

**Minutes of LACAC Heritage Whitby held on Tuesday, July 14th, 2009,
at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in Committee Room #1 of The Whitby
Municipal Building.**

LACAC Heritage Whitby Members Present:

Margaret Clayton, Chair
John Ecker
Rita Edgell
Steve Gusterson
Larry Jeffreys
Rick McDonnell
Pam McPherson
Councillor Sue Pitchforth
Brian Winter
Bob Ashby
Jean Pierre Leguerrier

Also Present:

Christy Chrus, Secretary/Treasurer
Maria McDonnell, Manager of Downtown Development
Caitlin Graup, Summer Student

Regrets:

Thomas Marshall-Nicol

Guests:

Corrine Fox, Community and Marketing Services
Kim Tafertshofer, Downtown Marketing and Events Coordinator

1. Welcome

M. Clayton welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the Agenda.

2. Declaration of Interest

J. Ecker declared a conflict of interest with 31 Cassels Road East.

S. Pitchforth declared a conflict of interest with 75 Baldwin Street as well as 360 Columbus Road.

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3. Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the June 9th LACAC Heritage Whitby Meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Moved by: P. McPherson

Seconded by: B. Ashby

“That the Minutes of the June 9th meeting of the Town of Whitby LACAC Heritage Whitby be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

4. Review of Waterfront Master Plan

Corrine Fox of Community and Marketing Services explained that Council has directed staff to undertake a review of the Waterfront Master Plan. She would like to get an understanding of the issues with heritage throughout this site and how the parks planning system can be enhanced by the heritage resources. The Waterfront will be divided into 6 precincts for the review.

- Are there heritage resources that have not been identified on this map?

M. Clayton noted that there are many properties listed on the Port Whitby Walking Tour that are heritage resources. C. Graup to forward a copy of the Walking Tour to C. Fox. There are 20 buildings, and the tour also includes Watson Park, founded in 1865.

M. Clayton would like to propose that a study to create a Heritage Conservation District in the Port Whitby area be looked into.

R. McDonnell noted that there are remnants of the old railroad track running through the Port area still remaining. B. Winter noted that the Whitby and Port Perry Railway was built in 1871,

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all of it north of the CPR tracks which were removed in 1971, and the rest in 1978. The rails brought lumber and grain down from the north in the 1870s-80s. The tracks also led to the pumphouse to deliver coal. M. Clayton noted that the committee is waiting on the status of the pumphouse, which served Whitby until 1959, and was used until the 1970s for industrial uses. The old tracks are to the west of the Truck Depot, between Brock St before you reach the old pumphouse.

J. Ecker asked if there will be any studies done off-shore in the waters of Lake Ontario. B. Winter noted that there are 2 or 3 wooden freighter ships which sunk just off Whitby Harbour.

C. Chrus wondered if there were any cemeteries in the Port area. B. Winter noted that at Wentworth and Thicksen streets, there is a gravestone located there (the Hemingway Stone). C. Graup to send a copy of the Cemetery Report to C. Fox.

B. Winter noted that Camp X extended from about Thornton to Thicksen Roads. There was also an airport located on the property. In 1927 there was a proposal to close camp Borden and move the airport to Whitby. B. Winter noted that the Cranberry and Lynde Marshes both have extensive histories and heritage value as well.

- What heritage issues should be considered in this parks study?

C. Chrus noted that commemorative plaques could be incorporated.

S. Pitchforth noted that promoting and enhancing the Port Whitby walking tour would be beneficial.

J. Ecker noted 'underwater' heritage resources should be considered.

B. Winter noted the rock formation on Watson Street could be looked into.

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M. Clayton noted that the WMHC could be recognized with an interpretive sign noting the history of the site.

B. Winter noted there are 2 camps, St. Johns camp founded in 1922, a rehabilitation camp for people in Toronto hospitals and Mildmay camp founded 1927, church camp for underprivileged children from Toronto that could be recognized. Heydenshore park was a cottage resort in the 1920s.

C. Chrus noted that the 'stories' and the history of the harbour and area should be preserved. There may not be physical structures anymore, but it is these stories which will carry on the Port Whitby legacy.

B. Winter noted that near the tracks, there are cement footings for a lumber yard, used during the war to build ammunition boxes.

S. Pitchforth noted that the creeks are important heritage resources.

B. Winter noted that the lighthouse was on the west pier, and is now on the east pier.

B. Winter also noted that the original site of the Station Gallery (now the GO Station) was the site of an unsolved mystery.

R. McDonnell noted that there should be a display or model of how the port used to be – i.e. graineries, railway, pumphouse.

M. McDonnell suggested that there could be an opportunity for an interpretive centre showcasing the history of the Port area.

B. Winter noted that he has maps of the original harbour and harbour basin.

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C. Fox thanked the committee for their ideas and noted that once the Request for Proposals has been finalized, she will have a better idea of the scope of the project. M. Clayton thanked C. Fox for attending the meeting and discussing these issues.

5. Sub-Committee Update

a. Special Events

Doors Open Whitby 2009 – Report for 2010

M. Clayton stated that there are 6 confirmed sites so far, with one new site confirmed. There will be further updates in September after the Doors Open Committee Meeting.

County Town Carnival (June 27th)

M. Clayton noted that there were 205 visitors over 4 hours to the Lynde House where LACAC was set up. Of the 205, there were about 80 children and younger people. Many people had positive comments, and there were several questions asked about the history of the house as well.

A teacher noted that he is interested in bringing his high school class for a visit to Lynde house, and to work this into the curriculum of his history class. M. Clayton noted this would be a great resource for other teachers. R. Edgell noted that the school board could be notified of this opportunity.

Harbour Days (July 24th - 25th)

M. Clayton noted that there are usually information pamphlets provided and displayed at a table for Harbour Days. These should include the Port Whitby Walking tour and Doors Open booklets, along with the LACAC Link.

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Harvest Festival (September 12th)

M. Clayton noted that there was a request to have the display from the Brooklin Spring Fair at this event, as well as a new display about the first anniversary of the HCD.

Heritage Day (September 19th)

K. Tafertshofer was present and asked LACAC for their assistance with Heritage Day. She noted that sponsorship for the event has gone down, which makes hiring entertainers more difficult. She suggested that B. Winter could do a walking tour. She noted that the church behind Trafalgar Castle is interested in participating. B. Winter noted that there could be a walking tour to the church.

She noted that the committee could possibly form a sub-committee to brainstorm ideas for the event. P. McPherson noted that she knows a woman who teaches caning that could be invited. B. Ashby noted that re-enactment groups could be a possibility. J. Ecker noted that children are always interested in archaeology, and that the Ontario Heritage Trust can send instructors for presentations. P. McPherson noted that the fire hall could be opened and used as a 'Heritage Square'. M. Clayton suggested that the wagon ride could take people down to the church to participate in the activities at the church, and have a walking tour on the west side of the downtown area.

K. Tafertshofer asked the committee if they had any ideas for a possible theme. B. Ashby noted there could be a dancing theme. J. Ecker suggested a commerce theme – with a focus on the history of the commercial stores in Whitby. B. Winter noted that 100 years ago the first movie theatre opened in the building south of the fire hall.

S. Pitchforth noted that old photos of the buildings could be put in front of the stores, along with a little history blurb on the store. B. Winter noted that there were brochures made some time ago of

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an excellent downtown walking tour, on white paper.

S. Pitchforth noted that at Harvest Festival there will be an Amazing Race, as well as GeoCaching and that similar events could be done for Heritage Day.

J. Ecker noted that the Knights of Columbus could be contacted to get involved with the event. B. Ashby noted that the Shriner's group could also be contacted.

C. Chrus will send out an email requesting volunteers to sit on a Heritage Day Sub-Committee.

b. Communications / Public Awareness

LACAC Link Fall 2009 Issue

M. Clayton noted she would do a write-up on Trafalgar Castle's 150th anniversary. B. Winter noted that St. Andrew's is also celebrating its 150th anniversary. L. Jeffreys to write an article about the benefits of designation. B. Winter to write another Lost Whitby Treasures article. C. Chrus to write a one-year anniversary article on the HCD.

c. Designation

319 Dunlop St W

M. Clayton noted that Bob, Rick, Brian and Christy went on a site visit to this property. B. Ashby noted that the home is an Ontario Cottage, beautifully kept, and one of the best examples he has been in. He noted that the owner was originally put-off by a real estate agent about designation, but has now changed his mind.

B. Winter noted that a Carerra marble fireplace is a magnificent feature of the cottage, probably made by Wolfelden. It looks like the fireplace is original to the home. It was built in 1854-55, a lot of the windows are original and possibly the front door.

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The next step will be to complete an evaluation on the property and proceed with the designation.

Station Gallery – Notice of Intent & By-law

C. Chrus asked the committee to review the draft notice of intent and by-law for the re-designation of the Station Gallery.

Designation By-laws

C. Chrus noted that they have gone through all of the designation files to ensure that they were up to date. Upon this review, it was discovered that the following properties require a Notice of Intent to Designate and/or a Designation By-law.

4 Cassels Rd W

1001 Green Street

75 Baldwin Street

9210 Heron Road

42 Cassels Road East

360 Columbus Road East

C. Chrus noted that the by-laws won't go through until the fall as Council is on summer recess. She also asked the committee to read through the draft by-laws and review the information.

R. McDonnell noted that when designating interior features, a lot of care should be taken. There are many renovations that take place without the building department being contacted. As well, the checklist with each designation has gotten lost along the way, so that these things won't fall through the cracks.

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J. Ecker wondered if the heritage designation could be attached as an easement to the title of the home.

Photos of LACAC Heritage Plaques

M. Clayton noted that C. Graup will start to take photos of each installed plaque on the designated properties to keep on file. C. Graup to divide list of designated properties for J. Ecker and L. Jeffreys to help with photos.

d. Demolitions

Nothing new to report.

e. Ongoing Applications

NE Corner Brock and Rossland – Committee Recommendation

C. Chrus handed out the resolution and photo collage as approved by the Committee. This has been submitted to John Taylor, the Planner working on the Official Plan Amendment for this property.

38 Baldwin Street

B. Ashby noted that the submitted product to be used for the building siding is not as good as some of the other products on the market such as plywood. There is a lot of warping with the provided samples. S. Gusterson added that original Board & Batten warps anyway.

S. Gusterson noted that the materials and manufacturers for the windows and doors should be provided. He noted that more period-type, possibly reclaimed door would much better suit the design.

Further discussion to be deferred to the next meeting.

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Moved by: R. McDonnell
Second by: P. McPherson

“That the concept plan as proposed to the committee at the June 25th, 2009 special meeting with the applicant is acceptable, however further details on building materials, including brochures and manufacturers, be provided (windows, doors, trim, etc.).”

CARRIED

Stockworth Developments Proposal

C. Chrus noted that the applicant has come back to the planning department with revised site plans. They will be saving only the southeast façade at 20 Winchester. This home is the only home of the three located on that block that was deemed as having ‘good’ heritage value in the HCD Plan.

R. McDonnell noted that the HCD is also concerned with preserving the streetscape, and that demolishing multiple buildings in the heritage district will just open the floodgates for other proposals which want to do the same. J. Ecker also noted his concern that the chances of moving the building off the site and then having it replaced unharmed will be slim.

R. McDonnell suggested that the three brick buildings should be salvaged and incorporated into the design.

The committee feels that since this development is in the HCD, the plan should attempt to incorporate the buildings into the proposal, and not include a token façade replica. There should be more landscaping and open space. The façade portrays a modern commercial façade. There should be sympathetic landscaping and greenspace on the proposal.

The Committee noted that they would be pleased to discuss with the applicant on how to be in keeping with the integrity of the HCD.

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31 Cassels Road East

C. Chrus noted that the owners are proposing a new attached garage at the east side of the home. They have provided colour samples, plans of the proposal, and drawings of the proposed garage.

Moved by: B. Ashby
Second by: L. Jeffreys

“That the Committee accept the proposed addition to the home at 31 Cassels Road East as presented.”

CARRIED

6. Other Business

a. Downtown Development Steering Committees

L. Jeffreys noted that there is nothing new to report.

b. Brooklin Heritage Conservation District

C. Chrus noted that C. Graup has created a brochure about the HCD. It will be sent out to the committee for review.

c. Designation Evaluation Form & Package update

Deferred to August Meeting.

d. LACAC Heritage Whitby letter template

Deferred to August Meeting.

e. Regional Heritage Conference

C. Graup to follow up with the various LACACs that have

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already been contacted. C. Chrus noted that Markham and the Ministry of Culture have been contacted and are interested in coming to speak.

C. Chrus noted that the Regal Room in the Centennial Building is available to hold the meeting.

R. McDonnell suggested that Heydenshore could be another place to hold the meeting.

M. Clayton also suggested that a small fee could be collected to serve a lunch during the conference.

C. Chrus to email the possible dates to the committee to decide on the best one.

R. McDonnell noted the interior designations, and heritage subdivision, could be talked about by Markham.

g. OP Intensification Strategy

M. Clayton noted that she attended the 2nd OP Intensification Strategy meeting on June 18th. The Port area came up. The consensus was that the public doesn't feel that the Port area should continue with the condo towers development. It should be limited to 3 to 4 storey development. People are concerned that the wall of towers like in Toronto will be mimicked in Whitby.

M. McDonnell noted that there was a bus tour to educate Council on various ways of intensification in surrounding GTA communities and cities in Burlington, Oakville, Port Credit and Hamilton.

7. Correspondence

a. CHO News

C. Chrus brought copies of the Newsletter for members to read.

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8. Next Meeting

Moved by: R. Edgell
Second by: L. Jeffreys

“The next meeting of LACAC Heritage Whitby will be held on August 11th, 2009 at the Rowe House at 7:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

Moved by: R. McDonnell
Seconded by: B. Winter

“That this Meeting of the Town of Whitby LACAC Heritage Whitby be adjourned”.

CARRIED

10. Addendum

Moved by: J. Ecker
Seconded by: R. McDonnell

“That this LACAC Heritage Whitby meeting be re-opened to address one more item.”

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11. Facade Grants

45 Baldwin Street – Can-Tech

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The owner wants to replace the overhang, and paint the windows and overhang Weimeraner. The front door will be repaired and the front and back doors will be painted Wenge. Both colours are from the Benjamin Moore Heritage Palette. They will replace the wood overhang with a new wood overhang.

The Committee noted that the material for the new overhang should be the same as the current materials.

Moved by: R. McDonnell
Seconded by: J. Ecker

“That the committee accept the colours as presented for 45 Baldwin Street, and that the overhang be replaced with the same materials as currently used.”

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Moved by: L. Jeffreys
Seconded by: Jean Pierre Leguerrier

“That this meeting of the Town of Whitby LACAC Heritage Whitby be adjourned.”

CARRIED