

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

LACAC Heritage Whitby Members Present:

Margaret Clayton, Chair
Rita Edgell
Steve Gusterson
Larry Jeffreys
Rick McDonnell
Pam McPherson
Brian Winter

Also Present:

Christy Chrus, Secretary/Treasurer

Regrets:

Bob Ashby
John Ecker
Jean Pierre Leguerrier
Thomas Marshall-Nicol
Councillor Sue Pitchforth

1. Welcome

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

2. Declaration of Interest

No members of the Committee had a declaration of interest to declare.

3. Adoption of Minutes

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

Moved by: P. McPherson
Seconded by: L. Jefferys

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

CARRIED

4. Walking Tour Brochure

M. Clayton noted that Patricia Yackison from the Whitby Public Library is ill and will not be able to attend the meeting. We will request to see if she can attend the November meeting.

L. Jeffreys asked if there is a walking tour brochure for Brooklin as the Brooklin Downtown Development Steering Committee (BDDSC) wondered if it needed to be updated.

M. Clayton said there was a brochure developed in 2005.

C. Chrus / L. Jeffreys will ask what type of changes the BDDSC would like to see and provide them with a copy of the 2005 Brochure.

5. Sub-Committee Update

a. Special Events

Doors Open Whitby 2010

M. Clayton stated that the most of the sites are confirmed. They are waiting on confirmation from Inverlynn and Hatch House.

Harvest Festival (September 12th)

M. Clayton asked for any feedback from the Harvest Festival.

R. McDonnell noted that there was some interest but typical for the Harvest Festival pedestrian traffic.

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Heritage Day (September 19th)

M. Clayton noted that R. McDonnell and herself attended Heritage Day and there were many people walking by the LACAC display.

She also noted that the historical plaques initiated by the Downtown Whitby Development Steering Committee were unveiled.

C. Chrus noted that two of the plaques have been installed (the Hitching Ring and the Whitby Cenotaph) and the others will be installed in the next few weeks. The plaques look great.

C. Chrus added that there will be an unveiling of the historical plaque at the Whitby Cenotaph on Remembrance Day on November 11th. This Committee is invited to attend. C. Chrus will send out a more formal invitation soon.

Note: The Mayor's Office has requested that this unveiling be scheduled for another day other than November 11th in order that it doesn't take away from the veterans day.

M. Clayton noted that she picked up a flyer for soap. L. Jeffreys noted that it may be a good idea to see if this company could do a soap making demonstration for next year's event. www.sewhistoric.bravehost.com

M. Clayton also spoke with a woman who thought she saw a ghost in one of the photos and provided M. Clayton with her card. C. Chrus wondered if maybe she could set up a display for next year.

M. Clayton wondered if we could get two new smaller banners for use for the LACAC display booths with the new name of the Committee.

R. Edgell wondered if the Town would be able to set up a

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Heritage Day Committee similar to the County Town Carnival Committee.

Harbour Days

There was no information to report.

b. Communications / Public Awareness

M. Clayton noted that the next article of the LACAC Link will be the Spring 2010 Issue.

c. Designation

Designation By-laws to Council October 13th

C. Chrus informed the Committee that the By-laws for the 6 properties were brought forward to Council last night and approved.

Photos of LACAC Heritage Plaques Update

J. Ecker was not in attendance and was not able to speak to this item.

Heritage Register – implementation process

C. Chrus noted that she received an information package from a heritage consultant on the implementation of a municipal heritage register for the Town of Whitby. She has yet to review the material with B. Short, but will keep the Committee posted.

Preserve Old Whitby Ratepayers Association

R. McDonnell noted that he received a flyer in his mailbox about a meeting for Thursday Oct. 15th at 7pm at the Library. He noted that he would likely be able to attend.

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d. Demolitions

121 Walnut Street

M. Clayton noted that the whole building has been demolished and they are building a new structure. They did make an attempt at one point to save the south and west facades but due to a number of factors they were not able to save them. This building was not on the Town's Heritage Inventory.

R.A. Sennett School

M. Clayton noted that this school is under review by the school board on whether it is closing. There is a process the board would need to follow in regards to dispensing surplus of school buildings.

Crawforth House / Ringwood

S. Gusterson asked if there were any updates on either of these buildings.

M. Clayton noted that there hasn't been any further movement on either of these properties.

e. Ongoing Applications

Stockworth Developments Proposal

M. Clayton noted that she attended the Planning and Development Committee meeting on this report. There were 15 – 20 people from the area, many from the Brooklin Downtown Business Association who were supportive of the project. There were a couple of residents from Durham Street who were concerned about increased traffic in the area. She noted that there was a younger man who noted that his company was interested in moving the houses if need be.

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Maple Shade Farm – 360 Columbus Rd E

M. Clayton noted that this application was also at a recent Planning and Development Committee meeting and the owners noted that they do not have any issues with designation. The owners mentioned that if this use becomes permanent, they may have plans to make changes down the road.

Cullen Central Park

C. Chrus noted that a report on the heritage buildings is going to the Planning and Development Committee on October 19th.

B. Winter stated that between 1959 – 1963 there was a feature article in the Oshawa Times about the log cabin (north of the white house) being moved from Darlington Provincial Park to the current site at Cullen Gardens.

M. Clayton noted that if she has some time, she will see if she can search for this article. The other source may be from the Bowmanville museum.

M. Clayton stated that in Section 5 of the Official Plan report there is a note about the possibility of selling the heritage buildings or retaining the buildings within the park and that they not be sold.

Comments for OPA-2009-W/06 & Z-14-09

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

“LACAC Heritage Whitby recommends that the Town retain ownership of the Lynde House and other heritage buildings and that they be kept in their current location within the park. The Committee does not have any concerns with the proposed uses as noted in Report Item PL 93-09 for the heritage buildings.”

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407 East EA / Link

M. Clayton wrote a letter on behalf of the Committee on this proposal. The comments were submitted to the 407 East EA Project Team as part of the public comments being received.

6. Other Business

a. Downtown Development Steering Committees

M. Clayton noted that they received a request from the Clerk's Office for a representative to sit on the Brooklin Downtown Development Steering Committee and L. Jeffrey's has agreed to be the LACAC Heritage Whitby representative again for 2010.

b. Regional Heritage Conference

C. Chrus has only received a couple of responses. She will send out a reminder email.

R. McDonnell asked if there was an Agenda for this meeting.

M. Clayton noted that she has drafted an agenda.

R. McDonnell wondered if we could send out a Heritage Package for those members that will be attending. The package could include information on the walking tours, LACAC Links, pens, postcards etc.

M. Clayton, R. McDonnell and P. McPherson will help stuff envelopes the week of November 9th. R. McDonnell will come in and get material together with C. Chrus.

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c. Heritage Canada Foundation Conference

M. Clayton informed the group that she attended the Heritage Canada Foundation Conference for a day. The conference was focused on green technology and there were different speakers presenting information. She noted that older homes that were built by stone often contain windows that were located in certain places in order to maximize energy efficiency. Heritage buildings have a low carbon footprint as they have already been manufactured.

d. Gerdau Ameristeel

C. Chrus informed the Committee that she has received a request to identify all of the heritage properties (designated and significant as listed in the Heritage Inventory) for Gerdau Ameristeel as they are conducting a Cultural Heritage Assessment.

e. OMB Pre-Hearing 1610 Charles Street

C. Chrus noted that she has received a package informing her of a pre-hearing for the industrial land located south of the Rowe Condos. The date of the pre-hearing is for Tuesday November 10th.

f. Brooklin United Church

C. Chrus noted that the steeple at the Brooklin United Church has been damaged by the winds in early October. She added that they are working on an engineering report to know the extent of the damage and the remedial work that is required.

g. Rowe House Sketch / Plaque

C. Chrus noted that Lisa Shkut in the Planning Department has been working on a sketch of the Rowe House to be included on a plaque for the new Rowe Condo public space.

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The Committee members were very impressed with the sketch as presented and thanked L. Shkut for her efforts in coordinating this project.

h. Heritage Matters Article – St. Thomas Anglican Church

C. Chrus passed around an article in the Heritage Matters magazine that referenced the work at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Brooklin. The entire magazine was focused on churches across Ontario.

i. 2010 Application Form for LACAC Heritage Whitby

R. McDonnell noted his concern with the re-application form for LACAC Heritage Whitby as the name of the committee was wrong - it said LACAC Whitby Heritage. He also noticed that it said the 3rd Tuesday of the month and not the 2nd Tuesday of the month. He asked if this matter could be raised with the Clerks Department.

j. Christmas Social

M. Clayton asked if the Committee would still be interested in having their own Christmas Social aside from the Volunteer Recognition night. This event would be paid for by those members that attend.

The Committee agreed to continue with the social event and selected Tuesday December 15th 7pm.

M. Clayton asked if one or two members would like to volunteer to organize it.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this meeting.

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8. Next Meeting

Moved by: P. McPherson
Second by: L. Jeffreys

“The next meeting of LACAC Heritage Whitby will be held on November 10th, 2009 in Committee Room #1 at 7:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

Moved by: L. Jeffreys
Seconded by: R. McDonnell

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

CARRIED