



A meeting of the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee was held on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., electronically.

Members Present: Cambria Ravenhill – Chair Presiding, Roger Koert, *Brian Johnson, Barb Cottle, *Jack West, Jacob Vankooten, *Robin Thornrose, Councillor Danielle Ingram, Howard Shubert

Staff Present: Rachel Bossie – Planner, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Gary Annandale

Regrets: Patrick O'Rourke

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

Cambria Ravenhill, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Cambria Ravenhill welcomed back Rachel Bossie as the staff representative for the Heritage Stratford Committee.

3.0 Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Barb Cottle

THAT the minutes from the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting dated September 14, 2021 be adopted as printed. Carried

*Robin Thornrose and Jack West now present at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

4.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Heritage Alteration Permit Application/Permit Review Sub-Committee Evaluation Form

Rachel Bossie, Planner, advised staff will cross-reference the form with some recent updates to the Heritage Act, otherwise the form is ready for use.

(b) Heritage Conservation District Standards – H. Shubert/P. O'Rourke

Cambria Ravenhill suggested working with Rachel Bossie on incorporating new updates into the HCD standards project.

*Brian Johnson now present at the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

(c) Blue Plaque Update – Cambria Ravenhill

Cambria Ravenhill advised she has contacted the homeowners at 198 Church Street and 138 Well Street and discussed placing a blue plaque at their residence. Both homeowners expressed that they would be willing to put up a plaque.

Motion by Jacob Vankooten
Seconded by Howard Shubert

THAT the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee spends up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to purchase two (2) bronze plaques to be installed at 198 Church Street and 138 Well Street, with the following proposed wording:

**198 Church Street plaque:
Hon. James Palmer Rankin
Physician, Lieutenant-Colonel WWI,
Member of Parliament and Senator
Lived Here 1920-1934**

**138 Well Street plaque:
Richard Manuel
Renowned Musician, member of The Revols, The Hawks and The Band
Lived Here 1948-1961**

Carried

(d) 2021 Special Project Update – R. Thornrose/P. O'Rourke/R. Koert

No new updates.

- (e) **Destination Stratford Audio Tours Update – Patrick O'Rourke**
Deferred to next meeting for an update.

- (f) **Reminder of Terms Ending November 30, 2021**
Staff reminded members if they wish to re-apply that applications are available on the City's website. The deadline for applications is October 22, 2021.

5.0 Designation Sub-Committee Update

- (a) **Non-Designated Properties Register – Rachel Bossie**
Rachel Bossie advised she has been in contact with the Heritage Research Centre and they will be commencing the work on this project next week. Ms. Bossie has asked for an estimated completion date, as they hope to take the list of properties to Council in early 2022.

- (b) **Avoncrest Property Update – Cambria Ravenhill**
Cambria Ravenhill stated she has spoken to Andrew Williams (HPHA) regarding the plan to ask Council to designate the Avoncrest Property. In that conversation, Mr. Williams advised that all plans for development of the property are on hold indefinitely and that at this time representatives are not in support of designating the building. HPHA representatives would like to attend a future Heritage Stratford meeting again to discuss plans for the building. Ms. Ravenhill suggested that Heritage Stratford follow the mandate of the committee and continue to move forward with requesting Council designate the property, however, realizes that Council does not ordinarily designate a property without the support of the owners.

Cambria Ravenhill has sent all the research information to Rachel Bossie. Ms. Bossie will move ahead and notify the property owners of the request to designate and proceed with a report to the Planning & Heritage Sub-committee.

6.0 Development Services Report – Rachel Bossie, Planner

Rachel Bossie submitted the October Development Services Report for the Committee's information.

7.0 New Business

- (a) **2021 James Anderson Award Nominations – Cambria Ravenhill**
Members discussed a nomination deadline for the 2021 James Anderson Award. The deadline for submissions will be set for January 7, 2022. Staff will request the nomination information and deadline be posted on social media and in the Town Crier.

(b) Community Partners & Projects – Cambria Ravenhill

Cambria Ravenhill suggested inviting representatives from various organizations to attend future Heritage Stratford meetings. Some organizations that have shown interest in attending to discuss upcoming projects are the HPHA, Gallery Stratford, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Stratford District Historical Society, Shakespearean Garden revitalization, Hamlet Ward HCD, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Present at the meeting was Gary Annandale to discuss with the Committee his concerns with a proposed residential development on Ontario Street and Trow Street. Mr. Annandale is part of a group of approximately 70 concerned citizens who are actively working to preserve the heritage nature of the neighbourhood by opposing the development of an initially proposed 4-storey building. The proposed development is in a heritage corridor with rules and regulations in the Official Plan around what can be developed in residential areas with regards to height and density. The concerned residents retained their own heritage planner to do a review of the area on behalf of the citizens. The review was to examine if there were significant heritage attributes within this area. They did find that essentially, the area remains the same as it did in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The report found that the surrounding buildings do have heritage significance and should be preserved, as opposed to having the entire section between Trow and Queen Street demolished for a building that is completely at odds with the neighbouring buildings.

Mr. Annandale provided Heritage Stratford with a copy of the preliminary review for their information. His hope is that Heritage Stratford can provide input to City Council with respect to conserving the heritage significance of the area.

Cambria Ravenhill inquired if Mr. Annandale had presented this information to the Planning and Heritage Sub-committee. Mr. Annandale stated they did make a presentation on September 27, 2021, but ultimately the Committee sent the report back to planning staff to consult with the developer to try and negotiate a reduction in height. Mr. Annandale stated part of the problem is the parcel of land is exceedingly small for a building with the dimensions proposed. They are still awaiting the outcome of the discussion between planning staff and the developer. The residents are not opposed to development, they are concerned at the scale of the building compared to anything in the neighbourhood.

Rachel Bossie clarified that if a proposed development is located within the Heritage Conservation District, is designated under Part IV, or abuts the Heritage Conservation District or a Part IV property, Heritage Stratford would be included on the review. This property did not meet any of that criteria.

8.0 Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., electronically.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion by Howard Shubert

Seconded by Barb Cottle

THAT the October 12, 2021 Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 7:01 P.M.

End Time: 8:05 P.M.