



MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 08, 2018
07:00 PM

PRESENT:

(Chair) Janice Johnston, Drew Chapman, Clare Cameron, Rob MacKenzie, Doug Newman,
Jim Collard (Councillor), Bob Watson, John Wiens (Councillor)

REGRETS:

David Hemmings

STAFF:

Jesse Auspitz Planner II
Tara Druzina Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

1. Call to Order

The Chair Janice Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Announcements

No announcements at this time.

3. Presentations

Drew Chapman was presented with a Municipal Heritage Committee Years of Service Award for 20 years as a Committee member.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Chair Janice Johnston that the Agenda be adopted to include the following under New Business.

- Follow up on two recommendations made at the March 19th Council meeting, Resolution #8 – Municipal Heritage Committee creating a Sub-Committee for Terms of Reference relating to listing or designation and Resolution #11 - Virgil Public School,
- Update on Randwood,

- Discussion regarding the position of the Town Historian,
- The Municipal Heritage Committee's role under By-law 4511-11 - Official Plan Amendment regarding Randwood Estate.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

A member of the public gallery stood (Mr. David Bell) and asked if he could address the Committee regarding the Randwood application.

Moved by Doug Newman that the David Bell be permitted to present under New Business as requested and that a ten (10) minute time allowance be afforded.

APPROVED.

5. Conflict of Interest

Rob MacKenzie declared a conflict of interest with any business relating to 144 &176 John Street, as he is involved with the application.

Jim Collard declared a conflict of interest with any business relating to 144 &176 John Street, as he and his wife operate a Short Term Rental.

John Wiens declared a conflict of interest with any business relating to 144 &176 John Street, as he owns and operates a restaurant.

6. Previous Minutes

Moved by Clare Cameron that the Minutes from the April, 2018 Committee Meeting be amended to correct;

Nathan Zelepa to Nathan Zalepa

And that;

The Minutes of the February 13th, Municipal Heritage Committee meeting be revised as specified in the written document attached originally provided on April 10th, but not captured in the verbal motion of the same date.

APPROVED AS AMENDED.

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- 7.1 Letter ERA Architects re Reports CDS-10-014
- 7.2 Memo re: Heritage Grants for Institutional Uses

8. Business

8.1 MHC-18-021 - 125 - 129 Queen Street - Heritage Permit Application - Add Store Box Windows and Replace Doors on Facade

The applicant spoke on behalf of the application. General discussion ensued regarding the report.

Moved by Jim Collard that the recommendations contained in Report MHC-18-021 be amended to include:

- 1.1 ~~The heritage permit application to replace the three doors on the front elevation and to add box store windows over the existing front windows be refused.~~
- 1.2 To defer MHC-18-021 for one (1) month to allow the Municipal Heritage Committee to form a sub-committee to meet with and advise the owner of 125-129 Queen Street how to move forward to a positive solution for all.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

8.2 MHC-18-022 - 15 Queen Street - Heritage Permit Application - Resurface existing driveway and parking area

The applicant spoke on behalf of the application. General discussion ensued regarding the report.

Moved by Bob Watson that the recommendations contained in Report MHC-18-022 be adopted to include:

- 1.1 The heritage permit application to resurface the existing asphalt driveway and parking area, to the side and rear of the building be approved.

APPROVED.

8.3 MHC-18-023 - St. Davids District Plan

General discussion ensued regarding the report. It was stated that it was important to obtain feedback from St David's residents as part of the potential designation to see if there is community support for this proposal.

Moved by John Wiens that the recommendations contained in Report MHC-18-023 be amended to include:

- 1.1 ~~Should Municipal Heritage Committee wish for Council to proceed with the designation of a Heritage Conservation District in St. Davids, the Municipal Heritage Committee request that Council allocate funding as part of the 2019 budget for a Plan and Study.~~
- 1.2 The Municipal Heritage Committee recommends that the consultation process begin with the residents of the Village of St. Davids to establish a Heritage Conservation District Plan under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. If Town staff can start the process that would be preferred if not, it is recommended that the Town engage a Heritage consultant to do the work.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Position of Town Historian

Discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Moved by Jim Collard that the Municipal Heritage Committee encourage Council to begin the process of appointing a new Town Historian. Further, that Terms of Reference be established outlining the duties of the historian that will include but not be limited to serving as an aid to the Town Planning Department by researching properties being considered for designation and writing articles to be placed in media about important history of the town, its buildings, events or people. And that this process be completed by the September Council meeting of 2018.

APPROVED.

9.2 Randwood Application Update

Jesse Auspitz provided the Committee with an update regarding the status of the application, including the anticipated revisions. Also noted were the 9/06 assessments anticipated for 144 &176 John Street as well as 588 Charlotte Street and 200 John St. Also provided was information regarding the archeological assessment for 144 &176 John Street.

9.3 Delegation

Mr. Bell spoke regarding the Randwood application, 144 &176 John Street. A copy of his dissertation is attached to these Minutes.

Jesse Auspitz replied to Mr. Bell and the Committee with a series of updates on the matter.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Bob Watson that the Municipal Heritage Committee recommend that a third party designation proceed on all four (4) Randwood properties.

APPROVED.

Moved by Doug Newman that whereas By-law 4511-11 (Official Plan Amendment – Randwood Estate) as enacted and passed by Niagara-on-the-Lake Council on the 12th day of December, 2011 to allow the construction of a three (3) storey hotel and arts and learning centre, subject to the negotiation of a final Site Plan Agreement;

And whereas that before enacting and passing this Official Plan Amendment, Council had received a recommendation from the Municipal Heritage Committee to approve the design of this three (3) storey building after it had been reviewed, modified and found acceptable by the Municipal Heritage Committee;

And whereas Council allowed that there might be a change of plans before the site Plan Agreement was completed and therefore Council included in the Official Plan amendment a clause saying “The final design and plans of any additions or new buildings shall be subject to the approval by the Municipal Heritage Committee”.

Therefore, in order to respond to the duties imposed on it by Council and the above clause in the Official Plan Amendment, I moved that the Municipal Heritage Committee refuse approval of a new six (6) storey, precast concrete design, that is overwhelming to the existing adjacent historic buildings and landscape, an insensitive terminus to the views from the Commons across the street, and that results in the intrusive overlooking of existing and proposed housing.

APPROVED

Moved by John Wiens that the Municipal Heritage Committee suggest that a Heritage Planner be hired to be a member of the Planning staff.

APPROVED

10. Next Meeting Date

June 12, 2018

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

ADJOURNMENT: 09:30 PM



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