

**Present:** Lynda Armstrong  
Laura Bisset  
Lynn Collins, Vice-Chair  
Deanna Hollister  
Katherine Hull, Chair  
Karey Anne Large  
Paul Rolland  
Rick McDonnell  
Mark McGowan  
Terry Standish

**Also Present:** Councillor Newman, Mayor's Designate  
Sarah Ferencz, Archivist  
Michael Tranquada, Urban Designer  
Stacey Kursikowski, Staff Liaison, Planner II, Downtown  
Development  
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator  
(Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Margaret Clayton  
Brian Winter, Honourary Member

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Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

- 1.1** Katherine Hull made a declaration of pecuniary interest regarding Item 3.1, Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, as she is a partner and division director with Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) who completed the heritage evaluation as part of the Metrolinx study for the BRT.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- 2.1** Minutes - February 9, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By Deanna Hollister

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee minutes of February 9, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

3. Presentations

**3.1** Hailey McWilliam, Environmental Planner, IBI Group  
Re: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project

Hailey McWilliam provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the purpose and benefits of the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT);
- public concerns and opportunities to improve accessibility and active transportation, enhance public space in downtown Whitby, and incorporate elements of cultural heritage resources in the BRT stop design;
- an inventory of existing and potential cultural heritage properties;
- mitigation strategies to protect or minimize impacts to cultural heritage properties and features; and,
- mitigation strategies for indirect impacts including a baseline vibration monitoring assessment in advance of construction.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether Metrolinx was bound by the Ontario Heritage Act;
- whether Metrolinx would continue the project through the Town of Whitby if the Town objected to the project;
- if alterations or relocation of heritage resources was required, who would complete the work and assume financial responsibility;
- how damage and/or partial removal to cultural heritage landscapes, such as the Square at the Whitby Public Library Main Branch, would be mitigated;
- how would a difference of opinion regarding resources considered to be cultural, historical, and heritage assets be resolved; and,
- whether the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports (CHER) could be completed on a site specific basis rather than as a whole to simplify the review process.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Opportunities for Part IV Designations

Note: This Item was withdrawn.

5.2 Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee Work Plan Review

Stacey Kursikowski requested feedback from the Committee regarding opportunities for events, engagement, and projects to focus on in 2021.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- bringing forward designations;
- creating an online presence for the Committee that could include hosting webinars, podcasts, heritage videos/stories, virtual heritage walks, online games and quizzes, information and video footage of significant heritage areas and agricultural lands, TikTok video journals, heritage crafts, heritage recipes, and an artifact identifier;
- connecting to the Whitby Culture Plan through local art, heritage of neighbourhoods, historic placemaking, historic stories, joining the Creative Cities Network of Canada;
- creating a heritage preservation fund;
- establishing a culture/heritage day;
- collecting and digitizing materials for heritage locations/sites;
- hosting online talks such as conversations between moderators from the Committee and members of the public;
- connecting with First Nations and collaborating for events;
- offering a heritage award similar to the City of Hamilton or City of Toronto;
- offering an award for improvements to significant heritage buildings, such as 320 John Street West;
- providing information regarding the history of street names, creek names, GIS Mapping for heritage properties, and QR codes at heritage buildings for residents to scan to learn about the history of the site/building;
- creating a community survey that would be presented in a contest format to increase engagement;
- establishing a stronger connection between Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee and the Whitby Archives;

- highlighting a listed property via social media once a month/bi-weekly;
- establishing a heritage meet-up group for engaging the public;
- creating a COVID-19 time capsule to record events from 2020/2021;
- social media 'take overs' such as taking over the Whitby Business Improvement Area (BIA), Vintage Whitby, Whitby Public Library, and Lynde House social media pages to promote heritage;
- presenting to other Advisory Committees;
- promoting the Blippar App that connects with the historic plaques; and,
- emphasizing heritage during heritage week.

### **5.3 General Updates**

Stacey Kursikowski provided updates regarding several heritage items including:

- the Report for Designation of 9455 Baldwin Street would be presented to the Committee of the Whole on April 12, 2021;
- the Staff Report for 1300 Gifford Street would be presented to the Committee of the Whole in May 2021;
- revisions to the proposed detached garage at 613 Henry Street (Part V); and,
- revisions to the proposed porch addition at 701 Centre Street South (Part V).

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1** There was no correspondence.

## **7. Council Update**

### **7.1** Councillor Newman provided Council updates regarding:

- the approval of the proposed Whitby Culture Plan and key initiatives of the Culture Plan; and,
- an overview of the Staff Report CAO 06-21, Overview of Creative Communities Team in Strategic Initiatives.

## **8. Other Business**

### **8.1** There was no other business.

## **9. Next Meeting**

**9.1** Tuesday, April 13, 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 8:55 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee on April 13, 2021.**