

HERITAGE HALDIMAND

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2021; 7:00pm

Haldimand County Administration Building, 53 Thorburn Street S., Cayuga and Via ZOOM

Present: Ann Baldwin, John Metcalfe, Sylvia Weaver; Cherilyn Gibson, Bob Gibson, Angela Wallace, Cathy Blott, Betsy McBurney, David Marshall;

Staff: Anne Unyi, Supervisor, Heritage and Culture; Megan Turner, Administrative Assistant CDP;

Guest: Rob Goffin.

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation by Cathy Blott and Angela Wallace 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 Bob Gibson and Cherilyn Gibson that the Minutes of the Heritage Haldimand Committee dated February 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

5. Business Arising

5.1 Heritage Designation: The Merchant House

Bob and Cherilyn Gibson presented quotes from Fantasy (Uxbridge) and Sticker-It (Dunnville); following review and discussion the Committee will request Fantasy provide a graphic design for approval by the Committee and property owners.

5.2 Cottonwood Mansion, Selkirk

Cathy Blott visited the site and provided an update to the Committee which included, but was not limited to: damage to interior wood trim and plaster; sagging floor joists (basement). Cottonwood's Board of Trustees President and the site Curator noted the financial difficulties the Mansion is experiencing and discussed plans for the future.

The Chair suggested that the Heritage Haldimand provide a letter to Cottonwood acknowledging the prioritization of structural work to be completed and also include a reminder of the need to replace the porch columns (2014) as their financial situation allows.

5.3 Dunnville Storyboards and Dollier & Galinée Plaque (Community Partnership Program)

A donation for these projects has been received from the Jackman Foundation.

Revised quotes for these projects have been received; cost for the Dollier & Galinée and Dunnville storyboards total \$18,800.00. Funding from the Jackman Foundation Donation, the County's CPP program and local donations will cover these expenses.

Dollier & Galinée plaque: Angela Wallace stated that the text is currently being reviewed and image copyright is being investigated.

5.4 Outreach/Workshops for 2021

A decision was made to hold off on the planning specific programs for 2021. Information pertaining to on-line workshops, etc., will be forwarded to Committee members.

6. New Business

6.1 Properties of Potential Heritage Significance – 410 Caithness Street E., Caledonia

Staff Liaison was contacted by the owners of 410 Caithness Street, Caledonia regarding the demolition of the home located at this address. While not designated under Part IV of the OHA the address does appear on the “Properties of Potential Heritage Significance”. Following group discussion the Committee did not oppose the issuance of a demolition permit.

Recommendation by David Marshall and Cathy Blott to not oppose the issuance of a demolition permit and request the owner, in any new construction, integrate the modern design with heritage elements and that the building be in keeping with the general character of the neighbourhood.

APPROVED

Discussion followed with a consensus to continue the revision of the existing 2004 List of Potentials and develop criteria by which these properties would be evaluated against in order to retain eligibility to remain on the registry. At this time no new properties would be considered for inclusion. Once the review and logging is complete, a report to Council presenting the criteria and updated information will follow.

7. Received Communications and Petitions

7.1 Canon Terry Charters, Anglican Diocese of Niagara (St. John’s Church, York)

Heritage Haldimand was notified that property, including the cemetery, has been sold and will become a private residence.

8. Discussion from the Floor:

8.1 Street Cemetery

Although known locally as the Street-Barnes Cemetery, Sylvia Weaver commented that it should be correctly referred to as the Street Cemetery. It was also shared that the County, through the capital budget, will spend up to \$100,00.00 on the rehabilitation of this property once it is transferred to the County’s ownership.

9. Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, April 26, 2021; 7:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom.