



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Heritage Barrie Committee

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the City Building Committee on September 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma at 6:31 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor C. Riepma
Vice Chair C. Froese
C. Colebatch
D. Exel
K. MacKinnon
S. Mackinnon
S. Marchant
D. Moore

Absent: 1 - Councillor J. Harris

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Planner, T. Wierzba.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Councillor C. Riepma acknowledged the recent passing of Christine Manewell, a former member of the Heritage Barrie Committee and member of Allandale Neighbourhood Association for her tireless efforts and commitments towards preserving the history of Barrie.

Councillor Riepma thanked the Committee members for their involvement at the Open Air Dunlop events throughout the summer and he acknowledged David Moore for organizing the Committee's participation.

Councillor, C. Riepma provided an update regarding the Committee's budget.

The Committee discussed purchasing a tent, tablecloths and tables to be used for future Committee events. Shelley Marchant advised that she will put together a quote for the items and will report back to the Committee. The Committee will discuss purchasing tent, tablecloths and tables in 2022 given the Committee's budget commitments for 2021.

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the historic street signs and that at the Committee's June meeting that an expenditure of \$6,600 was approved. He mentioned he will be meeting with staff to confirm the quantity of historic street signs to be purchased.

Tomasz Wierzba provided an update regarding the heritage plaques and that \$3,000 has been earmarked from the Committee's budget for the heritage plaques. He explained that he had sent out correspondence to thirty-three listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register and received an overwhelming response from eighteen property owners who are interested in obtaining a heritage plaque for their homes. Mr. Wierzba provided an overview of the costs associated with the heritage plaques.

The Committee discussed and provided their feedback to Mr. Wierzba regarding the historic street signs and heritage plaques. The Committee agreed to purchase the heritage plaques for the eighteen property owners in 2021.

The Committee agreed to increase the budget for heritage plaques for listed buildings to \$6500, rather than \$3000 as originally earmarked, due to increased interest in the heritage plaque program. To account for the increase the Committee agreed to reduce the budget allocation for the Historic Street Sign program to approximately \$3000.

David Moore provided an update regarding the Town Crier's participation at the Open Doors events and providing heritage walking tours in downtown Barrie.

The Committee agreed to pay Steve Travers, Town Crier, \$200.00 for conducting the Heritage Walking Tours entitled "The History of Victoria Barrie" during the summer/fall 2021 from Cost Centre 1025 501000.

HERITAGE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Craig Froese provided an update regarding plans for the Heritage Stakeholders Meeting. He mentioned that a proposed invitation list and list of agenda topics have been forwarded to the Committee for their review and feedback. Mr. Froese advised that the invitation list still needs to be finalized and invitations to the meeting will be sent out shortly.

He mentioned that Heritage Stakeholders meeting has been scheduled virtually for October 6th at 6:30 p.m. He explained that the sub-committee will be preparing presentation material for the meeting

The Committee discussed ideas and provided suggestions related to the Heritage Stakeholders meeting.

Cathy Colebatch asked if the Heritage Stakeholders meeting could be promoted via the City's social media or through a media release

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner mentioned that he would contact staff in Access Barrie concerning communications related to the Heritage Stakeholders meeting.

HERITAGE PLAQUES

The Heritage Plaque matter was discussed as part of the Committee's budget discussion.

PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

Cathy Colebatch described a recent incident with an accessory building being built on a property in the historic Allandale Neighbourhood which has resulted in damage of heritage trees. She explained that these trees are not designated as heritage but are located in a historic neighbourhood. She advised that at the City Council meeting on August 9th, 2021 a recommendation from Councillor, J. Harris was adopted by City Council to have staff report back regarding the potential of an individual (single) tree by-law as there is not one currently in place

The Committee provided feedback and discussed ideas related to the protection of heritage trees such as potentially designating heritage districts and the development of an archeological potential map.

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner commented that he will contact the County of Simcoe to regarding information related to their archaeological potential map and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

Mr. Wierzba provided a brief overview of the City of Barrie's Tree Preservation By-law 2014-115.

Councillor, C. Riepma advised that a staff report regarding a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for Affordable Housing which is related to accessory building has been scheduled for the Planning Committee meeting for September 21, 2021.

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD STREET SIGNS

The Historic Neighbourhood Street Signs matter was discussed as part of the Committee budget discussion.

STATUS OF LISTINGS ON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner advised that he received a request for both 125 Toronto Street and 84 Cumberland Street to be evaluated and added as listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register. Mr. Wierzba discussed the heritage attributes listed on the evaluation forms for the properties located at 125 Toronto Street and 84 Cumberland Street including historical value, style and history of each property. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Wierzba and recommended adding both addresses on the Municipal Heritage Register.

Mr. Wierzba provided an update on the Simcoe County GAOL/Jail. He explained that the Simcoe County GAOL/ Jail is provincially recognized as a heritage property. He mentioned that the Province of Ontario is supportive of having the Simcoe County Gaol/Jail recognized through the municipal heritage designation. Mr. Wierzba mentioned that he will be working with a consultant to prepare a Statement of Heritage Cultural Value for the Simcoe County Gaol/Jail. Mr. Wierzba mentioned that there has been an amendment to the *Ontario Heritage Act* legislation as it relates to designating heritage properties.

Tomasz Wierzba explained that he has tried to contact the property owner of the Barrie Armoury but has been unsuccessful in his attempt.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER - 84 CUMBERLAND STREET AND 125 TORONTO STREET

That the properties known municipally as 84 Cumberland Street and 125 Toronto Street be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as listed properties.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/21/2021.

SECTION "C"

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the designation of 125-127 Dunlop Street East. Mr. Wierzba advised that he is working with the consultant as a step towards having this property designated as heritage.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ONTARIO HERITAGE AWARD

The Committee discussed the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award. Tomasz Wierzba, Planner suggested that given the amount of preparation work and timelines associated with submitting a nomination form to the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage, the Committee may wish to wait until 2022. Mr. Wierzba advised that he would follow-up with Councillor, J. Harris to confirm if he has already began the preparatory work for 2021 and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

UPDATES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Historic Art on Utility Box Wraps

Craig Froese provided an update regarding Historic Art on utility box wraps. Councillor, C. Riepma, Chair suggested that the Historic Art on Utility Box Wraps project should be included as part of the Committee's budget for 2022.

Planting Trees in Heritage Park

Craig Froese provided an update regarding planting trees in Heritage Park. He mentioned that he has been contacting organizations who may have an interest in participating in the Heritage Park Tree Project. The Committee discussed and provided Mr. Froese the names of organizations that may be interested in participating in the project.

Public Art Allandale GO Station and Transit Hub

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the Public Art Allandale GO Station and Transit Hub and he explained that there has been no further progress at this time.

Correspondence Barrie and District Association of Realtors (BDAR) regarding historic homes

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the Barrie and District Association of Realtors regarding historic homes. He mentioned that the Barrie and District Association of Realtors would be interested in having the Committee provide a presentation to educate their members on historic homes in Barrie. The Committee discussed having Craig Froese and Cathy Colebatch work together on a presentation for the Barrie and District Association of Realtors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN