



Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee (HS) was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary.

Committee Members Present: Brian Johnson – Chair Presiding, Barb Cottle, Jacob Vankooten, Jeff Atchison, Laura Dent, Councillor Larry McCabe

Staff Present: Alex Burnett – Planner, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Regrets: Andy Bicanic, Jack West

1. Call to Order

Brian Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and The General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Jeff Atchison

THAT the minutes from the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting dated December 12, 2023, be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 James Anderson/Blue Plaques Update –B. Johnson/B. Cottle

Barb Cottle reported that the videos for both the blue plaque recipients have been completed. Staff will inquire if the videos can be shared at an upcoming Council meeting and if a member of Heritage Stratford would be required to attend. The hope is that both plaques can be presented to the recipients this spring.

Barb Cottle stated that the James Anderson plaque has been sent to the framer and will be completed shortly and an event date can be set.

4.2 Shakespearean Garden Heritage Designation Update

Alex Burnett, Planner, reported that he was scheduled to speak at this month's Parks Board meeting, however the meeting was cancelled, and he is scheduled to address the Board next month. Once he receives approval from the Parks Board, he can work on drafting a report and by-law to proceed to Council for final approval.

The goal is to have the designation request proceed to Council by May to line up with the 88th Anniversary of the garden in May.

5. Designation Sub-Committee Update

5.1 Update on Non-Designated Properties Register – Alex Burnett, Planner

The Planner reported that the background information for 120 St. Vincent Street and 87 Nile Street has been completed. There is another property that the owners have expressed interest in possibly designating in the future. At this point, the designation process for the properties on St. Vincent Street and Nile Street can proceed with a staff report for Council.

Laura Dent noted that to be considered for a heritage designation, a property must meet a minimum of two of the nine criteria listed in the evaluation. Both of these properties meet four of the criteria. The Heritage Committee should feel confident that both properties exceed the designation criteria. The Committee members can work on identifying more details regarding the heritage attributes for the by-law.

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Jake Vankooten

THAT the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee supports the evaluations completed for 120 St. Vincent Street and 87 Nile Street;

AND THAT both properties meet the designation criteria to move forward with a heritage designation.

Carried

6. Building & Planning Report (February 2024) – Alex Burnett, Planner

Alex Burnett, Planner, provided the following update:

- a Heritage Alteration Permit was issued for 63 Avon Street;
- the property at 55 Elizabeth Street being under review for a Heritage Alteration Permit, and
- the applicant for 203 Waterloo Street South being in the process of redesigning the proposed building and the Heritage Alteration Permit Application being recirculated to the Heritage Alteration Permit Review Sub-Committee to re-review.

Brian Johnson noted that the Heritage Alteration Permit Review Sub-Committee received e-mails today from the Building and Planning Department regarding 265 St. David Street rental units and a new garage with living space. The second e-mail was for the property at 74 Church Street regarding an apartment and addition.

Mr. Johnson requested designation information for properties, preferably the by-law, be included when Building and Planning sends through applications for review.

7. New Business

7.1 Conservation of Heritage Masonry Case Studies & Workshop (Guelph, ON)

Alex Burnett, Planner, circulated information regarding an upcoming seminar being held April 16-17, 2024 regarding heritage masonry. Members will discuss at the March Heritage Stratford meeting and determine if any members are interested in attending.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Stratford will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road W., Stratford.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Barb Cottle

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the February 13, 2024 Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 7:08 P.M.

End Time: 7:36 P.M.