

THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

OCTOBER 13, 2021

5:22 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair
Councillor Steve Peters
Ryan Belanger
Tino Clarke
Harrison Cole
David Goodwin
Steven McLarty-Payson

Absent

Jennifer Childs
Ed van der Maarel

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk

Others

Saira Mohammad, Student
Justin Wood, Student
Jeff Bray, Director, Parks & Recreation
Thomas Wong, 244-248 Talbot Street
Roy Cleeves, 244-248 Talbot Street
Laura Walter, Stantec
John Redekop, Michael Allen,
Michael Di Lollo, ACK Architects

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Harrison Cole declared a pecuniary interest with regard to the Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-12-21 - 571 Talbot Street, as he is the agent for the application. He refrained from all discussion and action relating to the matter.

MINUTES

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Harrison Cole:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on September 8, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed the Committee's newest member, David Goodwin and the two heritage students that have been hired, Saira Mohammad and Justin Wood.

Potential Development - 244-248 Talbot Street - Appendix "A"

Representatives from 244-248 Talbot Street made a Power Point presentation on a potential development at 244-248 Talbot Street.

Mr. Thomas Wong, 244-248 Talbot Street advised that restoration work on the front façade was nearing completion and that the scaffolding should hopefully be removed by November.

Mr. Wong advised that he had been working with ACK Architects and Stantec to design an addition to the back of the property which would allow for additional residential units and common areas. He further advised that this proposed addition would require the demolition of the current rear one-story concrete block addition.

The members discussed the fact that the proposed drawings tie in with the existing building as well as the streetscape of the block as a whole and that the massing will match with the City's adjacent project.

The members inquired about any parking provisions.

Mr. Wong advised that although not required, he is investigating local parking options.

The members inquired about any planned restoration of the existing east elevation.

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Mr. Wong advised that he planned to repoint and replace damaged brick on the east side, similar to work being completed on the front façade.

Mr. Wong advised that he would like to see the demolition of the rear concrete block addition before winter.

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that Heritage Alteration Permits would be required for both the demolition and new construction components and that the applicant should consult with the Planning & Building Services Department.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-10-21 - Princess Avenue Streetscape

Mr. Jeff Bray, Director, Parks, Recreation and Property Management provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit.

Mr. Bray advised that a six foot timber fenced-in smoking patio was required for the shelter use at 10 Princess Avenue and that cedars would be planted around the fence to soften its appearance.

Mr. Bray advised that future phases of the streetscape area will include the removal of the existing driveway in front of the property and replacing it with new sod, trees, sidewalk and on-street parking, as well as creating a new park area at the location of the former cenotaph.

The members inquired about provided amenities and responsibility for cleaning.

Mr. Bray advised that benches, picnic tables and smoking receptacles would be provided in the smoking area and that Inn Out of the Cold would be responsible for keeping the area clean.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Ryan Belanger:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the Princess Avenue Streetscape project from Talbot Street to approximately 18 Princess Avenue relating to Application HAP-10-21.

Carried.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-11-21 - 10 Princess Avenue

Mr. Bray provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit. He advised that the existing signs on the building would be removed with a new sign installed above the entrance, which will not be internally illuminated.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Councillor Peters:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 10 Princess Avenue relating to Application HAP-11-21.

Carried.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-12-21 - 571 Talbot Street

Mr. Harrison Cole, Agent, 571 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit. He advised that the vinyl cladding on the second floor would be removed and windows would be returned to their original shape and size.

Mr. Cole provided an overview of the intended brick repairs, cleaning and paint removal that would be undertaken.

The members discussed the fact that it can be difficult to coordinate alterations to neighboring properties that were previously joined.

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Councillor Peters:

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THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 571 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-12-21.

Carried.

2022 Committee Budget

The members agreed with the budget as submitted to the Treasury Department.

The members discussed having a discussion about increasing the budget request for 2023 in order to ensure that a student can be hired regardless of funding from Young Canada Works.

Listing of Properties on the Heritage Register - Update

The Chair advised that Council had approved listing the proposed properties on the Heritage Register.

Heritage Tree Inventory

Steven McLarty Payson advised that he had been researching heritage trees and how to acknowledge their heritage status.

Steven McLarty Payson advised that he had reached out to the Province to identify ways in which to designate trees and was advised that the only manner is to identify them in the designation by-law of an entire property.

The Chair advised that a project with Fanshawe College's Urban 360 lab and the City's Parks Department this past summer mapped out memorial plaques in Pinafore Park and Waterworks Park.

The Chair advised that he had reached out to former Committee member Frank Lattanzio as he had been involved with identifying heritage trees in the past and that this was done as public education, rather than specifically to protect the trees.

The members discussed the importance of natural heritage and reviewing trees on a property being considered for heritage designation in order to specifically note them in the designation by-law.

The Chair advised that the City is hoping to eventually inventory all trees in the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The members discussed holding a walking tour on October 23 at 10:30 a.m. starting from the Grace Hall parking lot at 18 Balaclava Street.

The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that he would send out a meeting invite for the walking tour.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on November 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

6:54 p.m. The meeting adjourned.