



HERITAGE WILMOT
Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 11th, 2023

Present: Nick Bogaert (Chair), Marg Rowell (Vice-Chair), Al Junker, Yvonne Zyma, Andrew Martin (Manager of Planning and Economic Development), Sherri Gropp (Curator)

Regrets: Patty Clarke, Rene Eby,

Meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with members attending in-person from the Council Chambers as well as virtually. The meeting started at 7:01 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 March 9th, 2023

No comments or edits. Motion to approve minutes.

MOVED by Yvonne

SECONDED Al

ALL in favour

New Business

New Hamburg Mill – presentation by LNYC

Representatives from the project team attended the meeting to present their initial concept for redevelopment of the site. The proposed development will include reuse of the existing Mill building and conversion to residential and commercial spaces, as well as a proposed building addition. The main floor of the building will include commercial units and community space, with the upper floors being utilized for residential purposes. Efforts have been undertaken to ensure views from Peel Street towards the Mill are retained. Parking and landscaping are also proposed.

Committee members were supportive of the work that will retain a heritage look and feel for the property, and appreciated efforts to maintain the current views of the upper portions of the Mill building. It was noted the scale, form and massing of the building are appropriate. A conceptual site plan was requested so that the Committee could review the site layout. Nick will prepare preliminary comments

on behalf of Heritage Wilmot and provide to Township staff so that they may forward to the applicant.

Stair renovations at Castle Kilbride

Township staff provided an update on the stair replacement project, and indicated that the new stairs have been constructed. Installation is expected to commence on May 1st, with painting to occur afterwards.

New Hamburg Library

Township staff clarified that work to be undertaken during 2023 includes exploratory engineering investigations to determine the extent of repairs, with the actual work being completed on the pillars in 2024.

Yvonne noted a ladder is being installed to provide access to the roof, and requested efforts be undertaken to reduce the visibility so as to reduce potential trespass. Township staff will provide feedback to Community Services staff to ensure this is taken into account.

Next Heritage Wilmot term

Applications are now open for the next term of the Committee, which will be a combined Castle Committee and Heritage Wilmot Committee. Township staff clarified the deadline to apply is May 1st.

Business

Heritage Day 2023

Township staff confirmed the event will be held at the Township offices, with a lecture planned in the Council Chambers and various displays being available downstairs. Nick offered to assist if any matters come up. It was also confirmed the meeting will be streamed for online viewing.

Correspondence / Info Sharing

None.

Next meeting – May 9th, 2023 at 7:00pm (note: last meeting of current term)

Adjournment – 7:23 p.m.

MOVED by Yvonne