

**THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**VIA ZOOM**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

5:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Russell Schnurr, Chair  
Councillor Steve Peters  
Ryan Belanger  
Tino Clarke  
Harrison Cole  
David Goodwin (Arrived 5:19 p.m.)  
Steven McLarty-Payson  
Ed van der Maarel

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk  
K. McClure, Planner

Others

Saira Mohammad, Student  
Oreste Caputo, 341 Talbot Street

Absent

Jennifer Childs

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Harrison Cole - Ed van der Maarel:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2022 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-01-22 - 341 Talbot Street

Mr. Oreste Caputo provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit.

The Planner advised that a Property Standards Order had been issued against the property in 2020 and that the owner was notified at that time that a Heritage Alteration Permit would be required for the repair work. He further advised that the permit application was never filed and that the work was completed without a permit.

The members expressed concern that the work was completed before applying for a Heritage Alteration Permit.

The members expressed concern about installation of stucco overladding material over brick and that no proof of brick repairs or photo evidence of the façade conditions before installing the stucco material were provided.

Mr. Caputo advised that the contractor made brick repairs and then installed rigid insulation and stucco over the entire rear façade for consistency, as the bottom section of the wall was unfinished due to the removal of an old shed.

The members discussed the potential for further issues and deterioration of the brick by being covered by the stucco material.

The members discussed the fact that the stucco overladding material used is not in keeping with the Heritage Conservation District Plan policies and guidelines.

The members discussed the difficulty in preserving heritage in the downtown and enforcing the Heritage Conservation District Plan policies and guidelines.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

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The Planner advised that there are no enforcement mechanisms in the Heritage Conservation District Plan and that it would be up to Council to direct staff to pursue enforcement mechanisms through the Ontario Heritage Act.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Steven McLarty-Payson:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the refusal of the Heritage Alteration Permit for the property at 341 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-01-22 for the following reason:

- (i) A Heritage Alteration Permit application was not made in advance of overcladding work completed to the rear façade of the building contrary to Property Standards By-law 80-2019 and the Heritage Conservation District Plan Policies and Guidelines which recognize that covering up deteriorated facades may create more serious problems such as rotting, rusting, cracking and spalling of brick and deterioration of mortar joints, which can cause serious structural issues.

Carried.

### 244-248 Talbot Street (Talbot & Queen) – Update

The Chair advised that the owners of 244-248 Talbot Street attended a recent Downtown Development Board meeting to provide an update on their construction work. He further advised that the scaffolding had been removed and that demolition of the rear addition and reconstruction of the addition would start as soon as possible.

### 389-393 Talbot Street

The Chair advised that he had discussions with the Director of Planning & Building Services and City Clerk about concerns relating to the Heritage Alteration Permit for 389-393 Talbot Street. He further advised that the City Clerk would ensure that any applicable drawings are attached to Heritage Alteration Permits when they are being signed.

The members discussed the fact that the Committee is fulfilling its role as described in the Heritage Conservation District Plan and that the Heritage Alteration Permit reflects the exact wording of the resolution passed by Council, including any conditions.

The members discussed the fact that the Heritage Conservation District Plan allows for delegation to staff relating to permits for certain minor works and projects but that this has yet to be implemented.

The Chair advised that the property owners of 389-393 Talbot Street would like to return to the Committee with some additional information about the work.

### 15 Flora Street Update – CIP Program Committee

The Chair advised that after the CIP Program Committee had deferred consideration of the funding application for 15 Flora Street, the applicant appears open to making some design changes.

### Student Update

Saira Mohammad provided an overview of some recommended design changes within the MapMe application.

The Chair advised that the initial list of properties in the Millersburg area had been forwarded to the members.

The members discussed the further research required for the properties and that it would be helpful to have access to property searches through the Land Registry Office.

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The Corporate Administrative & Accessibility Clerk advised that free access to property searches has been provided to Municipal Heritage Committees in the past; however, this access had not been received in 2021 and 2022.

The Chair advised that the City's Urban Forester had been added as an editor on the Pinafore memorial tree mapping and that after the data is confirmed, it would be provided to the City.

Southwick Street - Items of Historical Significance

Ed van der Maarel advised that when Family and Children's Services moved from its location on Southwick Street to 410 Sunset Drive, a stained glass window and original doors were brought with them and incorporated into a boardroom. He further advised that with the sale of 410 Sunset Drive, Family and Children's Services are looking to incorporate the items at their 99 Edward Street office.

Councillor Peters suggested that should the items not be incorporated at 99 Edward Street, the St. Thomas Elgin Public Art Centre may be interested in acquiring them.

5 Wellington Street - Notice of Objection to Listing on Heritage Register

Councillor Peters advised that Council had recently received a Notice of Objection to the listing of 5 Wellington Street on the City's Heritage Register and that Council had supported its removal from the list.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned.