

THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

VIA ZOOM

JUNE 8, 2022

5:01 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

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

City Officials

J. Hindley, Corporate Admin & Accessibility Clerk
K. McClure, Planner
Jeff Bray, Director, Parks & Recreation

Others

Manveer Lail, Student
Ryan Brown, 300 Talbot Street
Srisai Ballipalli, Agent, 300 Talbot Street
Thomas Wong, 244-248 Talbot Street
Roy Cleeves, 244-248 Talbot Street
Laura Walter, Agent, 244-248 Talbot Street

Absent

Tino Clarke
Ed van der Maarel

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Steven McLarty-Payson - Jennifer Childs:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2022 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-09-22 - 300 Talbot Street

Ryan Brown, 300 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Jennifer Childs:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for 300 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-09-22.

Carried.

Heritage Alteration Permit and Planning Report - HAP-10-22 - 244-248 Talbot Street

Laura Walter, Agent, 244-248 Talbot Street provided an overview of the Heritage Alteration Permit application and advised that the design and Heritage Impact Assessment are unchanged since the Committee saw the materials back in the fall at the time of the rear addition demolition.

The members discussed the work completed at the property to date, the fact that a minor variance had already been approved, and that an application would be submitted to the Site Plan Control Committee in the near future.

The Planner advised that he was recommending some flexibility in the approval to allow for potential minor or technical changes required at the Site Plan Control approval stage.

The members inquired about the east façade.

Thomas Wong, 244-248 Talbot Street advised that the condition of the brick would be evaluated and that he is contemplating utilizing this wall for a mural at a later stage.

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The members discussed the fact that Railway City Tourism may be interested in this location for a mural.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Jennifer Childs:

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends the issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for 244-248 Talbot Street relating to Application HAP-10-22, provided that:

- Construction of the addition is substantially in accordance with the plans accompanying the subject application, understanding that there may be minor and/or technical revisions made at the Site Plan Control approval stage.

Carried.

Request for Amendment - Waterworks Park Designation By-law - Hospice of Elgin Development

The Director, Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the requested amendment for the Waterworks Park designation by-law and advised that the area intended for the Hospice of Elgin development does not affect the reasons for designation. He further advised that trail access would still be maintained and that there may be additional parking installed for park users.

Motion by Harrison Cole - Councillor Peters:

THAT: The request received from Sandra Datars-Bere, City Manager requesting an amendment to the heritage designation by-law for Waterworks Park, 2 South Edgeware Road be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Municipal Heritage Committee supports the amendment to the heritage designation by-law for Waterworks Park, 2 South Edgeware Road to remove an approximate 2.49 acre parcel from the legal description of the by-law; and further,

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

Carried.

Urban Design Guidelines

The Planner advised that a Phase 1 - Background Review & Visioning Report on Urban Design Guidelines, prepared by Dillon Consulting, would be going to Council on June 20, 2022. He further advised that this Phase 1 report would set out design principles before moving into Phase 2, which will include stakeholder engagement.

The Planner inquired as to the Committee's interest in a special presentation on the Phase 1 report.

The members expressed interest in seeing the report when it goes before Council and that a special presentation would not be needed at this stage.

Industrial Lands

Harrison Cole inquired about the process for heritage listed or designated properties in Central Elgin, should they be moved into the City after a potential boundary adjustment relating to the recent industrial lands acquisition announced.

The Planner advised that by-laws in annexed territories typically still apply until they are changed.

Zoning By-law Amendment - 30 South Edgeware

The Chair advised that a letter had been submitted on behalf of the members in regards to the public meeting for a zoning by-law amendment at 30 South Edgeware Road and that he had spoken at the meeting.

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The members discussed the opposition to the proposal and that an option could be constructing single detached houses on the severed lots, rather than the townhouses.

Student Update - Tales of Talbot Street Project

The Chair advised that Manveer Lail had been hired and that she was working on a Tales of Talbot Street walking tour/guide in association with the St. Thomas Public Library, Elgin County Archives and Railway City Tourism.

Manveer provided an overview of concepts for the Tales of Talbot Street brochure, which includes tales about specific properties, as well as QR codes that will identify further information.

The members discussed the locations and that there were interesting stories about them. The members further discussed the fact that the intention was to include a historical photo of the property, rather than what it looks like now.

Scanned Historical Materials

Ryan Belanger advised that he had scanned some historical materials that may be of interest to the Committee, before they were donated to the Elgin County Railway Museum.

Harrison Cole advised that he would assist in uploading the documents for the members to access.

Former PUC Building - 36-44 St. Catharine Street

The members inquired about work being conducted at 36-44 St. Catharine Street and whether any permits or requests had been submitted to the City, as it is a designated heritage property.

The Chair advised that he would reach out to the Planning & Building Services Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on July 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

5:55 p.m. The meeting adjourned.