pattern;
- (d) Similar brick be sourced to match the existing brick for reconstruction;
- (e) Upon reconstruction of the brick, the brick be painted to match the colour of the existing brick.

Carried.

Request for Alterations - Michigan Central Railway Trestle

The Chair provided an overview of the alterations request under the Ontario Heritage Act, to paint a mural on the eastern facing surface of Pier 9 of the Michigan Central Railway Trestle.

The Chair advised that initial inspiration for the mural is from railway scenes in classic movies, as described by the Economic Development Corporation and Andrew Gunn.

The members discussed the impact the mural would have on the appearance of the trestle.

The Chair advised that the applicant had proposed clear-coating the mural and that it was estimated to have a 20-25 year lifespan.

The members discussed the potential long-term impacts that the paint and clear coat would have on the breathability and integrity of the concrete pier.

The members discussed potential eligibility of the project for a grant under the Community Improvement Program for completion of a heritage impact assessment.

The members agreed to ask for more information from the Economic Development Corporation about the mural's impact on the heritage property before making any recommendations to Council.

Urban Design Guidelines

The Chair advised that Council had referred the recommendation to review the establishment of urban design guidelines to the Planning and Building Services Department for a report.

Reference Committee Presentation

The members discussed various topics for the Reference Committee presentation, including an introduction to the MapMe application and concerns with alterations happening to designated heritage properties and properties within the Heritage Conservation District without permission.

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59 Walnut Street – Proposed Designation By-law

The members discussed the by-law for 59 Walnut Street that the students had drafted.

The Chair advised that he had spoken with community members near 59 Walnut Street and that they support designation of the property.

The members discussed the current zoning on the property as well as the proposed zoning changes.

The members discussed the importance of protecting the existing building and sightline directly in front off Walnut Street and from the intersection of Stanley Street and Walnut Street.

Motion by Joe Docherty – Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the heritage designation of the existing building at 59 Walnut Street and that direct and unobstructed sightlines be maintained from the intersection of Stanley Street and Walnut Street as well as directly north from Walnut Street.

Carried.

Alma College Property

The Chair advised that the Director of Planning and Building Services had contacted Patriot Properties regarding differences in initial renderings proposed compared to renderings posted on its website for the Alma College property development. He further advised that the members will be kept updated regarding the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heritage Home Inventory/Proposed Listed Properties

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on January 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:32 p.m. The meeting adjourned.