



## **MINUTES**

### **HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee held on Wednesday January 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Esqueing Room of the Halton Hills Civic Centre.

#### **Members Present**

Councillor T. Brown (Chair); R. Denny; C. Donaldson; A. Douglas; V. Inglis; L. Nicholson; J.M. Rowe; A. Walker

#### **Staff Present**

S. Burke, Manager of Planning Policy; R. de Silva, Planner-Policy; A. Mancuso, Records/FOI Coordinator

#### **Regrets**

D. Brock

#### **Others**

D. Cuming (left at 7:00 p.m.)

### **General**

1A Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was declared.

1B Receipt of Heritage Halton Hills Committee Minutes dated November 23, 2016

#### **Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0001**

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on November 23, 2016, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## Programs

- 2A Demolition Clearance Forms (DCF) received since November 23, 2016, for the following properties:

A DCF for 9214 Dublin Line, (Milton) Halton Hills (house and garage) was received January 17, 2017. It is not listed and will be signed off.

- 2B Heritage Property Grant Program – Future Direction

J.M. Rowe, who recently became a Heritage Foundation Board Director, briefly explained the Heritage Property Grant Program (HPGP) funding process. The main source of the Board's income is derived from the Mayor's Annual Heritage Golf Tournament. J.M. Rowe noted in the past the Board set a limit of \$10,000 for grant program funding but exceeded this amount when its financial position allowed. On occasion, the Board has been unable to fully fund the program in which case grant amounts were disbursed based on a percentage of the funding available.

In 2016, a total of \$20,048.78 in matching grants were approved by Heritage Halton Hills and submitted to the Board for funding. Given the Board's commitment to other heritage projects it can no longer support this level of financial commitment.

Members discussed approaches to the funding challenge. If a funding cap were instituted matching grants could not be as high as \$3,000. Members expressed concern if property owners were limited to the number of times they could apply or if applications were assessed and ranked. The committee believes some of the "repeat customers" are heritage's best allies. With regard to other funding sources it was noted the Town and Region support the Heritage Property Tax Refund Program, as well as the education portion. The program itself has grown as additional properties have been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The committee will discuss this matter at the February meeting.

- 2C Heritage Register – Phase 4

R. de Silva noted the different approach taken with Phase 4. The Town engaged the services of D. Cuming to conduct the peer review in advance of presenting the list of properties for consideration. Copies of D. Cuming's report, "Town of Halton Hills Municipal Heritage Register Phase 4 Review – January 2017" were distributed to members for endorsement.

R. Denny expressed concern the report recommends to exclude 284 Queen Street, Acton, 530 Guelph Street, Norval and 11 George Street, Georgetown from the list of proposed Phase 4 properties. D. Cuming noted the structure at 530 Guelph Street has seriously deteriorated since the photo was taken. He indicated he would be more than willing to take a second look at the properties.

J.M. Rowe inquired why some cemeteries were to be excluded. D. Cuming responded he recommended cemeteries with no above ground markers be excluded as he believes there are sufficient regulations under the Ontario Heritage Act and the Ontario Cemeteries Act to protect them. Councillor Brown is concerned omitting the five cemeteries will mean people need access to other resources to locate them.

**Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0002**

THAT the report titled "Town of Halton Hills Municipal Heritage Register Phase 4 Review January 2017," prepared by D. Cuming, be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills endorses the recommendations presented by D. Cuming for the proposed Phase 4 of the Heritage Register with the exception of 11 George Street, Georgetown and 284 Queen Street, Acton;

AND FURTHER THAT 11 George Street, Georgetown and 284 Queen Street, Acton, be included in the proposed Phase 4 of the Heritage Register.

**CARRIED**

**Heritage Designation: Proposed, Committee Report(s), Report(s) to Council, By-Law(s), Plaque Unveiling**

- 3A Updated Designation Report – Waldie House, 17 McNabb Street, Georgetown  
Following the November meeting, J.M. Rowe consulted the property owner for clarification. The porch will be included as noted in the designation report.

**Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0003**

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the Waldie House Designation Report, authored by J.M. Rowe and A. Walker, located at 17 McNabb Street, Georgetown;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills approves the Waldie House Designation Report, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a cover report to advise Council of the committee's recommendation to designate Waldie House, located at 17 McNabb Street, Georgetown under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**CARRIED**

- 3B Status of Designation Plaque Unveiling(s)

J.M. Rowe made several attempts to coordinate a date to unveil the designation plaques at both Jacob Kennedy House (16 George Street, Georgetown) and Perkins House (88 Bower Street, Acton). The plaques have been mounted at both properties.

V. Inglis will follow up with the property owner(s) of the Norval Church of Christ to coordinate a designation plaque unveiling.

- 3C Members inquired about the status of a Heritage Planner. S. Burke noted Council approved the new Heritage Planner position and that a job description has been created.

## **Projects, Steering Committee(s), Membership**

- 4A 2017 Marketing, Promotion and Education – Results of Centennial College Students' Heritage Survey

V. Inglis and A. Walker circulated a 52 page report titled, "Town of Halton Hills Interactive Strategy" to members. The document was prepared by Centennial Students R. Tomaz, A. King, V. Sivaloganathan, R. Tigno and A. Verykovska, following their recent survey which they conducted both online and on the street. V. Inglis indicated she was pleased the students wrapped up the project within a few months.

A. Walker noted that although the survey indicates 68.7% of respondents have heard of Heritage Halton Hills, it confirmed that the same percentage of respondents did not know what the benefits of heritage designation were. The students reviewed websites of other municipalities and really liked the Town of Goderich's site. It includes a section titled "Heritage Lost". It is a photographic collection of former properties - many having been demolished due to the effects of the tornado in 2011.

The students suggested Facebook and Instagram be utilized to further increase awareness of the committee. S. Burke noted another heritage tool which may be of interest is History Pin (<https://www.historypin.org/en/>). J.M. Rowe suggested HALINET (Halinet.on.ca) which has a portal through the Halton Hills Library.

V. Inglis requested members review the report for further discussion at the February meeting.

## **For Information, Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- 5A J.M. Rowe presented a slide show of the 1967 Centennial celebrations held in Acton, Georgetown, and surrounding hamlets. Councillor T. Brown noted that each Town or Hamlet was responsible for its own Centennial fundraising as Halton Hills would not exist until 1974.
- 5B Councillor T. Brown recently approved Invoice 2017-0001 which was received from the Esquesing Historical Society (EHS) for their services in 2016 (photos for newspaper features and committee reports). A cheque requisition for \$225.00 was submitted to accounts payable and will be forwarded to EHS shortly.

## **Items for Next or Future Agenda(s)**

- 6A Heritage Property Grant Program – Future Direction

6B 2017 Marketing, Promotion and Education – Results of Centennial College Students' Heritage Survey

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

Wednesday February 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Esquesing Room