



HERITAGE WILMOT
Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of November 30th, 2022

Present: Nick Bogaert (Chair), Marg Rowell (Vice-Chair), Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, , Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Al Junker, Elisia Scagnetti, Harold O’Krafka (Director of Development Services), Sherri Gropp (Assistant Curator)

Regrets: Scott Williams, Rene Eby

Meeting was held in hybrid model with members in person in Council Chambers as well as virtually. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Review of Minutes September 14th, 2022

A minor typo was noted in the section outlining all the members present at the meeting. Correction will be made.

MOVED by Marg
SECONDED Yvonne
ALL in favour

Business

Heritage Day 2023

Yvonne has been in touch with a potential speaker for the event, who is a retired professor of archaeology (Gary Warrick). He recently presented about Indigenous history at a joint meeting with the Kitchener Public Library and ACO – North Waterloo Branch. The presentation was very well received. Yvonne suggested that Gary Warrick might be able to focus his presentation on the Wilmot area for the Heritage Day event.

The Committee also discussed potentially holding Heritage Day on February 22nd or 23rd in Council Chambers. This would allow for a hybrid model for the event, and provide a suitable venue for a presentation. The event could also be live-streamed on the Township’s YouTube channel for those who wish to tune in virtually. Refreshments could be served downstairs in the Community Room.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful to have some members act as organizers for Heritage Day. Marg, Yvonne and Patty agreed to take on this role.

Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties

With Bill 23 officially being passed, the way in which a municipality can add properties to the Non-Designated Register and manage the register will be changing. A key aspect of the changes will mean that properties can only remain on the Register for up to 2 years until they must move towards formal designation or be removed from the register. Once the property is removed, it cannot be added again for 5 years. The timeline for the implementation of Bill 23 is still unclear, but until then Heritage Wilmot will not add additional properties to the Register.

Members agreed that the work undertaken for the current Non-Designated Register is still a valuable resource and the properties could remain on an unofficial inventory for research purposes. It was suggested that a working group be formed to evaluate the existing Non-Designated Register and determine which properties have the potential to move forward with designation and which ones would not meet the minimum requirements. Once the Provincial government provides a timeline of implementation, the Committee can move forward with presenting an updated version of the Non-Designated Register to Township Council, along with recommendations for potential designations.

Waterlot Redevelopment Project

The property owner of the Waterlot has revised the project proposal, and are planning to make a presentation of the updated project to Heritage Wilmot in early 2023.

New Business

Castle Kilbride

Sherri Gropp, Assistant Curator, discussed some upcoming renovation projects for Castle Kilbride. Updates to the front and side porches have been part of a capital project during 2022 and will carry over into 2023. As part of this work, the front porch and steps will be completely rebuilt. The construction company working on the project will make use of 3D images and scans of the detailed woodwork so that it can be completely replicated and replaced. Work is also being done to the side porch, including support beams to correct some sagging that is occurring. The steps will also be replaced.

Once the structural work has been completed, the porches will be primed and painted and then they will be scheduled into the regular 5 year painting schedule of the entire building.

Correspondence / Info Sharing

Bill 23

A reminder to the Committee that the Agenda for this evening's meeting had links to articles about Bill 23 and the affects of the changes on heritage committees.

Retiring members

Elisia and Artem will be stepping down from Heritage Wilmot and the end of the current term. Nick thanked them for their time on the Committee and hoped that their paths would cross in the future.

WRC anniversary

The WRC is celebrating the 70th anniversary of junior hockey in New Hamburg. Activities and events will be held on January 7th, 2023, and will end in a hockey game that evening. Harold and Sherri have been working on displays to be put up in the lobby areas for the event.

Adjournment – 6:25 p.m.
MOVED by AI

Next meeting – January 11th, 2023 at 6:30pm