



Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee (HS) was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

Committee Members Present: Brian Johnson – Chair Presiding, Jeff Atchison, Councillor Larry McCabe, Jacob Vankooten, Barb Cottle, Anne Ceballo, Cambria Ravenhill

Staff Present: Alex Burnett – Planner, Vicky Trotter – Council Committee Coordinator, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Regrets: Andy Bicanic

1. Call to Order

Brian Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reading of the Land Acknowledgment and a moment of silent reflection.

Reading of the Respectful Workplace Policy Statement.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and The General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Welcome New Members

Brian Johnson extended a welcome to new members Cambria Ravenhill and Anne Ceballo. Current members and staff introduced themselves.

4. Delegation:

Dan Schneider of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario provided a presentation to the members outlining what the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario does. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the history of the ACO;
- keep, fix, reuse to support Ontario's prosperity;
- invest in repair and reuse to protect Ontario's future;
- keep, fix, reuse existing buildings to create housing;
- what the ACO does locally;
- ACO Stratford/Perth County – historic plaques program;
- local and provincial advocacy;

The new deadline for municipalities to take action to protect listed properties has now been extended to January 1, 2027.

Barb Cottle inquired if the Town of St. Marys has started a plan for protecting properties and if so, it would be a starting point for Stratford to gain some insight on how to do it.

Mr. Schneider noted that each municipality is grappling with how to go about protecting properties. Larger municipalities do it one way, which would not necessarily make sense for smaller communities. It is his understanding that St. Marys has previously adopted a plan, however with the deadline extended, they are rethinking their plan. They have approximately one hundred properties on their list.

5. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes from the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting dated September 10, 2024, be adopted as printed. Carried

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 James Anderson and Blue Plaque Update

Brian Johnson reviewed the James Anderson Award that the committee awards, as well as the Blue Plaque Program. Mr. Johnson reported that now that the scaffolding is coming down at the Knox Church, plans will be finalized for the presentation of the Jenny Trout Blue Plaque.

Mr. Johnson will also confirm a date to present the James Anderson Award, which is being awarded for the renovation at 14 Erie Street.

6.2 Shakespearean Gardens Heritage Designation Update

Alex Burnett reviewed background on the designation application for the Shakespearean Gardens to update new HS members. Staff is working on

the Intent to Designate paperwork to be submitted to Council for approval. Further updates will be provided.

7. Designation Sub-Committee Update

7.1 Update on Non-Designated Properties Register

Alex Burnett reviewed the non-designated register for the new members and noted that four residential property owners have completed and submitted the application paperwork to proceed with designations:

- 120 St. Vincent Street
- 87 Nile Street
- 35 Caledonia Street
- 144 Water Street

8. Building & Planning Services Report

The Building & Planning report for October 2024 was previously provided to HS members. Alex Burnett, Planner reviewed the report with members and was available to answer questions.

9. New Business

9.1 Annual Membership Fee – National Trust for Canada

Motion by Cambria Ravenhill

Seconded by Jeff Atchison

THAT the Stratford Heritage Advisory Committee spends \$158.00 to renew their annual membership with the National Trust for Canada. Carried

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Stratford will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road W., Stratford.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the October 3, 2024 Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

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Start Time: 7:00 P.M.
End Time: 7:49 P.M.