



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of September 14th, 2022

Present: Nick Bogaert (Chair), Marg Rowell (Vice-Chair), Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Rene Eby, Councillor Barry Fisher, Cohuncillor Jennifer Pfenning, Tracy Loch (Director/Curator), Harold O’Krafka (Director of Development Services)

Regrets: Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Scott Williams, Al Junker, Elisia Scagnetti (late due to prior commitment)

Meeting was held virtually. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. Councillor Fisher read the Territorial Acknowledgment.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Review of Minutes June 8th, 2022

MOVED by Yvonne

SECONDED Jenn

ALL in favour

Business

Non-Designated Heritage Register – update

Marg provided an update for the Committee regarding the revisions to the non-designated register. She updated that properties within Waldau and New Hamburg have been inventoried and are being added, as well as a few others. The addresses and architectural descriptions have been provided to Tracy for incorporating into the updated table. Work on the updates will continue.

Architectural styles

Nick noted that updates to the architectural styles document are being worked on by Tracy, Marg and Taylor. Marg updated that ‘saltbox’ has been added as an architectural style, and that some other minor revisions have been made.

New Business

Waterlot

Nick refreshed the Committee regarding the proposed work for the building, and provided an update from the applicant. He advised that revised plans with a different design direction are under preparation, and the applicant hopes to come back to Heritage Wilmot later in the year with revisions.

New Hamburg Mill redevelopment

Nick summarized the recent events related to the mill, including that the new ownership group plans to convert the building to accommodate affordable housing and other community uses. He updated that concept plans are under development, and that a community meeting was recently held. Yvonne updated that she attended the meeting, and received a request for a letter of support from Heritage Wilmot. The Committee discussed that a general letter could be prepared and provided to the applicant, but also indicate formal comments would be provided once a full proposal comes forward.

Baden Mill potential designation

Nick and Tracy updated the Committee on their recent meeting with the owners of the property. They indicated there appeared to be support for exploring what designation could look like, and welcomed future communications with the property owners.

Cultural heritage landscape study

The project is continuing towards completion of a draft study, and the plan is to have an update available later this fall. Harold noted arrangements were being made to meet with the study authors and Regional staff regarding report rollout.

Heritage Day

The Committee discussed the potential of having a Heritage Day event in 2023. Yvonne noted she was approached by someone who supported having an event in 2023, as they are always well-attended. Tracy noted a matter to consider when deciding on an in-person or virtual event is that there will be a new Council and also a new Committee by that point. If an in-person event is preferred, it was discussed that there needs to be a plan. Themes were discussed, and Councillor Fisher suggested possibly sports be considered. It was decided to revisit the topic at the next meeting, where matters such as the theme and type of event can be decided. Tracy also noted that awards should be considered. Nick asked when the next Committee would be decided, and Township staff noted it is to be determined but that new Terms of Reference for the various committees are also being prepared.

Correspondence / Information sharing

Bridge Street Bridge

Nick updated that work is beginning to remove the span and make way for the new bridge structure. He noted the old bridge is being set aside, and that the Township continues to explore salvage options.

Region of Waterloo Cultural Heritage News

The Region's most recent newsletter is out and members were invited to review.

Arboretum

Yvonne noted that 2024 will be the anniversary of Wilmot Township acquiring the site from the Region of Waterloo. It was noted that would be appropriate to mention this milestone in the potential future listing for the property. Yvonne also noted the site was put forward as a potential CHL.

Beckdale Farms sign

Rene noted the Beckdale Farms sign may be missing from the property. Township staff noted the sign was moved to the trail location and should be installed still. Rene noted he would visit the site again to confirm.

Amish bi-centennial

Tracy noted there are events being organized, including bus tours and workshops. She noted the information would be sent around to the Committee.

Adjournment – 7:15 p.m.

MOVED by Marg

Next meeting – October 12th, 2022 at 6:30pm