



# HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot  
**Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee**

Minutes of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Marg Rowell, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Scott Williams, Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Barry Fisher (Councillor), Jennifer Pfenning (Councillor), Tracy Loch (Curator)

Regrets: Rene Eby, Al Junker, Grant Whittington (CAO)

Meeting was held at the Swartzentruber Room, Township of Wilmot. Meeting started at 6:40 p.m.

## **Welcome**

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. Nick read the Land Acknowledgement.

## **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

## **Review of Minutes from June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

MOVED by Jenn  
SECONDED by Artem  
ALL in favour

## **Review of Minutes from July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

MOVED by Barry  
SECONDED BY Artem  
ALL in favour

## **Business**

### **Non-Designated Register**

The Non-Designated Register was officially submitted to Council at the last Council Meeting. The presentation by Marg went well, and the Register was adopted that evening. Tracy circulated a full-colour printed copy of the Non-Designated Register to each member of the Committee for their information and records.

The Committee then reviewed and discussed updating the photographs of some properties on the Non-Designated Register. Jenn and Scott will arrange to divide the properties chosen and set out to take new photographs of the properties chosen by the Committee.

The Committee discussed potential removal of a property from the Non-Designated Register, since some properties might be demolished or deemed not worthy of remaining on the list. In this case, they would need to be removed from the register. Nick will contact the Ministry to determine the process of removal of a property from the Non-Designated Register.

The Committee then discussed the next phase of the Non-Designated Register. It was agreed that the schools in the Township would be added to the Register next. Certain other properties of interest would also be evaluated, and the Committee will discuss further as the list is updated in order to finalize the list.

### **Holland Mills Bridge Interpretive Panel**

The heritage summer student has completed a draft write up for the Holland Mills Bridge panel, with input from the sources identified to date. The Committee will need to read and review this document. Tracy will reformat the text into a template of the panel and circulate to the Committee. It was agreed that the template would follow a similar layout as the panel used for the Hartman Bridge in New Hamburg.

Since the panel will need to be completed within the 2019 budget, it is hoped that it will still be installed this fall. The text, information and layout will need to be approved by the Committee at the next meeting so that there is enough time to submit the template and have it manufactured.

### **Heritage Street Signs Project**

As discussed previously, the New Hamburg Board of Trade is undergoing a beautification project in downtown New Hamburg. The Committee has agreed to assist the project by providing feedback and options for heritage street signage to be placed within the Heritage Conservation District. Tracy has contacted the Region of Waterloo for information concerning the costs of creating these new street signs. Members of the Committee are being asked to take photographs and look at examples of various heritage street sign designs in other areas and come with a list of possible options for the next meeting.

### **St. James Lutheran Church Designation**

The designation of St. James Lutheran Church was officially accepted by Council at the last meeting. There was a group of church members in attendance at the Council meeting. Now that the designation has been approved, the Church would like to move forward with plans for the plaque unveiling. They are looking at hosting the unveiling on October 27<sup>th</sup> or November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The presentation will follow the same structure of the designation ceremony of Livingston Presbyterian.

The church is also looking at the possibility of applying for grant money from the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation for restoration of the church steeple. The Committee agreed that a letter of support from Heritage Wilmot would be a good addition to their application when the time comes, and looks forward to reviewing materials when available.

### **Information Package**

The Committee had previously discussed work on an information package for owners of the designated properties on the Heritage Register. Barry has agreed to assist Rene with this project.

## **New Business**

### **Cultural Heritage Landscape Study**

The Region of Waterloo is interested in undertaking a Cultural Landscape Study for Wilmot Township and the Township of North Dumfries, and Marg provided an overview for the Committee. A previous study has already been completed for Woolwich and Wellesley Townships. It is understood funding is available for this project. A letter in support of the project from Heritage Wilmot would help to encourage the Region of Waterloo to continue with this project.

Tracy will keep in contact with Harold O’Krafka to receive more information and details about the project, and Nick will provide a letter of support to Development Services on behalf of the Committee. Jenn and Barry also offered to bring a motion to Council supporting the project when the time comes if that would assist.

### **Scenic Roads Study**

The Region of Waterloo is interested in pursuing work related to a Scenic Roads Study, and Marg provided an update on the initiative. In the Township’s Official Plan, the Township is able to identify scenic roads. The Committee is interested in knowing if there is already a list of these roads or if one can be started. Tracy will contact the Planning Department for more information and how the Committee may be able to work with the Planning Department on this project.

### **Information Sharing**

Tracy informed the Committee that new name tags have been ordered and are now available for used when members attend various events.

Tracy circulated formal invitations to Committee members for Castle Kilbride’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary open house.

Tracy also circulated a published book, which has used a postcard image of a streetscape of downtown New Hamburg. The publishers had been in contact with Tracy to use the image from the Archives.

Tracy circulated a thank you card for Stephanie Massel. Members of the Committee were asked to sign the card to thank Stephanie for her time on the Committee.

**Adjournment** – 8:50 p.m.

MOVED by Stephanie

SECONDED by Scott

**Next meeting** – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019