

THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021

5:01 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Harrison Cole
Steven McLarty-Payson
Ed van der Maarel
Jennifer Childs

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Anthony Vander Laan, 664-668 Talbot Street
Mohammed Khan, St. Thomas Islamic Centre

Absent

Ryan Belanger
Tino Clarke
David Goodwin

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Jennifer Childs:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on August 11, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-09-21 - 664-668 Talbot Street

Mr. Anthony Vander Laan, 664-668 Talbot Street provided an overview of the changes to the Heritage Alteration Permit application and advised that it was proposed to use hardie board cement fiber siding in place of the vinyl siding, as originally submitted.

Ed van der Maarel suggested that the applicant confirm with their architect and the City's Planning and Building Services department that the chosen materials have the correct fire rating.

The members agreed that the hardie board material was a more appropriate choice in the Heritage Conservation District.

Motion by Councillor Peters - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 664-668 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-09-21 and the amended drawings submitted September 7, 2021.

Carried.

St. Thomas Islamic Centre Windows

Members of the St. Thomas Islamic Centre, 55 Southwick Street were in attendance to discuss any potential ideas or solutions relating to salvaging the stained-glass windows related to the former Trinity Anglican Church.

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Mr. Mohammed Khan, St. Thomas Islamic Centre advised that Islamic Centres and mosques do not typically have any pictures displayed, so the Centre is looking for a way to remove or cover up the Christian imagery. He further advised that the Centre is willing to gift the stained-glass windows as long as the cost of removal and a new window is covered and that the southern rosette window would be staying.

Ed van der Maarel advised that he would be attending a national heritage conference in the near future and would pose this adaptive reuse issue for some potential ideas.

Councillor Peters inquired about the Centre's willingness to have their bell relocated to its original location at the Old St. Thomas Church.

Mr. Khan advised that as long as the party moving the bell absorbed the moving costs, they would be happy to see the bell return to its original location.

Mr. Khan advised that they were happy to provide their contact information to be passed on to any potential leads or contacts about the window situation.

The members discussed any potential to utilize frosted glass or other covering inside, with the original windows remaining and visible from the outside.

Mr. Khan advised that options like this were being considered and costed.

396 Talbot Street - Condition of Property

The members expressed concern over the condition of the property at 396 Talbot Street.

The Chair advised that he would follow up with Building Services about any potential property standards issues.

The members discussed inviting someone from Building Services to a future meeting to discuss property standards and building issues in the Heritage Conservation District.

Listing of Properties on Heritage Register

The members discussed the final Listings of Properties report.

The members discussed the fact that Council has only supported designating or listing properties with the property owner's consent in the past and that the report had the potential to be deferred if properties whose owners did not support listing were included.

The members agreed to remove the five properties whose owners did not support listing and revisit the listing of these properties in future.

Motion by Ed van der Maarel - 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 September 8, 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee minutes, as amended; and further,

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

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

6:15 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

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