

The Corporation Of The Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Municipal Heritage Committee

Room 212, Civic Centre

May 15, 2019 6:30 P.M.

The Municipal Heritage Committee met on the above date with the following members present:
Chair: Chris Williams, Members: Dave Benson, Gerri Delannoy, Jim Griffin, Patricia Pook, Melanie Simpson, Susan Simpson, Katharine Smyth, Loretta Storey and John Taylor.

Staff In Attendance: Wendy McFadden and Anthony Jas, Planning Services

Guests In Attendance:

Regrets Received: Lisa Gilbert, Ron Vanrabaeyns and Councillor John Wright

Provision For Disclosure Of Conflict Of Interest And The General Nature Thereof:

The Chair asked if any member had a conflict of interest with any of the items on the agenda, in accordance with *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Recess To Closed Session:

There were no items discussed in Closed Session.

Adjournment Of Closed Session:

Presentation:

Orientation – Dave Benson provided an “Introduction To The Ontario Heritage Act” presentation to the Committee.

The presentation highlighted the following key points:

- The Ontario Heritage Act recognizes the impact that historic architecture has on society and provides a means to protect the most significant properties;
- Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act gives municipalities the authority to designate properties;
- To be designed, properties must have local significance in one of three areas – historical/associative, architectural, contextual; and
- Explained the process of designation, alternations, listed properties on the Municipal Registry, de-designations, heritage districts, the role of committee statutory, the role of committee non-statutory and the process in practice in Chatham-Kent.

The presentation will be circulated to the Committee for reference throughout their 2019-2022 term.

Approval Of Minutes From Previous Meeting:

Moved by Katharine Smyth, Seconded by John Taylor

“That the Minutes of the Municipal Heritage Committee, held on April 17, 2019 be approved.”

Motion Carried

Ontario Heritage Act:

a) Intent To Designate (Update)

North Buxton Community Church, 21991 A.D.Shadd Road, Raleigh Township – the Intention to Designate report is scheduled for the June 24, 2019 Council meeting.

Sicklesteel-Newkirk-Thompson Inn, 8800 Talbot Trail, Harwich Township – the Intention to Designate report is scheduled for the June 24, 2019 Council meeting.

Prince Albert Baptist Church, 9388 Cedar Hedge Line, Chatham Township – the Intention to Designate report is schedule for the June 10, 2019 Council meeting. Chris Williams will attend the June 10, 2019 Council meeting to present a deputation to Council. The property owners will be encouraged to attend the Council meeting as well.

b) Request For Designation:

109 Erie Street South, Merlin – This request will be deferred to the June 19, 2019 meeting.

c) Updated Designation Reports:

30 Ellwood Avenue, Chatham (Revised)

Moved by Dave Benson, Second by Jim Griffin

“That the revised designation report for 30 Ellwood Avenue, Chatham move forward to Council for designation.”

Motion Carried

Ridge House Museum, 53 Erie Street South, Ridgetown (Revised)

Moved by Dave Benson, Second by John Taylor

“That the revised designation report for the Ridge House Museum, 53 Erie Street South, Ridgetown move forward to Council for designation.”

Motion Carried

d) Ontario Heritage Demolition Requests:

595 Wallace Street, Wallaceburg - The owner of the above noted property submitted notice in writing on April 26, 2019 of their intention to demolish the existing building that is listed under Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act (the Act).

Section 27(3) of the Act requires the owner of a listed property to give Council at least 60 days notice in writing of his/her intention to demolish or remove the building or structure from the property.

Chatham-Kent Council will consider the request at a regular meeting no later than June 24, 2019.

Moved by Dave Benson, Second by Jim Griffin

“That the property at 595 Wallace Street, Wallaceburg be evaluated for its historical, architectural and contextual significance and a deputation be given at the June 24, 2019 Council meeting.”

Motion Carried

68 London Road, Thamesville - Building Development Services has indicated that the owner of the above noted property has not complied with direction to repair the building to an acceptable standard. The building has become a safety concern.

Currently, there are barricades blocking pedestrian traffic on the public right-of-way at the front of the building. Due to safety concerns these barricades will remain.

An order to demolish the building will be served on the property owner. Chatham-Kent Council will consider the removal of this property from the Municipal Property Register at a regular meeting no later than June 24, 2019.

Moved by Jim Griffin, Second by Dave Benson

“The Committee supports the recommendation to remove the property known as 68 London Road, in Community of Thamesville, from the Municipal Heritage Register.”

Motion Carried

Committee Activities:

a) Committee Goals & Objectives 2019-2022

New Heritage Home Owners Gift Packages – Projected Cost - \$75 per basket required on a “need” basis.

Moved by Katharine Smyth, Second by Loretta Storey

“That the New Heritage Home Owner Gift Packages be given out to new owners of Heritage Homes.”

Motion Carried

90 Park Street – Haddington Villa New Owner Welcome Event

Moved by Katharine Smyth, Second by Patricia Pook

“That a New Heritage Home Owners Gift Package in the amount up to \$75 be presented to the new owners of Haddington Villa, 90 Park Street, Chatham on June 3, 2019 and that Susan Simpson work with Planning Services on the media release.”

Motion Carried

Discussion on the following proposed goals and objectives were deferred to the June 19, 2019 meeting. Chris Williams will prepare a work planner/calendar for the June 19, 2019 meeting.

- Chatham-Kent Association of Realtors – Annual Board Meeting
- Mayor’s Heritage Preservation Awards
- Chatham-Kent Heritage Day
- Heritage Walking & Driving Tours
- Public Awareness Media Blitz
- Heritage Designated Property Grant Program
- Doors Open Chatham-Kent
- Heritage Plaques

- b) Information Pamphlets – have been printed and are available.
- c) Heritage Tax Relief Program: Budget Update – the available funding in the program is currently \$11,000. The Committee identified they would like to see the funding for the Heritage Tax Relief Program increased at budget time.
- d) Municipal Heritage Property Register – will remain as an agenda item at future meetings to review the register and determine if current listed properties should remain and if new properties should be added.
- e) Information Package

Bill 108 – Proposed amendments to Ontario Heritage Act - On May 2, 2019, that the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport proposed amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act to support the Housing Supply Action Plan. The proposed amendments would improve transparency and efficiency in municipal decision-making, while continuing to protect the cultural heritage resources that communities value. Key proposed changes would bring improvements to the designation and listing processes; facilitate timely and transparent decision-making; and provide for consistency in the appeals processes.

Legislative amendments proposed are: enhanced provincial direction to municipalities, property owners and the public on how to interpret requirements in the Act; clearer rules and

improved existing tools for municipalities to facilitate timely and transparent processes for reaching decisions under the Act; and a consistent and binding appeals process.

Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport – Bert Duclos - After more than 12 years with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport, Heritage Outreach Consultant, Bert Duclos will be retiring on May 19, 2019.

Meeting Schedule Calendar – the omission of the October 16th meeting date was noted. The Committee will receive a revised calendar.

Other Business:

None to report on.

Time, Date And Place For Next Meeting Of The Committee:

Chatham-Kent Civic Centre, Room 212
315 King Street West, Chatham
6:30 p.m., June 19, 2019

Adjournment:

Moved by Dave Benson, Seconded by Jim Griffin

“That the Municipal Heritage Committee adjourn at 9:00 p.m.”