



BRANTFORD HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 27, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Charlie Ward Room, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Nathan Etherington in the Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Nathan Etherington, Leisah Marie Jansen, Dan Brown, Rob Adlam, Sandra Miccuci, Linda Holder, Beverly Garner, Councillor Samwell, Councillor Sullivan

Regrets: Christopher Johnson, Parwinder Singh, Tamara Cupoli, Cynthia Chamberlin

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Rob Adlam declared a conflict of interest on Item 4.2 Proposed Alteration to 66 Mohawk Street, a Designated Heritage Property – Heritage Permit Application HA-11-23 [Financial Impact – None], 2023-680 as he sits on the board for the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre who holds a lease on the property.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Proposed Alteration to 70 Market Street, a Property Within the Victoria Park Square Heritage Conservation District – Application HA-10-23 [Financial Impact – None], 2023-686

Alan Scott, TD Bank, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the application. The application is to alter a section of the

ground floor façade as part of the installation of an external ATM and consequential renovations to the interior ATM lobby. The delegate answered various questions from the Committee.

Zeinab Danesh, Gensler Architecture & Design, appeared before the Committee and answered various questions from the Committee.

Patrick Vusir, Intermediate Planner, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the staff report. A PowerPoint presentation was made and a copy placed in the meeting file. Section 42 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires that a Heritage Permit be obtained prior to the alteration of the exterior of a property in a heritage conservation district. The removal of windows and changes to window and door openings is deemed a “Major Alteration” under City of Brantford By-law 148-2016; accordingly, review and approval of the alterations by the Brantford Heritage Committee is required prior to issuance of a Heritage Permit.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan

Seconded by Dan Brown

- A. THAT the Report titled “Proposed Alteration to 70 Market Street, a Property Within the Victoria Park Square Heritage Conservation District – Application HA-10-23” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the request to alter the designated property at 70 Market Street (TD Bank) in accordance with the details described in Heritage Permit Application HA-10-23 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4.2 Proposed Alteration to 66 Mohawk Street, a Designated Heritage Property – Heritage Permit Application HA-11-23 [Financial Impact – None], 2023-680

As Rob Adlam declared a conflict of interest, he left the room.

Gord Bendus and Snigdha Bera Trivedi appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the application. The proposed work will address exterior repairs and restoration work to protect the remaining structures until such time they can be incorporated into a future development proposal by the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre (CIHC).

Tara Tran and Tracey Burgess appeared before the Committee and answered various questions from the Committee. The scope of work addresses only exterior repairs that would preserve the building for the short term, also known as “mothballing”. This mothballing approach was in

part selected because the Certificate of Property Use that is registered on title requires future development to be supported by hard or soft capped surfaces of the former remediated brownfield lands.

Moved by Leisah Marie Jansen

Seconded by Gregory Wilson

- A. THAT Report 2023-680, titled “Proposed Alteration to 66 Mohawk Street, a Designated Heritage Property – Heritage Permit Application HA-11-23”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the request to alter the designated property at 66 Mohawk Street in accordance with the details described in Heritage Permit Application HA-11-23 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4.3 Update to the City of Brantford’s Heritage Grant Program [Financial Impact – None], 2023-634

Patrick Vusir, Intermediate Planner, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the staff report. A PowerPoint presentation was made and a copy placed in the meeting file. Staff explained the proposed changes to the Heritage Grant Program to continue the program.

Staff answered various questions from the Committee

The Committee provided comments to be forwarded to staff.

Moved by Dan Brown

Seconded by Sandra Miccuci

Mayor Davis requested that each comment be voted on individually; the comments listed in the resolution were approved.

- A. THAT Report 2023-634, titled “Update to the City of Brantford’s Heritage Grant Program”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the following comments of the Brantford Heritage Committee BE INCLUDED in Staff’s future report to Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration:
 - i. The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends that the ceiling be increased to \$20,000 for major applications;
 - ii. The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends that the ceiling be increased to \$10,000 for minor applications;

- iii. The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends that staff explore promotional opportunities such as an information session for property owners of Heritage Designated Properties or social media promotions;
- iv. The Brantford Heritage Committee supports the grant program and the “streaming” of the program for expansion

CARRIED

4.4 Potential Strategies to Consider Designation of Heritage Conservation Districts within the City of Brantford [Financial Implications – None], 2023-685

Patrick Vusir, Intermediate Planner, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the staff report. A PowerPoint presentation was made and a copy placed in the meeting file. Staff highlighted the potential Heritage Conservation Districts that could be designated within the City.

Staff answered various questions from the Committee.

The Committee provided six comments to be forwarded to staff.

Moved by Leisah Marie Jansen

Seconded by Dan Brown

- A. THAT Report 2023-685, titled “Potential Strategies to Consider Designation of Heritage Conservation Districts within the City of Brantford”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the following comments of the Brantford Heritage Committee BE INCLUDED in Staff’s future report to Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration:
 - i. The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends further investigation into mapping and consider possible revisions or expansions (specifically in the Commercial Downtown area);
 - ii. The Brantford Heritage Committee suggests staff consider what areas will have the most overall support and the ‘distinctness’ of the areas, and highlights the need to have community collaboration;
 - iii. The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends that staff investigate the Cultural Heritage Character Area concept that the Municipality of Clarington has in place
 - iv. The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends that staff explore promotional opportunities such as an information session for property owners of Heritage Designated Properties be held, or social media promotion;

- v. The Brantford Heritage Committee highlights the size of consultation that this project will require and recommends that certain areas be consulted together where possible;
- vi. The Brantford Heritage Committee notes that certain property owners will be subject to the Heritage Conservation District's rules despite being listed or designated properties, and emphasizes the need for staff to articulate what they will be responsible for.

CARRIED

4.5 Overview of Ontario Heritage Act Amendments Proposed in Bill 139, the Proposed Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act., 2023-705

Moved by Sandra Micucci

Seconded by Bev Garner

THAT Report 2023-705, titled "Overview of Ontario Heritage Act Amendments Proposed in Bill 139, the Proposed Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act", BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4.6 Nomination of Constable John Hickey for Inclusion on Prominence Point [Financial Impact – None], 2023-718

Moved by Bev Garner

Seconded by Dan Brown

- A. THAT Report 2023-718, titled "Nomination of Constable John Hickey for Inclusion on Prominence Point" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Constable John Hickey BE INCLUDED on Prominence Point in 2024, recognizing his Civic and Community Leadership.

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 MINUTES

5.1.1 Brantford Heritage Committee - October 23, 2023

Moved by Dan Brown

Seconded by Linda Holder

THAT the minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting of the Brantford Heritage Committee BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Nathan Etherington, Chair

L. Madden, Committee Coordinator