



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of June 5th, 2019

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Rene Eby, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Marg Rowell, Jennifer Pfenning (Councillor), Tracy Loch (Curator), Grant Whittington (CAO)

Regrets: Scott Williams, Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Al Junker, Barry Fisher (Councillor), Stephanie Massel

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. Jenn read the Land Acknowledgement.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Review of Minutes from May 1, 2019

MOVED by Rene
SECONDED by Jenn
ALL in favour

Business

Non-designated register update

Tracy presented the updated Non-Designated Register to the Committee. Marg and Yvonne have worked to complete all the architectural descriptions of the churches in the Township. The Committee reviewed collectively and made comments of the updates to the Non-Designated Register. Some additional information from the discussion will be added to the list. In total, there are 19 churches that will be added to the Register for 2019. Only one church will be missing from the list, as the New Hamburg Christian Centre declined to be added at this time.

MOTION: To add the following 19 churches to the non-designated register:

1. Zion United Church (215 Peel St. New Hamburg, ON N3A 1E7)

2. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (23 Church St. New Hamburg, ON N3A 1J1)
3. Steinmann Mennonite Church (1316 Snyder's Rd W. Baden, ON N3A 3K8)
4. St. James Lutheran Church (1177 Queen St., P.O. Box 179, New Dundee, ON N0B 2E0)
5. New Dundee Baptist Church (1173 Queen St., New Dundee, ON N0B 2E0)
6. Shantz Mennonite Church (2473 Erb's Road, Baden, ON N3A 3M3)
7. St. James Lutheran Church (66 Mill Street, Baden, On, N3A 2N6)
8. St. Agatha Catholic Church (1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0)
9. Emmanuel Lutheran Church (1716 Snyder's Rd E, Petersburg, ON N0B 2H0)
10. Mannheim Mennonite Church (1494 Bleams Rd, Petersburg, ON N0B 2H0)
11. (Former) United Brethren in Christ Church (46 Main Street, New Dundee, N0B 2E0)
12. (Former) Bethel Missionary Church (1439 Bridge Street, New Dundee, N0B 2E0)
13. Bethel Church (1531 Bridge Street, New Dundee, N0B 2E0)
14. Nith Valley Mennonite Church (1355 Bean Road, New Hamburg, ON N3A 2X1)
15. Wilmot Mennonite Church (2995 Bleams Road, New Hamburg, ON N3A 3J3)
16. Wellesley Community Church (3158 Nafziger Road, Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0)
17. Wilmot Centre Missionary Church (2463 Bleams Road, Petersburg, ON N0B 2H0)
18. Rosebank Brethren in Christ Church (1434 Huron Road, Petersburg, N0B 2H0)
19. St. Agatha Mennonite Church (1967 Erb's Road, Box 5149, Baden ON N3A 3M3)

MOVED by Marg
 SECONDED by Yvonne
 ALL in favour

Tracy will send out formal letters to the property owners tomorrow (June 6th, 2019). The letter will state that the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee is recommending to Council that the property be added to the Non-Designated Register. The property owner will be invited to contact the Township with any concerns by June 27th, 2019. Development Services will also be circulated for comment. The updated list will then be presented to Council at the televised meeting held on July 15th, 2019.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of updating existing photographs for the Heritage Register. Some of the photos are very out-of-date and others are of low quality. Jenn, Artem and Scott volunteered to take updated photographs of the properties on the Non-Designated and Designated registers. Tracy will send a copy of all these properties to the sub-committee along with a listing of what photographs should be taken. It was suggested that Committee members could schedule appointments with property owners in order to make efficient use of time.

Holland Mills Bridge commemoration

Nick circulated copies of some existing information plaques that have been placed by other structures and important landmarks in the Region. The Committee agreed that minimal text is advisable in order to make an impact with the plaque. A mixture of photographs and text to give key information about the bridge will be effective and share the history of the crossing. In order for the project to move forward, the text will need to be written and reviewed by Committee members. The heritage summer student will work on compiling the information gathered on the Holland Mills Bridge to date and prepare it for the Committee. Al (with input from other Committee members) will be able to add and adjust the information into a concise format for the plaque.

Information package for designated property owners

At a previous meeting, the Committee agreed that it would be useful to send an information package to owners of designated properties, especially those outside the Heritage Conservation District (since the owners within the Heritage Conservation District received letters a few years ago). Stephanie, along with Rene, agreed to assist with preparing the letter. Tracy can provide the letter that was used previously to send the property owners in the Heritage Conservation District. The package will provide the property owners with information about the heritage designation and what it means for owners. The package can also include information about resources available for renovation projects and grant money that may be available for such projects, as well as a copy of the designating by-law.

New Business

Ontario Heritage Conference recap

Nick attended the Ontario Heritage Conference held in Goderich this past weekend. He provided a summary of the sessions attended, and noted the keynote speaker addressed heritage economics and the link between heritage and economic development. Next year's conference will be held in Markham.

St. James Lutheran Church designation

With the formal designation of St. James Lutheran Church scheduled for this year, the Committee will need to complete the designation formal request to be sent to the Clerk's Department. Most of the information required has been collected, but it will need to be formatted into the main categories required for designation: architectural significance, historical significance, and contextual / community value.

Bethel Road House

Patty received a request from the owner of a stone farmhouse on Bethel Road inquiring about the process of designating the property. Marg and Patty visited the house and agreed that the house could be considered for the Non-Designated Register. The Committee agreed to look at the property in more detail with the fall update to the Register.

Adjournment – 8:35 pm

MOVED by Jenn

SECONDED by Rene

Next meeting – July 3rd, 2019