



MINUTES

HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee held on Wednesday March 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Halton Hills Town Hall.

Members Present

D. Brock (arrived at 6:32 p.m.); 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 (left at 7:49 p.m.); A. Mancuso, Records/FOI Coordinator

Others

K. Gastle (Item 2C); Councillor A. Lawlor (Item 1D); M. Sonogo, Amico (Item 1C)

General

1A Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

D. Brock declared a pecuniary interest with respect to item no. 5A regarding the Heritage Property Tax Refund Program as he owns a heritage designated property. He did not partake in any discussion or voting on 5A.

1B Receipt of Heritage Halton Hills Committee Minutes dated February 15, 2017

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0009

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on February 15, 2017, be received for information.

CARRIED

1C DCF for 28 Mill Street, Georgetown

M. Sonogo, of Amico, updated members on the status of the development which included acquiring 28 Mill Street and other properties that abut the former Memorial Arena lands.

The property was added to the Heritage Register under Phase 3. Members of the Heritage Listed Properties Site Visits' Sub-Committee recently attended the

property. R. Denny noted that much of the house has been altered and all agreed it should be removed from the Listed Cultural Heritage Properties section of the Heritage Register.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0010

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the request to remove 28 Mill Street, Georgetown from the Listed Cultural Heritage Properties section of the Heritage Register in order to proceed with demolition;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills request staff prepare a report to Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills advise Council to remove 28 Mill Street, Georgetown from the Listed Cultural Heritage Properties section of the Heritage Register in order to proceed with demolition.

CARRIED

1D Doors Open 2017

Councillor A. Lawlor noted Doors Open has been quite successful in Halton Hills for the past five years. Doors Open is an opportunity for the public to view properties that may not normally be accessible to them.

The event is scheduled for the last weekend of September (September 30 – October 1, 2017), and this year's theme is pre-Confederation buildings in Halton Hills. With a nod to the sesquicentennial, they plan to identify as many buildings as possible with Union Jack flags and feature some during Doors Open.

Councillor A. Lawlor invited members to participate with research and planning. In particular, assistance with identifying pre-Confederation properties is needed. J.M. Rowe noted when the 1861 Census was taken it included a section for owners to indicate when their property was built. Only the census-taker taken in the Glen collected that information.

L. Nicholson noted she is using information, supplied by J.M. Rowe, to focus on properties or events dated either 1867 or 1967 in the paper to tie into the sesquicentennial so some research has already been done.

For sesquicentennial celebrations, R. Denny noted the Esquesing Historical Society is updating the 1967 list of Halton Century Farms previously identified by the Halton Junior Farmers. They are concentrating only on farms in Halton Hills. Originally twenty farms were identified as being owned by the same family since confederation in 1867 or earlier but some were missed for various reasons. Five more were recently identified. They are also identifying farms that have been in the same family for the past 100 years as well as 150 years or more.

Councillor T. Brown inquired if assistance on the day is required. Members are encouraged to contact Councillor A. Lawlor to indicate their interest in helping with this year's Doors Open event planning or on the day of or both.

Programs

2A Demolition Clearance Forms (DCF) were received and approved, since February 15, 2017, for the following properties:

Feb 27 11978 Third Line (house)

Mar 22 11079 Trafalgar Road (house)

2B Summer Heritage Researcher

A. Mancuso will keep members apprised of the status of this position.

2C Russell's Hill of Pines

There is concern the pine trees on the Russell farm may be in jeopardy as the property has been purchased by a developer. K. Gastle spoke about the importance of the pine trees, known as Russell's Hill of Pines as described by L.M. Montgomery. L.M. Montgomery wrote extensively about the pines and when visitors come to Norval they are familiar with them.

With the recent purchase of the Norval Presbyterian Manse and Cottage by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills and efforts by to make them a world heritage site, K. Gastle said people visit Norval expecting to see the pines and in addition to the pines, the pre-Confederation Russell house should be preserved – even if it needs to be moved to the bottom of the hill. She suggested it would gain worldwide attention if we do not save the trees and the house.

S. Burke, noted the area of green on the map (distributed to members) is within the Greenlands designation of the Norval Secondary Plan (defined by top of the bank) so the trees are protected by that designation and the Region Tree By-law that applies to Greenlands and woodlots of 0.5 hectares or larger. The land along the bend in Guelph Street was purchased by the Region for the Norval West By-pass. This is subject to an EA, which is pending a decision on GTA West.

Members expressed concern the trees could be cut down tomorrow if the developer and the Region do not know about their significance.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0011

THAT Heritage Halton Hills begin the process to List and/or designate the Russell farmhouse, potential outer buildings and the Pine Trees known as Russell's Hill of Pines as described by L.M. Montgomery;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills' recommendation be communicated by Planning staff to the current property owner and the Region of Halton.

CARRIED

Members discussed proceeding with gathering information and the urgency to add the trees to the Listed Cultural Heritage Properties section of the Heritage Register. J.M. Rowe noted that an arborist should be employed to review the

trees as was done with the Speyside Royal Oak. Members would like to see more current photos taken of the trees. Councillor T. Brown will contact staff to inquire if the drone could be used for this purpose.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0012

THAT Heritage Halton Hills advise Council to add the Pine Trees known as Russell's Hill of Pines as described by L.M. Montgomery to the Listed Cultural Heritage Properties section of the Heritage Register;

AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a report for Council within the next reporting cycle of Council.

CARRIED

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

3A Proposed Designation: Norval Presbyterian Manse & Cottage

J.M. Rowe reviewed the Norval Presbyterian Manse and Cottage designation report he authored and the following corrections were noted: (1) at the bottom of page 3, it should be 1926 not 1925; (2) in the middle of page 13, the reference to include "...Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches..."; and (3) toward the bottom of page 13, the reference to include "...which includes 'Russell's Hill of Pines' as described by L.M. Montgomery. Members discussed the proposed designation.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0013

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the Norval Presbyterian Manse and Cottage Designation Report, authored by J.M. Rowe;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills approve the Norval Presbyterian Manse and Cottage Designation Report, as amended on pages 3 and 13;

AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a cover report to advise Council of the committee's recommendation to designate the Norval Presbyterian Manse, located at 402 Draper Street, Norval, and Cottage, located at 404 Draper Street, Norval, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

Projects, Steering Committee(s), Membership

4A Signage Program Brochure

A. Douglas distributed the latest draft the brochure to members for review. The brochure will be printed for the April 21-22 Chamber of Commerce "At Home in the Hills" show.

Closed Session

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0014

THAT Heritage Halton Hills meet in closed session in order to address the following matter:

- 5A 2017 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program (2016 Tax Year) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

CARRIED

Heritage Halton Hills Committee convened into Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0015

THAT Heritage Halton Hills reconvene this meeting in open session.

CARRIED

Heritage Halton Hills Committee reconvened into Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

- 5A Approval of 2017 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program (2016 Tax Year) Applications

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0016

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive and approve the following 2017 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program applications for the 2016 TAX YEAR:

Beaumont Knitting Mill, 586 Main Street (Glen Williams);
Craiglea House, 9722 Third Line (Esquesing);
Forbes House (formerly British Hotel), 401 Draper Street (Norval);
Jacob Kennedy House, 16 George Street (Georgetown);
Laidlaw House & the Frazier Shop, 519 – 521 Main Street (Glen Williams);
Lilac Lawns, 475 Guelph Street (Norval);
Moorecroft (Beatty House), 98 Church Street East (Acton);
Perkins House, 88 Bower Street (Acton);
Reid's Hardware (Goodlet's), 86 Main Street South (Georgetown);
Rolling Hills Farm, 14249 Tenth Line (Esquesing);
Williams-Holt House, 504 Main Street (Glen Williams);
Williams Mill, 515 Main Street (Glen Williams);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **69** Bower Street (Acton);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **71** Bower Street (Acton);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **77** Bower Street (Acton);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **79** Bower Street (Acton);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **83** Bower Street (Acton);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **85** Bower Street (Acton);

Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **87** Bower Street (Acton);
Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District, **89** Bower Street (Acton);
AND FURTHER THAT Finance – Revenue and Taxation be advised accordingly.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0017

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the Norval Church of Christ, 9924 Winston Churchill Blvd. (Norval) 2017 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program application for the 2016 TAX YEAR;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills request a site visit of the Norval Church of Christ, 9924 Winston Churchill Blvd. (Norval).

CARRIED

For Information, Announcements & Upcoming Events

- 6A Chamber of Commerce “At Home in the Hills” Halton Hills Community Spring Show April 21 – 22, 2017: Members signed up for shifts during the two day event.
- 6B 2016 Heritage Property Grant Program follow-up: C. Donaldson recently inspected the 2016 project Jacob Kennedy House.
- 6C 2017 Ontario Heritage Conference: The conference will be held in Ottawa this year, June 8 – 10. Members received information to review the event online and were advised there will be a cap on the budget available due to the long distance location this year.
- 6D Ballinafad United Church contacted the committee to inquire about funding possibilities for costly repairs and were advised the Heritage Property Grant Program is for properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The property was added to the Listed Cultural Heritage Properties section of the Heritage Register under Phase 3. J.M. Rowe volunteered to follow up.

Items for Next or Future Agenda(s)

- 7A 2017 Marketing budget
- 7B 2017 Ontario Heritage Conference (Ottawa, June 8 – 10)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday April 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Esquesing Room