



**HERITAGE WILMOT**  
Township of Wilmot  
**Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee**

Minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Present: Nick Bogaert (Chair), Marg Rowell (Vice-Chair), Patty Clarke, Al Junker, Yvonne Zyma, Rene Eby, Harold O’Krafka (Director of Development Services), Sherri Gropp (Curator), Cameron Miller (Planner)

Regrets: None

Meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with members attending in-person from the Council Chambers as well as virtually. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome**

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

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**Review of Minutes January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

No comments or edits. Motion to approve minutes.

MOVED by Marg  
SECONDED Al  
ALL in favour

**Business**

**Heritage Day 2023**

Sherri provided an update from the organizing sub-committee, and indicated that matters are arranged for the meeting, including speakers, exhibitors and promotion on social media / websites. Cameron added that refreshments are also being coordinated. Yvonne clarified the time for exhibitors to begin setup, which was confirmed as 4:00. The event will also be livestreamed and recorded for viewing online and afterwards.

**Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties**

Nick indicated the matter was on the agenda in the event there are updates from the Province regarding implementation, which there were not. Nick noted the intent will likely be to move the existing registry properties to a ‘building inventory’, and encourage the Committee to pursue this. Members discussed potential additions of properties on Peel Street in New Hamburg to the inventory, and also noted there are considerations along Waterloo Street. Work will

continue, although direction is required from the Province related to further implementation.

There was further discussion on the mechanism to move the existing Non-Designated Register to an inventory status, and whether a decision was required by the Committee at this time. Members wondered if the 2-year period to have properties listed, as well as the 5-year 'waiting period' needed further consideration. Director O'Krafka clarified that the Province has not indicated what transition provisions will be, and recommended the existing Non-Designated Register remain for the present time, since it has status and was approved by Council. He also confirmed there is proposed budget for likely two property designations this year, so that Heritage Wilmot can prioritize properties for consideration to designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Committee concluded there is no action to take at this time.

### **New Business**

#### **Next Heritage Wilmot term**

Nick updated there are staff efforts to make arrangements to extend committee appointments, with a report going forward to Council at the next meeting. Harold confirmed that all Township committees are proposed for extension. He also advised the updated Terms of Reference will be coming forward to Council in the near future, at which time Committee members will be asked to confirm they are agreeable to remaining on for an extended term.

### **Correspondence / Info Sharing**

#### **Heritage editions of newspapers**

Al shared that the heritage edition of the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette will be released on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Sherri confirmed there is also an edition of the New Hamburg Independent being released, which staff assisted with.

#### **Historic photos**

Rene indicated there were previous efforts to copy older photos to add to the Township collection, and recommended the Committee undertake this for more recent photos (1950's – 1980's). Township staff confirmed a scanner could be made available for this purpose.

### **Next meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm**

**Adjournment – 7:21 p.m.**

MOVED by Al