



## Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee (HS) was held on November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., electronically.

**Committee Members Present:** Cambria Ravenhill – Chair Presiding, Roger Koert, Barb Cottle, Jack West, Councillor Danielle Ingram, Howard Shubert, Patrick O'Rourke, \*Brian Johnson

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

**Regrets:** Jacob Vankooten, Robin Thornrose

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Cambria Ravenhill, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

#### 3.0 Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Howard Shubert  
Seconded by Councillor Ingram

**THAT the minutes from the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting dated October 12, 2021 be adopted as printed. Carried**

\*Brian Johnson is now present at the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

#### **4.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**(a) Permit Review Sub-Committee Evaluation Form**

Rachel Bossie, Planner, will follow up on the status of this project and provide an update at the December meeting.

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

Patrick O'Rourke noted that budget is the largest obstacle in trying to complete this project. Rachel Bossie stated that staff has investigated funding opportunities, but have not been successful in finding a funding source. Ms. Bossie stated that under the Ontario Heritage Act, the district standards cannot be amended, they must be repealed and the HCD process must start over. She suggested that if the committee does not want to recommend the standards be repealed, they could explore other options such as enhancing information that is given to property owners and developers. Councillor Ingram stated that updating the HCD Standards is important as they are quite outdated. She feels Council would not consider getting rid of the HCD, should the repeal take place, given the importance of having a HCD in Stratford. Jack West added that from a builders' perspective, it would be beneficial to see an educational approach and try to offer sympathetic options to developers and property owners. Cambria Ravenhill suggested that this item could be combined with the modern heritage educational project.

**(c) Blue Plaque Update – Cambria Ravenhill**

Cambria Ravenhill reported that she received confirmation from both the homeowners that they would welcome blue plaques on their residences. Once the City Clerk has confirmed the date that Heritage Stratford can present the plaques at Council, Ms. Ravenhill will inform Committee members. Ms. Ravenhill noted that the Stratford-Perth Museum had an exhibit over the summer that highlighted the Revols, which Richard Manuel, one of this years' plaque recipients was a member of. Ms. Ravenhill will contact some extended family members of both recipients to inquire if they would be available to attend the presentation to accept the plaques.

**(d) 2022 Project Update – R. Thornrose/P. O'Rourke/R. Koert**

Deferred for discussion to the December meeting.

**(e) Destination Stratford Audio Tours Update – Patrick O'Rourke**

Patrick O'Rourke has not received any feedback from Destination Stratford representatives to date. Barb Cottle volunteered to take over this project for Mr. O'Rourke. Mr. O'Rourke will provide Ms. Cottle with all the information he has gathered to date. Bran Johnson also volunteered to assist with this project.

**(f) Community Partners & Projects – Cambria Ravenhill**

No new updates were provided.

**(g) 2021 James Anderson Award Update – Cambria Ravenhill**

Cambria Ravenhill reported that nominations are open for the 2021 James Anderson award and it is being advertised in the Town Crier and on the City's social media. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 7, 2022.

**5.0 Designation Sub-Committee Update**

**(a) Non-Designated Properties Register – Rachel Bossie**

Rachel Bossie reported that she has been contacted by Professor Michael Drescher from the University of Waterloo, Heritage Resource Centre. Mr. Drescher anticipates the project will be completed by the end of November. He suggested that the A and B streets from this phase of the project be added into the wards to keep neighbours together. Staff will begin to put notices together and arrangements for holding the open house in February or March. Member's support adding the new A and B streets to the existing ward.

**(b) Avoncrest Property Update – Cambria Ravenhill**

Rachel Bossie thanked Howard Shubert for all his work on the draft report for the designation request. Ms. Bossie inquired if Heritage Stratford would like to state in their motion the specifics outlined in the draft report as opposed to the previous motion encompassing the entire property. Members stated they would like to make a second motion that describes the exact details of the request.

Motion by Patrick O'Rourke

Seconded by Roger Koert

**THAT the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee requests that Stratford City Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the HPHA-owned Avon Crest Property, 86 John Street South, Stratford ON under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, specifically:**

- (a) The 1891 hospital (Avon Crest), including semi-circular landscaped entrance driveway;**
- (b) The 1910 extension;**
- (c) The 1904 Gardener's cottage;**
- (d) The 1929 Nurses' residence**

**Carried**

**6.0 Development Services Report – Rachel Bossie, Planner**

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

**7.0 New Business**

**(a) 2022 Community Heritage Ontario Membership Renewal**

Motion by Patrick O'Rourke

Seconded by Barb Cottle

**THAT the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee spends \$75.00 to renew their annual Community Heritage Ontario Membership for 2022. Carried**

Cambria Ravenhill thanked Patrick O'Rourke and Roger Koert for their efforts and time spent as members of Heritage Stratford.

**8.0 Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., electronically.

**9.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Howard Shubert

Seconded by Barb Cottle

**THAT the November 9, 2021 Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried**

Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

End Time: 7:46 P.M.