



Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee (HS) was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Stratford Rotary Complex – Mansbridge Room

Committee Members Present: Brian Johnson – Chair Presiding, Barb Cottle, Jeff Atchison, Jacob Vankooten, Andy Bicanic, Jack West, Laura Dent

Staff Present: Miranda Ivany – Planner, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor Larry McCabe

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and The General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Barb Cottle

THAT the minutes from the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meetings dated March 14, 2023 be adopted as printed. Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Community Partners & Projects

No new updates.

4.2 Update on 265 St. David Street Permit – Miranda Ivany

Miranda Ivany, Planner, stated that staff is preparing a report for Council's consideration.

4.3 James Anderson & Blue Plaque Awards Update – Brian Johnson

Brian Johnson reported that as of the March 31, 2023 deadline, the sub-committee has received several nominations for both the James Anderson Award and the Blue Plaque Award. The sub-committee has narrowed down

the lists and will do some background research for each of the nominees prior to making any decisions on the awards.

4.4 Shakespearean Garden – Heritage Designation – Brian Johnson

Jeff Atchison reported that he has contacted Reg White to discuss the designation of the Shakespearean Garden or elements within the park. They plan on meeting with the Parks & Forestry Manager at the garden to discuss various options and a plan moving forward. Mr. Atchison and Laura Dent will continue to work on the project and provide an update at a future meeting.

Jack West suggested that if the garden does not get designated, perhaps a blue plaque could be awarded for the original factory owner. Jeff Atchison noted that there is a plaque near the smokestack, perhaps one placed by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO). Mr. Atchison also suggested that one of the information signs that you see in other Stratford parks could be placed in the garden.

5. Designation Sub-Committee Update

5.1 Update on Non-Designated Properties Register – Miranda Ivany

Miranda Ivany will work with the designation sub-committee to prepare letters for property owners to inquire if they would be interested in pursuing a heritage designation for their property. Sub-committee members to prepare a draft letter that Planning staff will e-mail out. Barb Cottle confirmed that Stratford-Perth Archives staff is available to do research on any of the properties on the list.

6. Development Services Report

Miranda Ivany, Planner, submitted the April 2023 Development Services Report for the Committee's information and was available for questions.

7. New Business

7.1 Community Heritage Ontario Annual Membership

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Andy Bicanic

THAT the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee spends \$75.00 from their 2023 Committee Budget for the annual membership fee for Community Heritage Ontario. Carried

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Stratford will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

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9. Adjournment

Motion by Jeff Atchison

Seconded by Barb Cottle

THAT the April 11, 2023 Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

End Time: 7:21 P.M.