

HERITAGE HALDIMAND
Regular Meeting

Haldimand County Administration Building, 53 Thorburn Street, S. Cayuga.
Monday, October 26, 2020

Present: Ann Baldwin, Sylvia Weaver, Cherilyn Gibson, Bob Gibson, Cathy Blott, Angela Wallace, Councillor John Metcalfe, David Marshall; **Regrets:** Betsy McBurney; **Staff:** Anne Unyi, Supervisor Heritage and Culture; Megan Turner, Administrative Assistant; Guest: Robert Goffin.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m.
1.1 Welcome Robert Goffin – 212 Caithness Street E., Caledonia

2. **Approval of Agenda:**
Recommendation by Bob Gibson and Angela that the agenda be approved as amended.

APPROVED

3. **Disclosure and conflict of interest and general nature thereof:** None

4. **Approval of the Minutes (September 28 2020)**
Recommendation by Cherilyn Gibson and Sylvia Weaver that the Minutes of the Heritage Haldimand Committee dated September 28, 2020 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

5. **Business Arising**

- 5.1 Heritage Designation: The Merchant House**

Discussion related to the draft text presented by Bob and Cherilyn Gibson presented potential wording for the designation plaque

Haldimand County Heritage Landmark

The Merchant House

ca 1900

A unique example of Edwardian ~~Classicism~~ **Classical** style with some Victorian elements.

Home to Christian Held III (b. 1867 - d.1936) , a well respected merchant and family man.

He also owned the Erie House (now known as the Fisherville Tavern)

Designated by? **The 4th Generation of the Held Family (?)**

The Gibson's will provide the draft to the owners for their feedback. .

- 5.2 Follow-up:**

Charles Reichheld House – Porch Rebuild: Committee member Cathy Blott contacted the owners of the property and was given a status update. The owner is working to complete the gingerbread trim pieces and anticipates this work to be completed by summer, 2021; at which time his contracted is expected to have built the framework for the porch. Porch designs and an application for building permit must be submitted to the County's Building Division prior to the commencement of the work.

Toll House, Caledonia

The Ministry of Transportation provided the following information pertaining to the Toll House:

The historic toll keeper's house (4 Argyle Street North) will be impacted by the upcoming replacement of the bridge. To manage impacts, provide access, and protect the public during construction, the property was acquired by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) earlier this year. The toll keeper's house will be preserved in-situ.

A Design and Construction Report for the Argyle Street Bridge replacement documenting the environmental assessment process, detail design, construction staging, and potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures was filed for public review from March 11, 2020 to April 10, 2020. In addition, a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) for the toll keeper's house has been completed.

The toll keeper's house meets the criteria for recognition as a Provincial Heritage property of Provincial Significance (PHPPS) and additional heritage reviews are being undertaken in accordance with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries (MHSTCI) standards and guidelines for a PHPPS. Based on

these reviews, measures to monitor and protect the structural and historic integrity of the building are being undertaken by MTO and will be included in the upcoming construction contract.

Electronic copies of the CHER report were made available to the Committee.

5.3 Outreach/Workshops for 2021

Angela Wallace will explore opportunities with groups such as the Edifice Guild and Willowbank (School of Restoration Art) and provide the committee with possible options at the next meeting.

5.4 CPP Partnership with Dunnville District Heritage Association

Deferred unit 2021.

6. New Business

6.1 Alteration Request: Duff House

Home owners Bob and Cheryl Gibson spoke of maintenance and repair to windows in the home; work will be carried out by a master carpenter/contractor well acquainted with historic buildings. Owners preparing an application to replace one window to match other windows.

6.2 212 Caithness Street E., Caledonia

Robert Goffin gave the Committee a brief history of the property which dates to 1921 and was once known as the "Merrill House". This property is shown of the Council approved "List of Properties of Potential Heritage Significance" and the owners are considering designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to recognize the home's 100th anniversary.

The home has retained many of its original features including panelling, leaded glass, a dumbwaiter, 86 windows, five exterior doors and two sunrooms.

7. Receive Communications and Petitions

7.1 Ministry of Heritage

Request for Municipal Heritage Committees across the province to contribute to the update of the Ontario Heritage Tool Kit; Staff Liaison has requested addition information from the Ministry and will report back at the November meeting.

8. Discussion from the Floor:

8.1 St. John's Church, York

The County will be rebuilding the retaining wall adjacent to the cemetery located on Nelles Road (Haldimand Road 9), York.

While this property (church and cemetery) is not currently on the list of properties of Potential Heritage Significance there was interest from the Committee. Cathy Blott will reach out to the Anglican Diocese to discuss the property from an historical perspective and suggest possible designation of the burial grounds.

8.2 Gypsum Mines School

Through the Liaison, Betsy McBurney, owner of the property, noted that the School House was looked at by a heritage contractor and provided them with a verbal assessment of the present condition of the building and were pleased that it was slightly better than had been hoped! The contractor also puttied in the pane of glass that was out on the west side and plans to return to replace a pane on the east side of the building.

9. Adjourned at 8:20 pm by the Chair.

Next Meeting – Monday November 23, 2020, 7:00 pm

To be confirmed:

The Haldimand Room, Haldimand County Administration Building, 53 Thornburn Street S., Cayuga or Uber Conference OR Cayuga Arena – McSorley Family Hall, 55 Thornburn Street S., Cayuga.