

THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

APRIL 14TH, 2021

5:02 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson (Arrived 5:25 p.m)
Joe Docherty
Tino Clarke
Ryan Belanger

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Sean Dyke, CEO, Economic Development Corporation
Andrew Gunn, Donna Vera Evans Bushell Estate

Absent

Jennifer Childs
Ed van der Maarel

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Alterations - Michigan Central Railway Trestle

The members discussed the additional information received for the installation of a mural on the Michigan Central Railway Trestle.

Andrew Gunn provided an overview of the inspiration for the mural design and examples of other murals painted on concrete piers.

The members discussed the various colour palettes presented including black and white, and an example with predominantly sepia tones.

The members discussed any potential for a local connection to any train portrayed in the mural.

Joe Docherty advised that train numbers 1290 and 1291 were built in St. Thomas.

The members inquired about any potential for murals on additional piers.

Mr. Gunn advised that the proposed mural would be erected on the most visible pier and that consideration may be given in future to erecting murals on other piers.

The members inquired about any opportunity to install parking so that people can stop and take pictures, such as was done at the gateway roundabout.

Sean Dyke, CEO, Economic Development Corporation advised that the installation of a parking lot had been discussed with the City's Director of Environmental Services & City Engineer and that this may be evaluated in the future.

Councillor Peters inquired about any need for the St. Thomas Public Art Committee to review the project.

Mr. Dyke advised that the Committee is not required to be consulted as this art installation is on private property.

The members inquired about the expected lifespan of the mural.

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Mr. Gunn advised that the mural would stay in good condition for 20 to 25 years and that based on information received, the mural would not be clear coated. He further advised that the mural may look even better as it starts to fade after 25 years.

Motion by Harrison Cole – Ryan Belanger:

THAT: The request received from Serge Lavoie, President, St. Thomas Elevated Park, On Track St. Thomas requesting consent to a proposed alteration to erect a painted mural on the Michigan Central Railway Trestle be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the request to erect a painted mural on the eastern facing surface of Pier 9 of the Michigan Central Railway Trestle, subject to any paint or colour scheme being complementary to the historic character of the designated property; and further,

THAT: The Committee direct the Chair to prepare a report for Council.

Carried.

City Hall Slate Roof – Building Envelope Repairs

The members were in receipt of information from the Parks, Recreation and Property Management Department regarding upcoming repairs to the slate roof of City Hall.

The members inquired about the availability of the building condition assessment.

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that he would inquire with the Director, Parks, Recreation and Property Management.

Street Naming Process

Harrison Cole advised that he had recently watched a Council meeting where the street naming process was discussed.

The members discussed the fact that anyone could put a request forward to Council to add names to the Suggested Street Names List, but that developers often request street names not on the list.

The members discussed submitting a list of names to Council that could include prominent architects in the City's history.

59 Walnut Street

The Chair provided an overview of the proceedings of the recent public meeting regarding the re-zoning application for 59 Walnut Street.

The members discussed the heritage designation recommendation that had been postponed and various concerns raised at the public meeting.

68 Hincks Street

The Chair advised that a four-plex infill proposal for 68 Hincks Street is before the Site Plan Control Committee.

The members discussed the fact that there are a number of infill developments being proposed in areas historically made up of single family dwellings.

Heritage Home Inventory / Proposed Listed Properties - Appendix "A"

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk provided an overview of the proposed process for recommending the listing of properties on a register to Council, including the notification of property owners.

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The members discussed the importance of a clear and concise notification to the property owner detailing what it means for their property to be listed on the register.

The members discussed the proposed list and agreed to remove 106 Elgin Street and 67 Rosebery Place.

Motion by Joe Docherty - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the listing of properties in the Old St. Thomas Church, Courthouse and Wellington Central areas on a register, as attached to the April 14, 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee agenda, as amended; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the notification of property owners of properties intended to be listed for feedback prior to the list going to Council; and further,

THAT: The Committee direct the Chair to prepare an initial report about listing the properties.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Committee Representative – CIP Evaluation Committee

Tino Clarke expressed interest in serving as the CIP Evaluation Committee representative but that his schedule would sometimes prevent him from attending.

Steven McClarty-Payson expressed interest in serving as the CIP Evaluation Committee representative as well but that he too may not always be able to attend based on his schedule.

The members discussed any potential for having a representative, as well as an alternate.

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that he would follow up about this potential.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Councillor Peters

THAT: Tino Clarke be appointed as a Municipal Heritage Committee representative to the CIP Evaluation Committee.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

The members discussed having part of a future meeting as a walking tour in a historical part of the City, depending on public health restrictions.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on May 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:43 p.m. The meeting adjourned.