



MINUTES

HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee held on Wednesday February 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Esquensing Room of the Halton Hills Town Hall.

Members Present

D. Brock (arrived at 6:32 p.m.); Councillor T. Brown (Chair); R. Denny; C. Donaldson; A. Douglas; V. Inglis; L. Nicholson; J.M. Rowe; A. Walker (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

Staff Present

A. Fisher, Heritage Planner; A. Mancuso, Records/FOI Coordinator

Others

H. Arnold (left at 6:45 p.m.)

General

1A Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was declared.

1B Receipt of Heritage Halton Hills Committee Minutes dated January 17, 2018

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0006

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on January 17, 2018, be received for information.

CARRIED

Note: Agenda was amended to read Minutes dated January 17, 2018 not 2017.

Programs

2A Heritage Register Phase 4 Update

A report regarding the inclusion of the McNabb Cemetery, Norval is going to Council in March with the recommendation that it be included on the Heritage Register. St. Stephen's Anglican Church Cemetery (Hornby) representatives said

the Town consulted with the church and not the Diocese. This item will be held back from inclusion on Phase 4 to allow for proper consultation. 109 Crescent Street, Acton will also be held back to allow for proper consultation.

2B The Way We Were / Then & Now PR Value

L. Nicholson and A. Douglas expressed concern that the time spent putting submissions together do not mean they will be published in the local newspaper. On occasions where they are printed credit is not always given to Heritage Halton Hills.

Members discussed the value of this section in the paper and believe it does promote heritage with photos that have impact. A. Walker inquired if a notice could be put in the newspaper for submissions. Councillor T. Brown will follow up with staff at the paper.

Heritage Designation: Proposed, Committee Report(s), Report(s) to Council, By-Law(s), Plaque Unveiling

3A Designation Plaque Wording for Alexander Homestead

J.M. Rowe suggested two plaques be prepared for Alexander Homestead. Members discussed the proposed wording.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0007

THAT the wording for plaque #1 Alexander House (Alexander Homestead) be:

ALEXANDER HOUSE
AFTER PURCHASING THIS LAND AND THE SCHOOLHOUSE NEXT DOOR,
LOCAL INNKEEPER WILLIAM ALEXANDER USED LOCALLY MILLED LUMBER
TO BUILD THIS GEORGIAN STYLE HOME IN 1854.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0008

THAT the wording for plaque #2 First Schoolhouse (Alexander Homestead) be:

FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE
BUILT IN 1837, THIS PLANK-ON-PLANK BUILDING WAS USED
AS THE FIRST GLEN WILLIAMS SCHOOLHOUSE AND
SERVED AS SUCH UNTIL 1852.

CARRIED

J.M. Rowe will follow up with the owners and convey the committee's request to install the First Schoolhouse plaque facing south toward Alexander House so as to be relevant to the Alexander House plaque.

3B Proposed Designation of Glen Williams SS #11, 15 Prince Street, Glen Williams

A. Fisher presented a Power Point presentation on the reasons why Glen Williams SS #11, located at 15 Prince Street, Glen Williams, is suitable for designation.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0009

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee proceed with a designation report for Glen Williams SS #11, located at 15 Prince Street.

CARRIED

- 3C Proposed Designation of Young House, 20 James Street, Georgetown
This matter is deferred. A. Fisher will prepare a power point presentation for the next meeting.
- 3D Designation Plaque Unveiling – Waldie House
A. Mancuso will coordinate a date with the property owner.

Pre-Application Advice Regarding Heritage Value

- 4A Grey Vernon, 5 Albert Street, Georgetown (LISTED)
A. Fisher presented a Power Point review of the architectural features and history of Grey Vernon which is located at 5 Albert Street, Georgetown. She noted the structure is one of the grandest houses in Halton Hills and is a unique example of Second Empire Style architecture.
Property owner representative, H. Arnold, addressed the committee and noted there is no disagreement with any of the heritage values identified in A. Fisher's presentation. The property consists of two lots and last fall, family members approached H. Arnold to add more property to the "heritage" side where Grey Vernon is located.
H. Arnold introduced the property owners who addressed the committee briefly. They recently purchased the property which has long term tenants. Increasing the lot size is not for the purpose of development but the added space will allow for proper maintenance of the mansard roof and the structure as a whole.
H. Arnold noted the site does not conform to the zoning by-law but that the plan is good from a heritage perspective and is seeking support from the committee. J.M. Rowe suggested they refer to the 1922 Fire Insurance map (with updates to 1934).

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0010

THAT Heritage Halton Hills supports the proposal for Grey Vernon, located at 5 Albert Street, Georgetown as presented by H. Arnold.

CARRIED

- 4B Old Paper Mill, 1 Rosetta Street, Georgetown
A. Fisher presented a Power Point review of the architectural features and history of the Old Paper Mill located at 1 Rosetta Street, and noted the property owner(s) wants to understand if there are any heritage concerns as they plan for

the future of the property.

Members discussed the property and surrounding area which is targeted in the Town's Official Plan for high density housing close to the GO station. Although parts of the building are in poor condition, this property is important to the history and development of Georgetown as the centre of Ontario's paper industry. Members agreed that some commemorative signage about the paper industry and its influence on the town would be beneficial to the community.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0011

THAT Heritage Halton Hills does not object to the principle of the demolition of Old Paper Mill, 1 Rosetta Street, Georgetown provided its heritage value in connection with the Georgetown paper industry is commemorated appropriately on site;

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Halton Hills be consulted with respect to the form, design and location of the commemoration which should include some of the concrete blocks from the existing former paper mill building.

CARRIED

4C Exchange Hotel, 37 King Street, Georgetown

A. Fisher presented a Power Point review of what remains of the Exchange Hotel located at 37 King Street, Georgetown. Habitat for Humanity is seeking pre-application advice with regard to their plans for the heritage structure. A. Fisher noted the structure was constructed in the similar way to old barns. There are few examples of this form of construction remaining and in the future there will be even fewer as old barns are demolished. The Exchange Hotel is particularly unusual as it is in an urban area and it offers an opportunity to conserve an example of this form of construction for future generations. A high wall has to be constructed along the property adjacent to the GO Station parking lot to serve as a sound barrier.

The property owners want to move the existing structure away from the proposed noise wall to face and front onto Queen Street. D. Brock inquired if it is physically possible to move the structure given the state of the beams. A. Fisher responded it is believed this is possible. Members discussed how it is originally very well built which is probably why it has withstood much and could be moved.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0012

THAT Heritage Halton Hills have no objection to the principle of moving and turning around of the Exchange Hotel located at 37 King Street, Georgetown, in order to front onto Queen Street

CARRIED

For Information, Announcements & Upcoming Events

5A Barnes Cemetery Status

A. Fisher presented images on the Barnes Cemetery noting that it has been considered in the design as a green space. The developer welcomes input as to how it can be commemorated. Members requested a site visit.

5B Notice of March 1, 2018 Public Open House: Premier Gateway Phase 1B Employment Area

A. Fisher presented a map of the Premier Gateway study area which identifies properties within the study area. A. Fisher will forward the map and information to members to review and rate accordingly.

5C Esquesing Historical Society Archives Invoice for Photos used for Newspaper Feature or Heritage Halton Hills Designation Reports in 2017

A cheque, in the amount of \$325.00 was issued for the Esquesing Historical Society Archives Invoice for Photos used in 2017. J.M. Rowe will deliver the cheque to the Esquesing Historical Society.

5D Service Ontario Land Records Website

J.M. Rowe noted that information is now on the website which makes it easier for people researching properties for signage and designations. People may not have to go to the library to use the microfilm or the Land Registry office. The information goes back to 1981. <https://www.onland.ca/ui/20/books/search>

5E A. Douglas recently attended a Vision Downtown committee meeting and noted there is an understanding and recognition of the importance of heritage in the downtown area.

Items for Next or Future Agenda(s)

6A Premier Gateway – Heritage Resources Review

6B Proposed Designation of Young House, 20 James Street, Georgetown

6C D. Brock suggested a heritage house tour be created as a fundraiser. It was noted the committee's term comes to an end this year. Members V. Inglis and A. Douglas will form a sub-committee to look into dates and the feasibility of such an event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday March 21, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in the Esquesing Room