



Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee (HS) was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Stratford Rotary Complex – Mansbridge Room

Committee Members Present: Brian Johnson – Chair Presiding, Barb Cottle, Jeff Atchison, Jacob Vankooten, Andy Bicanic, Councillor Larry McCabe, Jack West, Laura Dent

Staff Present: Miranda Ivany – Planner, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Jane Marie Mitchell

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and The General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Andy Bicanic

Seconded by Jacob Vankooten

THAT the minutes from the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meetings dated September 13, 2022 and February 14, 2023, be adopted as printed. Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Community Partners & Projects

No new updates.

4.2 Update on 265 St. David Street Permit – Miranda Ivany

Miranda Ivany, Planner, reported that staff is in the process of drafting a report for Council's consideration.

4.3 James Anderson & Blue Plaque Awards Update – Brian Johnson

Ads in the Town Crier and social media posts have been posted with a deadline for nominations of March 31, 2023 for both.

4.4 Shakespearean Garden – Heritage Designation – Brian Johnson

Reg White, a representative of the Friends of the Shakespearean Garden, addressed Heritage Stratford in February 2022 about the significance of the garden. Recently, they have inquired with Heritage Stratford if the Shakespearean Garden could be preserved by a designation. Brian Johnson noted that the garden is within Stratford's Heritage Conservation District, so the garden may already have some protection. The property is owned by the City of Stratford.

Jeff Atchison volunteered to consult with Laura Dent, to research the designation request to see if it is necessary to protect the garden with a designation or if it is even possible. Mr. Atchison stated that historical gardens can be designated, but perhaps looking into certain aspects of the garden, such as the landscape design, perhaps the rose garden and herb garden.

4.5 Sub-Committee Members

Brian Johnson reviewed the duties of the three sub-committees and opened the floor up for anyone who wanted to volunteer.

Permit Review & Heritage Sign:

Brian Johnson, Jacob Vankooten, Jeff Atchison, Andy Bicanic, Councillor McCabe volunteered for this Sub-committee.

Designations:

Barb Cottle, Jeff Atchison, Laura Dent volunteered for this Sub-committee.

Awards:

Brian Johnson and Barb Cottle volunteered for this Sub-committee.

5. Designation Sub-Committee Update

5.1 Update on Non-Designated Properties Register – Miranda Ivany

Staff is currently working on the updates including the review of heritage properties in Stratford through the Official Plan Update. Laura Dent inquired if Heritage Stratford will be consulted as part of the Official Plan Update process. The Planner stated that it is very likely they will but will consult with her Director who is organizing the review. The Planner noted that this review is a comprehensive update, not a consolidation.

6. Development Services Report

Miranda Ivany, Planner, submitted the March 2023 Development Services Report for the Committee's information and was available for questions.

7. New Business

None noted.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Stratford will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Jacob Vankooten

Seconded by Andy Bicanic

THAT the March 14, 2023 Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 7:10 P.M.

End Time: 7:38 P.M.