BRANTFORD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Charlie Ward Room, Brantford City Hall

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Nathan Etherington
Jaime Brown
Sarah Clarke
Cindy MacDonald
Leisah Marie Jansen
Anne Marie Boake
Colleen Armstrong
Rob Adlam
Councillor McCreary
Councillor Wall

REGRETS: Marek Radojewski
Peter Bartle
Susan Kaplan
Beverly Garner

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

N. Etherington declared conflict of interest because he did research for the Heritage Impact Statement (HIS). Colleen Armstrong and Leisah Marie Jansen both declared conflicts of interest because they are members of the Historical Society, and the society recently entered into an agreement to purchase the Crystal Cottage.

Councillor McCreary will assume the Chair for Item 4.1

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

None
4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Heritage Impact Statement - 31-35 Chatham Street and 120-138 Market Street

A complete development application was submitted to the City and circulated to the Heritage Committee for their comments. The developer attended a committee meeting to present and provide input. Nicole Pettenuzzo will be the Planner on the file and will review the development application.

Members of the Heritage Committee discussed the HIS.

Moved by Councillor Wall
Seconded by A. Boake

“THAT the following comments regarding the Heritage Impact Statement regarding the Market Street Development BE FORWARDED to Staff:

1) It is recommended that a stage 1 archaeological assessment for the entire property be completed.

2) The Heritage Impact Statement should acknowledge that historical and associative value is of equal merit to architectural value.

3) The Crystal Cottage is unique within the community and has value to the community. It is imperative that the Crystal Cottage be conserved either onsite or offsite. The Committee wishes to express its desire that the Crystal Cottage be relocated to the site beside the Museum and Archives and that the developer fund its relocation.

4) It is recommended that the façades of the Marquis buildings are preserved.

5) The Committee would like to request that the developer permit Staff and the Heritage Committee to tour the Market Street buildings to observe the interior of the buildings and take photographs.

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Brantford Heritage Committee - January 6, 2020

Moved by C. Armstrong
Seconded by A. Bloake
THAT the Brantford Heritage Committee Minutes dated January 6, 2020 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

7. PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES

There were no updates.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

8.1 Designation By-law Review Sub-Committee

A meeting will be scheduled in the next three months.

8.2 Heritage Education Sub-Committee

N. Etherington reported that a meeting was held at the Museum last week, and walking tours will be held in the spring. A tour will take place in the area north of Nelson Street. J. Brown will work on a tour for East Ward and C. Armstrong will arrange a tour on Eagle Place war history.

V. Coates advised that the Heritage Register project team is targeting the April committee meeting to present the final recommendations report.

N. Etherington designed an architecture bingo card using a previous handout from the Heritage Committee. It will be used as a museum activity to explore the architecture in the downtown.

8.3 Heritage Estates Sub-Committee

A recent meeting was held to discuss options for keeping this committee active in case there are future buildings to be moved.

8.4 Heritage Research Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

8.5 Places of Worship Sub-Committee

A meeting will be scheduled for this month. R. Adlam had a conversation with one of the owners of the former St. Jude’s Church, and renovations are complete and occupancy is taking place. All the large stained glass windows are off site in storage, and there is a potential buyer for the
windows. The owners have removed all the plaques and all memorial windows from the building. They are also being stored off site, and the owners request input of what to do with them; possibly use in a common room within the facility or otherwise.

8.6 Prominence Point Sub-Committee

C. MacDonald provided an update. The subcommittee will develop draft criteria for the Heritage Committee to approve the heritage awards. V. Coates indicated a nomination has been received and will be provided to the committee for consideration.

Councillor Wall reported that a new sign was ordered to commemorate John Turner. The subcommittee will make a proposal to the BIA to coordinate the unveiling ceremony of the John Turner sign and for the new Prominence Point signage. V. Coates will contact Sara Munroe in Tourism to inquire when the signage and plaque will be ready and report back to the committee. The Prominence Point Subcommittee will partner with the Heritage Education Subcommittee and hand out literature to local businesses and the public to share significant history and educate on the Heritage Grant Program, the Heritage Committee and John Turner. This will provide the opportunity to do cross promotion and educate J. Turner’s significance in the community. A self-guided walking tour will be planned, as well.

9. Notices of Motion

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Nathan Etherington, Chair            Barb Day, Administrative Assistant, Planning Dept.