

HERITAGE HALDIMAND

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021; 7:00pm
Via ZOOM

Present: David Marshall, John Metcalfe, Cherilyn Gibson, Bob Gibson, Angela Wallace, Sylvia Weaver;
Regrets: Ann Baldwin, Cathy Blott, Betsy McBurney;
Staff: Anne Unyi, Supervisor, Heritage and Culture; Megan Turner, Administrative Assistant CDP; Andrea Moodie, Community Partnerships Liaison.
Guests: Brittany VanDalen, Curator, Cottonwood Mansion; and Robert Goffin.

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by the Vice Chair at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation by Angela Wallace, seconded by Bob Gibson that the agenda be approved as amended.

APPROVED

3. Disclosure and conflict of interest and general nature thereof

None

4. Approval of the Minutes

Recommendation by Cherilyn Gibson, seconded by Angela Wallace that the Minutes of the Heritage Haldimand Committee dated November 23, 2020 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

5. Business Arising

5.1 Heritage Designation: The Merchant House

Following discussion between Committee Members and Brittany Van Dalen, wording for the plaque has been determined:

Haldimand County Heritage Landmark The Merchant House ca. 1900

A unique example of Edwardian Classical style with some Victorian elements.
Home to Christian Held III (b. 1867 - d. 1936), a well respected merchant, business and family man.
Owner of C. Held and Son General Store and the former Erie House
Designated by 4th generation Deborah and Michael Van Dalen.

Recommendation by John Metcalfe, seconded by Bob Gibson that the Merchant House designation plaque text be approved as per the revision suggested by the VanDalen Family.

APPROVED

Bob and Cherilyn Gibson will now contact Fusion Cast Signs to obtain a quote and inquire into methods to mount the plaque on a fence.

5.2 Follow-up: St. John's Church and Cemetery, York

Deferred to February 22, 2021.

5.3 Outreach/Workshops for 2021

Angela Wallace noted there are several excellent e-workshops available and suggested that owners of designated properties be contacted via email with this information. Topics such as wood window restoration, general repair and maintenance of an older house, etc. would have potential appeal. Staff will look to update contact information and include an email address.

5.4 Dunnville Storyboards and Dollier & Galinée Plaque

Update on the project provided by Andrea Moodie. The Dunnville District Heritage Association (DDHA) is the lead applicant with Heritage Haldimand as partner. Sylvia Weaver and Angela Wallace are working on the text for the storyboards and Sylvia Weaver is also looking into obtaining financial contributions in order to complete the work. The project, which began in 2019, has been a holding

pattern due to COVID-19; however, there are hopes to get things back on track in 2021.

6. New Business

6.1 Cottonwood Mansion Issues/Concerns

Applications for Alteration related to the ballroom and music room were submitted to the Committee for review.

Consultant remarks

Music room: plaster has cracks within the cornice and wall plaster. There are areas of plaster delamination and areas where the window trims are separating from the window frames which may be an indication that plaster is separating from the laths below and pushing the window trims outward.

Ballroom: areas of wall plaster are cracked and delaminated. In some instances, it appears plaster has delaminated from the laths below and in other locations it appears that plaster has delaminated between the finish coat of plaster and leveling coat plaster below. From ground level observations the ceiling plaster appears to be in good condition.

Recommendation by Bob Gibson, seconded by David Marshall that repairs to the walls located in the ballroom and music room proceed.

APPROVED

Ms. VanDalen further noted that work will be soon need to be undertaken to repair the porch as the column bases are showing signs of rot. A request for clarification as to whether or not the porch was designated as a heritage element was made to the Committee. Heritage Haldimand will review the designation and provide a response to Cottonwood.

7. Received Communications and Petitions

7.1 Community Heritage Ontario Workshop January 30, 2021

The CHO and ACO will present a virtual workshop on the recent changes to the Ontario planning legislation as it affects heritage (Bill 108).

8. Discussion from the Floor:

8.1 Application for Designation: 212 Caithness Street, Caledonia

Application submission in 2021.

9. Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 22, 2021; 7:00 pm

Location to be determined.