



Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee Minutes

February 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Margaret Clayton
Deanna Hollister, Chair
Lisa Johnson
Richard Klingler
Rick McDonnell
Don Mitchell
Paul Rolland, Vice-Chair
Vincent Santamaura
Terry Standish

Regrets: Brian Winter, Honourary Member

Also Present: Councillor Bozinovski, Mayor's Designate
Edward Belsey, Senior Manager, Policy and Heritage Planning
David Johnson, Staff Liaison, Planner II Heritage
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call to Order
 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by Rick McDonnell

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee minutes of January 9, 2024 be approved.

Carried

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. General Business and Reports

6.1 Staff Update and 2024 Work Plan

Ed Belsey requested feedback from the Committee regarding topics to be included under General Business and Reports on future agendas. Mr. Belsey advised that the Heritage Register Subcommittee would continue to provide updates regarding properties identified to be included on the Heritage Register. He further advised that the 2024 Work Plan included updates to the Werden's Plan Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District and Brooklin Heritage Conservation District.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Members submitting items for discussion to Staff prior to Committee meetings;
- Staff providing updates on the status of permit discussions and properties brought before the Committee at previous meetings;
- Staff providing updates on outcomes from Regular Council meetings on properties previously brought before the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee; and,
- whether updates to the Brooklin Heritage Conservation District would include the District's boundaries and affect properties designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

6.2 Heritage Summer Student

David Johnson advised that interviews were underway for two summer student positions in the Policy and Heritage Planning Division.

Ed Belsey requested feedback from the Committee regarding projects for the summer students such as assisting with historic research on properties.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- contacting the Whitby Archives for property information;
- conducting an inventory of plaques for properties designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and adding QR codes to the plaques; and,
- digitizing the self-guided walking tours.

6.3 Farmer's Market

David Johnson advised that the Committee would host a Heritage Booth at an upcoming Farmers' Market.

Discussion ensued regarding an 'anniversary' theme including, the 200 year anniversary of the Post Office in the General Store, the 170 year anniversary of the Centennial Building, the 150 year anniversary of Trafalgar Castle, and the 125 year anniversary of Sinclair Secondary School.

6.4 Harvest Festival

David Johnson requested that the Committee begin brainstorming ideas for the Heritage Booth at the Harvest Festival.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Council Update

Councillor Bozinovski provided an update regarding:

- the advocacy campaign to bring a new hospital to Durham Region;
- the February 15, 2024 Special Council Meeting to consider and potentially adopt the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget;
- Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17, 2024; and,
- Whitby's Family Day Event at Iroquois Park Sports Centre on February 19, 2024.

9. Other Business

9.1 Heritage Register Subcommittee

Margaret Clayton provided an update regarding the Heritage Register Subcommittee. Ms. Clayton stated that several properties in Port Whitby were deemed as high priority.

Paul Rolland recommended that the Heritage summer students collaborate with the Heritage Register Subcommittee to learn how to conduct historical research on a property. Mr. Rolland further suggested that the summer students research properties flagged by the Subcommittee as high priority.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- the number of properties screened by the Subcommittee for inclusion on the Heritage Register; and,
- utilizing the summer students to review the Subcommittee's list of properties deemed high priority for historical research.

9.2 608 Centre Street South

Rick McDonnell requested an update from Staff on 608 Centre Street South.

David Johnson advised that the applicant was agreeable to the changes recommended by the Committee.

9.3 Rowe House Contents

Lisa Johnson requested an update regarding the contents of the Rowe House such as antique display cases, dolls, and a piano.

Margaret Clayton stated that the artifacts within the Rowe House belonged to the Whitby Heritage Community Association.

9.4 Heritage Newsletter

David Johnson stated that a Heritage Newsletter would be circulated this week to all properties designated under Part IV and Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. Mr. Johnson further stated that the Heritage Newsletter would provide educational information for property owners.

Rick McDonnell recommended including articles about 'what's new' in the heritage conservation districts.

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Terry Standish

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee on March 12, 2024.