

Present: Lynda Armstrong
Laura Bisset
Margaret Clayton
Lynn Collins, Vice-Chair
Karey Anne Large
Rick McDonnell
Terry Standish

Also Present: Councillor Newman, Mayor's Designate
Sarah Ferencz, Library Archivist
Ed Belsey, Senior Manager, Policy and Heritage Planning
Michael Tranquada, Urban Designer
Lori Tesolin, Supervisor, Policy and Heritage, and Principal Planner
Peter Henley, Staff Liaison, Planner II, Downtown Development
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Deanna Hollister
Mark McGowan
Paul Rolland
Brian Winter, Honourary Member

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - October 12, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By Rick McDonnell

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee minutes of October 12, 2021 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

- 3.1** Parisa Amiri, Principal, ARPA Architects Inc.
Re: Heritage Permit Application, Proposed Addition to the Existing Building for 214 Colborne Street West, Designated Under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act; HP 23-21

Parisa Amiri provided a presentation regarding the proposed addition to the existing building for 214 Colborne Street West. Ms. Amiri advised that the addition would be for a new operation room, entrance and office space for an existing dental office. Highlights of the presentation included:

- design plans for the addition;
- maintaining the character of the building;
- matching the design elements and materials of the addition to the existing building; and,
- the roof line of the addition.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- materials used for the siding and shutters;
- whether the lighting in the parking lot would be altered; and,
- whether the trees in the backyard would be impacted by the addition.

Recommendation:

Moved By Margaret Clayton

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee support the application for the proposed addition to the existing building at 214 Colborne Street West as presented to the Committee.

Carried

4. Delegations

- 4.1** There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 There was no general business.

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 Councillor Newman provided an update regarding:

- commemorating Remembrance Day and the 100,000 Canadians that died in World War I (WWI) and World War II (WWII);
- the Financial Services Department Report FS 55-21 regarding the 2022 Business Planning and Budget Target Report that recommended an increase in the Town's property tax of 3.5 percent which Council requested staff review and report back;
- the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 25-21 regarding the Economic Development Strategy update was approved by Council; and,
- the Special Council meeting of November 8, 2021, where the Request for Demolition of 20 Cassels Road East, was not approved.

Councillor Newman requested that Lynn Collins and Margaret Clayton provide an overview of their presentations to Council at the Special Council meeting of November 8, 2021.

Lynn Collins provided an overview of her presentation to Council regarding 20 Cassels Road East which included:

- the position of the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee regarding demolition of the building located at 20 Cassels Road East and the reasons for their position;
- consideration of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- consideration of the Town's relevant policy framework including Whitby's Official Plan and the Brooklin Heritage Conservation District Plan; and,
- the lack of support within the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) Report for demolition.

Margaret Clayton provided an overview of her presentation to Council regarding 20 Cassels Road East which included:

- the rich cultural history and significance of the building;
- the purpose of the Brooklin Heritage Conservation District to preserve the character of the original Village of Brooklin;

- the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) Report suggests retaining the building while converting its use into a new development; and,
- the significance of the building as one of the original buildings established in Brooklin.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether the applicant was expected to appeal Council's decision;
- whether staff would defend Council's decision or retain an external solicitor should the matter be appealed;
- whether Council would reverse its decision de facto should the applicant appeal Council's decision;
- means of ensuring the homeowner would not demolish the building without a permit;
- whether Town staff could provide updates to the Committee regarding 20 Cassels Road East;
- the importance of preserving built structures, landscapes, and streetscapes for their contextual value;
- whether a commemorative plaque acknowledging Indigenous Communities could be installed in Grass Park; and,
- whether the Committee may bring forward a recommendation to Council to acknowledge Indigenous history in Brooklin.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- methods for commemorating the history of Indigenous Communities in Canada;
- consulting with Indigenous Communities on the type of commemoration they would recommend; and,
- consulting with Indigenous Communities on the history that would be included within the chosen commemoration.

Recommendation:

Moved By Margaret Clayton

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee recommends that Council consider including a commemoration in Grass Park recognizing the Indigenous Communities and in consultation with appropriate Indigenous Communities.

Carried

8. Other Business

8.1 112 Colborne Street Street West

Rick McDonnell requested information from Town staff regarding 112 Colborne Street West, owned by K&M Dry Cleaners. Mr. McDonnell stated that a rumour was being spread throughout the Werden's Heritage Conservation District that the property was purchased by the Town of Whitby and would be converted into a parking garage. He further requested that updates regarding this site be provided to the Committee.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Tuesday, December, 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Rick McDonnell

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee on December 14, 2021.