



MINUTES (SPECIAL MEETING)

HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee held on Thursday August 16, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Esquensing Room of the Halton Hills Town Hall.

Members Present

Councillor T. Brown (Chair); R. Denny; C. Donaldson; J.M. Rowe; A. Walker

Staff Present

A. Fisher, Heritage Planner; A. Mancuso, Information Governance & Records Management Specialist

Regrets

D. Brock; A. Douglas; V. Inglis; L. Nicholson

General

1A Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was declared.

For Committee Review and Comment

2A Minor Variance Application – 14 Church Street, Georgetown (LISTED)

A. Fisher presented a PowerPoint on the request for a minor variance to allow large shed dormers on the front and rear roof slopes of 14 Church Street, Georgetown. The property is one of four townhouses that are of cultural heritage value that are included on the Town's Heritage Register.

This row of townhouses has a significant impact on the character and appearance of this part of downtown Georgetown and the front and rear of this property is highly visible within the streetscape, in particular from Church, Mill and Market Streets. The proposal includes dormers clad in cedar shakes although the colour is unspecified.

Members discussed the proposal and expressed concern it would have a significant negative impact on the heritage value of the property itself and the row of townhouses of which it forms a part. The proposed dormer roof additions do not

comply with Parks Canada Guidelines which does not recommend “Changing the configuration of a roof by adding new elements, such as dormer windows...in a manner that negatively affects its heritage value” or “Designing and constructing a roof addition that compromises the building’s character-defining roof elements, its structural integrity, or its overall appearance.”

Concern was expressed that this proposal would set a precedent for other alterations to the townhouses that would further undermine the uniformity in their appearance and harm the character and appearance of this part of Church Street. It was noted that these properties are being well cared for and that one of the most important features of these townhouses is the uniformity of their appearance that includes front doors which are all painted black.

Recommendation No. HERITAGE-2018-0038

THAT Heritage Halton Hills strongly objects to the proposed dormer roof additions to the house at 14 Church Street;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposed dormers do not respect the character, proportion, scale, form or symmetry of this house. In addition they would disrupt the consistent roof line of this row of historic townhouses and therefore undermine the heritage value of all of the units in this townhouse block. The consistent roof line is one of the character defining features of these houses and is an important feature of this part of downtown Georgetown. The dormers would be highly visible from the public domain from both the front and rear of the house and as such would destroy the character and appearance of this part of Georgetown’s historic downtown;

AND FURTHER THAT staff advise the Committee of Adjustment accordingly.

CARRIED

The Committee of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2018.

Councillor T. Brown noted this was A. Fisher’s last meeting with Heritage Halton Hills and thanked her for all of her work noting the committee waited a long time for a Heritage Planner and with A. Fisher it was a “good fit”.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday September 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in the Esquering Room