

City of Guelph

Meeting Minutes



Meeting: Heritage Guelph (the Municipal Heritage Committee)
 Date: April 11, 2005
 Time: 12 noon
 Location: Council Committee Room C
 Present: Leanne Piper – Chair; Cathy Downer - City Council Representative; Susan Ratcliffe; Joel Barlett; Paul Ross; Gil Stelter; Kevin O’Donnell; Betty-Lou Clark; Pat Nicholls; Cecelia Paine; Norm Harrison; Craig Manley, Manager of Policy Planning; Cheryl Coutts – Recording Secretary.
 Regrets: Ian Panabaker - Heritage Planner; Lesley Hayward; Owen Chinnery.

| Item # | Description | Action By: |
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| | Leanne welcomed Craig Manley, Manager of Policy Planning. Ian Panabaker was unable to attend the meeting. | |
| 1. | <p><u>Approval of Agenda:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Addition to 6b) Workshop on Churches - Susan 2226 Oxford Street – forward to Ian.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Betty-Lou Clark and seconded by Gil Stelter:</p> <p>“That the Heritage Guelph agenda for April 11, 2005 be accepted as amended.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:</u></p> <p>none</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Approval of Minutes from the March 29th, 2005 Meeting:</u></p> <p>The following motion was made by Paul Ross and seconded by Cathy Downer:</p> <p>“That Heritage Guelph approves the minutes as printed for March 29th, 2005 meeting.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> (Action Items from March 29th, 2005 meeting)</p> | |



The following motion was made by Cathy Downer and seconded by Cecelia Paine:

“THAT Heritage Guelph is responding to the request from the applicants for severance of 66 Maple Street for direction in the committee’s interest in the review of the proposed new building:

- Heritage Guelph’s interest in infill development in the older areas of the City relates to new construction responding appropriately to the established streetscape and built-form patterns in the neighbourhood.
- In the case where the proposed building is not visible from the street, the committee would have little concern about streetscape issues. Indeed, this neighbourhood has a series of ‘hidden gems’ on lots similar to that proposed at 66 Maple.
- Heritage Guelph would be interested in the impact, if any, of the new house on the existing Heritage Inventory dwelling in terms of site lines and roof presence.”

Carried

The applicant will have a tree conservation plan done on the property.

d) 171 Arthur Street North – Demolition Application:

Frank (Swakhammer), a representative of the church, was present to explore options for this dwelling. The church is looking for a demolition permit as they don’t want the liability of keeping the damaged dwelling. The church has a building fund, but have no plans of expanding the church in the near future. The church would explore the possibility of using the house for affordable housing if a service agency would pay for it. Heritage Guelph is concerned with the streetscape if the house were to be demolished.

The following motion was made by Gil Stelter and seconded by Cecelia Paine:

“THAT Heritage Guelph has interest in the property 171 Arthur Street North as the house provides appropriate streetscape, and also the need to keep the present housing stock.

AND THAT Heritage Guelph would encourage the owners in pursuing options for using the house as an affordable housing project in partnership with local committees:

AND THAT City staff facilitate setting up a meeting with the church and



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| | <p>affordable housing service group.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>e) 58 Alma Street North – C of A Application:</p> <p>Bruce Donaldson was present to discuss heritage retention options for this house. Although there was direction from the Committee of Adjustment to demolish the house, Mr. Donaldson is still exploring options about moving the house. Donaldson indicated he was prepared to will revisit the Committee of Adjustment asking for modifications to the decision, if the building can be moved.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Cathy Downer and seconded by Betty-Lou Clark:</p> <p>“THAT Heritage Guelph will defer comment to April 25th of the proposed demolition of 58 Alma Street North until the owner returns with potential options of moving the dwelling.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Ian will contact Bruce Donaldson.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Ian</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Committee of Adjustment:</p> <p>There are no items because a meeting is not planned for April 26th.</p> | |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>Information Items:</p> <p>a) Heritage Coordinator’s Update:</p> <p>Loretto Convent:</p> <p>A special meeting of Council is planned for May 3rd. Leanne and Paul will be delegates at the May 3rd meeting.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Paul Ross and seconded by Gil Stelter:</p> <p>THAT Heritage Guelph supports the recommendations of the Loretto Convent Task Force Report;</p> <p>AND THAT Heritage Guelph support the concept of creating a Heritage Conservation District in the Downtown and on “Catholic Hill” under the Heritage Act;</p> <p>AND THAT Heritage Guelph recommends that work begin immediately on</p> | |



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| | <p>the designation of Catholic Hill only at this time;</p> <p>AND THAT Council Report 04-078 be referred back to Heritage Guelph for revision in light of the Task Force recommendations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Post Office Update:</p> <p>The County is buying the Post Office building. The closing date is not set yet. The committee would like the iron fence added to the list of items to be designated.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Susan Ratcliffe and seconded by Pat Nicholls:</p> <p>“THAT Heritage Guelph forward the designation information of the Post Office building to Council for their information.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Ian will speak with the County advising them of the Committee’s desire to designate the building.</p> <p>Workshop on Churches:</p> <p>Susan attended a workshop on Churches and gave an overview to the Committee. Susan will forward hardcopies of the overview to anyone interested.</p> <p>Open House:</p> <p>109 Surrey Street will be open for members on April 22nd.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Ian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan</p> |
| 8. | <p>Date of next meeting: Monday April 25th at noon at City Hall.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 2:00 pm.</p> | |

Items from Previous Minutes:

| Item # | Assigned To | Due Date | Description |
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| | Ian | | Update the workplan to reflect the time it took to complete each task. |
| | Ian/Leanne | | To investigate the Trillium grant program in relation to the committee’s website development |