

Heritage Guelph Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2020

From 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Remote meeting via Cisco WebEx

Members present:

P. Brian Skerrett, Chair
Bob Foster
Kesia Kvill
Arlin Otto
James Smith
Michael Winters
David Waverman
Michael Crawley (left the meeting at 7:35pm)

Members absent:

None

Staff present:

Stephen Robinson, Senior Heritage Planner
Melissa Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design
Krista Walkey, General Manager, Planning and Building Services
Donna Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 pm

Acknowledgements

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Items for Discussion

Consideration of Recommended Cultural Heritage Action Plan dated October 13, 2020

Delegations

The following delegates spoke:

Susan Ratcliffe

Susan Watson

Alex Smith

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Committee Discussion and Motions

Main Motion:

Moved by Member Otto

Seconded by Member Kvill

That Heritage Guelph endorse the Cultural Heritage Action Plan as appended to Council's Oct 13 2020 agenda and supports staff's recommendation for a Heritage conservation district study for the Ward West, Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscape 23, on the same agenda.

Member Smith requested that the paragraph be split into two clauses and voted on separately.

A recorded vote was requested.

Clause 1

Moved by Member Otto

Seconded by Member Kvill

That Heritage Guelph endorse the Cultural Heritage Action Plan as appended to Council's Oct 13 2020 agenda.

Voting in Favour: 0

Voting Against: Chair Skerrett; Members Foster, Kvill, Smith, Otto, Waverman and Winters

Defeated

Amendment to Clause 2

Moved by Member Smith

Seconded by Member Kvill

Heritage Guelph would recommend the investigation and addition of an Old Downtown CHL (CCHL-18) and a Catholic Hill CHL (CCHL-19) to the Municipal Register of Cultural Properties in 2021 and support the staff recommendation for a Heritage Conservation District Study of Ward West, CCHL-23.

A recorded vote was requested.

Clause 2 – as Amended

Moved by Member Otto

Seconded by Member Kvill

That Heritage Guelph supports staff's recommendation for a Heritage conservation district study for the Ward West, Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscape 23, on the same agenda and Heritage Guelph would recommend the investigation and addition of an Old Downtown CHL (CCHL-18) and a Catholic Hill CHL (CCHL-19) to the Municipal Register of Cultural Properties in 2021.

Voting in Favour: Chair Skerrett, Members Smith, Kvill, Waverman and Winters

Voting Against: Members Foster and Otto

Carried

Motion #2

Moved by: Member Kvill

Seconded by: Member Smith

Heritage Guelph recommends that prior to, or as part of the implementation of any heritage master plan, including the CHAP or any successors, meaningful consultation is undertaken and that comments are actively and specifically sought from minority ethnic and cultural groups, in particular the Six Nations of the Grand River, Mississauga of the Credit First Nations and other BIPOC communities.

A recorded vote was requested.

Voting in Favour: Chair Skerrett, Members Foster, Smith, Kvill, Otto, Waverman and Winters

Voting Against: 0

Carried

Motion #3

Moved by: Member Smith

Seconded by: Member Kvill

That Heritage Guelph recommends a re-evaluation of the Cultural Heritage Action Plan. Recommended evaluation would include, but not be limited to:

- scope
- metrics used for prioritization to include but not be limited to cultural heritage attributes and threats to CHL
- re-evaluation of priority landscapes
- clarity
- elaboration on impacts to property owners, short, medium and long term.

- Further meaningful public consultation following consideration of the aforementioned points.

A recorded vote was requested.

Voting in Favour: Chair Skerrett, Members Foster, Smith, Kvill, Otto, Waverman and Winters

Voting Against: 0

Carried

Motion #4

Moved by: Member Foster

Seconded by: Member Smith

To combat demolition by neglect, Heritage Guelph recommends to Guelph City Council the investigation and implementation of an enhanced Property Standards Bylaw in order to adopt provisions specific to the maintenance of properties designated under Part 4 of the Ontario Heritage Act and that such investigation and implementation would be outside the realm of a Cultural Heritage Action Plan or similar master plan.

A recorded vote was requested.

Voting in Favour: Chair Skerrett, Members Foster, Smith, Kvill, Otto, Waverman and Winters

Voting Against: 0

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by: Member Otto

Seconded by: Member Kvill

That the Heritage Guelph Meeting be adjourned. (10:00 pm)

Carried