



MINUTES

HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee held on Wednesday September 20, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Esquesing Room of the Halton Hills Town Hall.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

A. Fisher, Heritage Planner; A. Mancuso, Records/FOI Coordinator

Regrets

D. Brock; L. Nicholson;

Others

B. Andrews (left at 7:00 p.m.); R. Dhaliwal (left at 7:00 p.m.); Councillor A. Lawlor (left at 7:09 p.m.); C. Perkins (left at 7:25 p.m.); R. Perkins (left at 7:25 p.m.); J. Waldbusser

General

1A Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None was declared.

1B Receipt of Heritage Halton Hills Committee Minutes dated June 21, 2017

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0036

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on June 21, 2017, be received for information.

CARRIED

1C Receipt of Heritage Halton Hills Committee Confidential Minutes dated June 21, 2017

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0037

THAT the Confidential Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on June 21, 2017, be received for information.

CARRIED

1F 2017 DOORS OPEN

Councillor A. Lawlor noted this year's theme is Pre-Confederation. Volunteers are needed to help as greeters (3 – 4 hour shifts) and it is a great opportunity to meet people who are excited about heritage. Councillor T. Brown's farm is one of ten Halton Hills' sites participating in this year's Doors Open Halton on Sunday October 1.

1E 9111 Third Line

A. Fisher presented a PowerPoint review of 9111 Third Line which is on the Heritage Register as a Listed property. The Register describes it as a farmhouse with Flemish Bond. It is associated with George Joyce and the pioneering Joyce family. It is one of the oldest houses and may be one of a very few (or the only) vernacular Georgian style houses in Scotch Block c.1850. It is one of the oldest brick houses in Halton Hills as well as a rare (and possibly unique) example of a vernacular Georgian farmhouse and an early example of the use of brick construction in Halton Hills. A. Fisher noted it is worthy of designation.

The house has been vacant for approximately eight or nine months. Prior to that, it was a rental property which had not been maintained.

R. Dhaliwal and Bert Andrews addressed the committee regarding future plans for the property. They raised concerns regarding the well, septic system and narrow laneway leading to the house which R. Dhaliwal said would not be conducive for his family. He is not seeking demolition of the current structure, at this time, but would like to construct a new home 30 metres away.

Members noted in order to maintain a vacant heritage house it would have to be heated. R. Dhaliwal was advised the committee does not have authority to approve another structure on the property he will have to go speak to the Town's Planning staff to discuss this matter further. Members suggested putting on an addition although there may be some challenges due to proximity to a nearby creek. B. Andrews inquired if it could be used for anything other than a house. A. Fisher previously emailed options to R. Dhaliwal and noted it is larger than the by-law allows for an accessory building and recommended they speak to the Zoning Officer.

Councillor T. Brown noted the benefits of designating a property such as this include tax relief and grants toward maintenance. B. Andrews inquired how do purchasers know about the heritage status of a property they are buying?

Councillor T. Brown replied the realtor should be aware and advise their client. The property was added to the register under Phase 1 in 2010.

B. Andrews emphasized that R. Dhaliwal does want to preserve the structure. Councillor T. Brown indicated a new well and septic system is needed regardless if an addition is put on the existing house or a new house is built – so that is not the issue here. Next steps would be to talk to staff in Planning and Sustainability. The committee will support any effort to preserve the house. C. Donaldson added that if R. Dhaliwal decides that designation is an option the committee can

provide assistance with that.

Programs

2A Demolition Clearance Forms (DCF) were received and approved, since June 21, 2017, for the following properties:

July 7 14007 Ninth Line (house including garage)
Sept 12 13414 Highway 7 (underground tanks and above ground features)
Sept 12 22 Park Avenue, Georgetown (house)
Sept 14 12635 Steeles Avenue (house)
Sept 14 12689 Steeles Avenue (house)
Sept 20 6038 32 Side Road (house)

Copies of the current Demolition Clearance Form (DCF) and proposed changes were circulated to the committee. Members discussed proposed changes to the DCF and established how they will be handled. In order to expedite processing DCFs, applicants will forward the DCF to the Heritage Planner for review and follow up as listed below:

- If structure(s) is not on the Heritage Register and not of heritage value or interest, A. Fisher, Heritage Planner, will sign off on the DCF
- If structure(s) is not on the Heritage Register but is of heritage value or interest, A. Fisher will contact the applicant to arrange a site visit and notify Heritage Halton Hills Committee of the date and time
- If structure(s) is a Listed Cultural Heritage Property on the Heritage Register, A. Fisher will contact the applicant to arrange a site visit and notify the Listed Heritage Property Site Visits Sub-committee of the date and time

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0038

THAT the proposed changes to the Demolition Clearance Form (DCF) be forwarded to Transportation and Public Works – Building Services.

CARRIED

2B 16 Churchill Crescent, Georgetown

A. Fisher presented a PowerPoint on her recent site visit to 16 Churchill Crescent, Georgetown. The owner(s) plans to demolish the structure, and although a DCF has not been received it is anticipated soon. A. Fisher reviewed O Reg 9/06 noting the structure is not a rare, unique or early example of a Victory House. It is an example of a Victory House but most of its original exterior materials have been modernized. No original features remain in the interior.

There was discussion about the number of properties which have been demolished on the street and agreement that it is difficult to expect people to retain small homes on large properties but it should all be documented.

A. Fisher noted if the committee does not object to demolition, the report to Council will recommend a new approach to the demolition of Listed properties –

this would mean:

- that the removal of a heritage property from the Heritage Register would no longer be required prior to signing the DCF;
- the Committee and A. Fisher would review all demolition proposals for Listed properties and, if agreed to be not of heritage significance the DCF would be signed and demolition could take place;
- A. Fisher would review and sign off all non-heritage related DCF's; and
- Council approval would be sought on a periodic basis to remove properties from the Heritage Register after the demolition has taken place.

This system would have the following advantages:

- Committee would no longer review demolition proposals for non-heritage related properties;
- Records/FOI Coordinator would no longer deal with DCF's;
- Less Council time would be spent reviewing multiple reports for removing properties from the Heritage Register – instead a single report would be considered by Council covering numerous properties; and
- The delivery of signed DCF's to the public should be faster and more efficient.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0039

THAT Heritage Halton Hills does not object to the demolition of 16 Churchill Crescent, Georgetown;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills does not object to the removal of 16 Churchill Crescent, Georgetown, from the Heritage Register as a Listed Cultural Heritage Property.

CARRIED

2C Heritage Register Phase 4

A. Fisher recently sent invitations to property owners for the upcoming Public Information Session regarding Phase 4 of the Halton Hills Heritage Register. The Public Information Session is scheduled for September 28 at the Georgetown Cultural Centre – Helson Gallery, 6:30 p.m.

2D Signage Program

During the summer, J.M. Rowe completed a signage request for 44 Church Street East, Acton (Robert Watson, Farmer, 1916).

He distributed copies of the August 2017 list of signage program properties to members.

2E 2017 HPGP

In August, A. Mancuso emailed the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills to advise the Board of the 2017 grant program applications approved by the committee.

Update on Outstanding HPGP Projects

On September 16, the owner of Williams Mill emailed staff to advise they will not submit a claim as they have been unable to complete the 2014 HPGP project. As requested the owner, the grant application file will be closed.

Receipts were submitted for 2015 and 2016 program projects for Williams Mill. A. Fisher visited the site and presented a PowerPoint review of the work completed under both years. A. Mancuso will arrange payment of the 2015 and 2016 grants.

In the future:

- Any grant request to replace an original window will require a heritage permit.
- Upon receipt of the Heritage Property Grant Program application, A. Fisher will contact the owner/applicant to arrange a site visit to view the proposed project and notify Heritage Halton Hills Committee of the date and time.
- Upon notification of completion of project and delivery of receipts (paid in full) A. Fisher will contact the owner/applicant to arrange a site inspection and notify Heritage Halton Hills Committee of the date and time.

If there are no issues and the work was completed as per the approved application, staff will proceed with grant payment.

Staff will bring a draft of proposed changes to the Heritage Property Grant Program application and guidelines to the October or November meeting.

2F 2017 Operating Budget

Copies of the current actuals for 2017 and proposed 2018 operating budget were distributed to members. A. Mancuso noted the following:

Grants to Others (5190)

This covers the Heritage Property Tax Refund Program refunds and needs to be raised to reflect the current number of eligible designated properties. In 2010, the program had 18 eligible properties for the 2009 Tax Year. In 2017, there were 26 eligible properties for the 2016 Tax Year and 4 more additional properties are expected in 2018.

Project Cost (PC) Expense (7200)

This needs to be raised to reflect the cost of lawn/garden maintenance at Normandy Blvd. and Devereaux House.

Contracted Services (4500)

This covers the one-time 2017 marketing strategy budget Any funds remaining for the marketing strategy will not be carried over to 2018.

Members discussed the 2018 Ontario Heritage Conference which will be held in Sault Ste. Marie (June 7 – 9, 2018) and will be as costly as Ottawa was this year. Members agreed to move \$1,000.00 from Advertising – General to Training Fees.

2G Stompin' Tom Connors, Ballinafad – Plaque Funding Request

J.M. Rowe received correspondence, dated August 7, from the Ballinafad Community Centre. The Centre has commissioned a plaque to recognize Charles Thomas (Stompin' Tom) Connors, one of the most iconic figures in Canadian music, who passed away March 6, 2013, in Ballinafad. Councillor T. Brown attended the celebration and unveiling which took place on September 4, 2017. Councillor T. Brown noted the Town made a donation to this worthy project.

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

3A Designation Plaques: Norval Presbyterian Manse and Caretaker's Cottage

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0040

THAT the wording on the designation plaque for the Norval Presbyterian Manse be:

This 1888 Neo-Italianate style brick Manse was built by the Presbyterian congregations of Norval and Union. From 1926 until 1935 it was home to the resident minister and his wife, Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables.

AND FURTHER THAT the wording on the designation plaque for the Norval Presbyterian Caretaker's Cottage be:

This frame cottage from the 1840's was an early village residence. It was moved to this location in 1888 and served as the home of the caretaker of the Norval Presbyterian Church, manse and grounds.

CARRIED

3B Designation Plaque: Waldie House

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0041

THAT the wording on the designation plaque for Waldie House be:

This 1911 Edwardian classic house is one of three neighbouring

houses built by Robert John Waldie of Acton. It is the corner landmark structure with a similar house on each side.

CARRIED

3C Designation Plaque: Reid's Hardware (revision request)

There was no discussion on this matter.

3D Proposed Designation: Alexander Homestead, 6 Prince Street, Glen Williams

Councillor T. Brown welcomed property owners C. and R. Perkins. J.M. Rowe reviewed the designation report and noted the report title is Alexander Homestead because the property includes Alexander House and a schoolhouse.

There was discussion about the preservation of the schoolhouse. C. Perkins believes the first step would be to get an engineer to review it. A. Fisher suggested an engineer with heritage experience or that the owners speak to people in Mississauga who may have more experience with this type of plank-on-plank construction.

It was noted the ACO have architects who will do a review for a donation of \$300.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2017-0042

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the Alexander Homestead Designation Report 2017, authored by J.M. Rowe;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills supports the designation of Alexander Homestead, located at 6 Prince Street, Glen Williams as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a cover report to advise Council of the committee's recommendation to designate Alexander Homestead located at 6 Prince Street, Glen Williams under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

(Note: Item 3D was discussed between 7:09 – 7:25 p.m.)

Projects, Steering Committee(s), Membership

4A Request for Committee Membership – Credit Valley Trail

J.M. Rowe noted the Credit Valley Conservation Authority created this committee years ago to create a trail from Orangeville to the forks of the Credit River.

A member of the committee wants to identify heritage aspects of the trail and is looking for members to participate. Councillor T. Brown will attend an upcoming meeting of the CVCA and will update members on the Credit Valley Trail heritage initiative.

For Information, Announcements & Upcoming Events

5A Community Open House – Saturday October 21

A table is booked for Heritage Halton Hills at the upcoming Community Open House. V. Inglis, A. Walker and A. Fisher will attend the event.

5B J. Waldbusser located a study titled Preserving Rural Landscapes Along the Niagara Escarpment which was conducted by the Local Architecture Conservation Advisory Committee (predecessor to Heritage Halton Hills) in 1992 and wanted to bring this to the attention of the committee.

5C The designation plaque unveiling for Rolling Hills Farm will take place on Wednesday October 4.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday October 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Esquesing Room