



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 3rd, 2019

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Marg Rowell, Rene Eby, Al Junker, Yvonne Zyma, Stephanie Massel, Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Scott Williams, Barry Fisher (Councillor), Tracy Loch (Curator), Grant Whittington (CAO)

Regrets: Patty Clarke, Jennifer Pfenning (Councillor)

Meeting was held at the Swartzentruber Room, Township of Wilmot. Meeting started at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome

Chairman Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. He started the meeting by sharing that on March 4th, 2019 Wilmot Council approved the inclusion of a Land Acknowledgement statement to be read at Council meetings as well as at meetings by committees appointed by Council. Nick read aloud the Land Acknowledgement statement for the Committee. He concluded that it would be a nice idea that this is read each meeting by a Committee member so it is shared.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Review of Minutes from March 6th, 2019

With one spelling correction of a member's last name the Minutes were accepted as presented.

MOVED by Rene

SECONDED by Barry

ALL in favour

Business

Non-Designated Register update

The list of the Township church buildings is almost complete. Nick complimented Marg and Yvonne on the work they have accomplished to date. Some of the historical information for each of the buildings is significantly more detailed than other properties on the Register and it was questioned how much to include. The Committee had a short discussion whether to keep as is, or delete some information. It was decided to keep the

information and that Tracy will keep a separate file for each building in which she will archive the more detailed information about the church histories. Tracy also noted that many church histories (most of which are published by the congregations) are available in the Reference Room.

Since Heritage Wilmot had postponed the presentation of the Non-Designated Register to Council, Tracy will follow up with the New Hamburg Christian Centre to let them know they can still be considered if they are interested. Some of the photos of properties on the Register need to be updated and Scott offered to assist. Once the Register is complete, Tracy will circulate the updated Register to the Committee for approval. Once it has been approved, it will be forwarded to Development Services for comment. The finalized document will be included with a staff report from Tracy at the May 27th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Action: Non-Designated Register to be finalized for the May 1st Heritage Wilmot Meeting

Designated Buildings

The Committee discussed providing an information package to current owners of designated heritage properties. The package would include information with respect to the designation, information about grant opportunities for repairs and other useful information. The Committee has provided similar packages to the owners of businesses within the New Hamburg Heritage District which received positive feedback. Stephanie offered to assist with preparing information for the property owners.

Rene enquired about the status of the designation intentions of St. James Lutheran Church. Nick shared that the Committee intends to have the Non-Designated Register approved by Council first before proceeding. Tracy advised that she has been in touch with a Church council member and discussions have already taken place as to their timing for a historic plaque unveiling ceremony perhaps in October. Once the Register is approved, a letter to the Clerk from Heritage Wilmot will be required to start the designation process.

Holland Mills Bridge

Nick enquired about the status of the bridge plaque. In his research, Al was able to find information about the settlement of Holland Mills. This might be useful to use in the commemorative plaque, as little information can be found specifically about the bridge. Tracy received some information from a reader of the Baden Outlook. The Committee already had the information, but it was nice to see someone had reached out because of the ad. Yvonne suggested that she will contact the Region of Waterloo, who may be able to provide information about the plaque template and company they have used for plaque installations. Tracy will circulate to the Committee photographs and templates of other plaques she has created from various locations so that the Committee can discuss this further at the next meeting.

Heritage Day 2020

The Committee discussed possible themes for the next Heritage Day. The event will take place on February 22, 2020. The Committee agreed that Places of Worship would be fitting since the updated Non-Designated Register will include churches in the Township.

It was also agreed that since the turnout for this event will see more people, that the event should be held at the St. Agatha Community Centre. Tracy will inquire to see whether the space would be available on that date.

Non-Designated Register Fieldwork

Once all churches are added to the Register, the next focus for the Non-Designated Register will be including all schools (currently operating and converted into private residences) within Wilmot. It was discussed that if non-operating schools are being added, that non-operating churches could be included as well during the 2019 updates.

Correspondence and Information Sharing

Letter from New Dundee Women's Institute

Nick shared an email from The New Dundee Women's Institute thanking the Committee for including them in Heritage Day. They expressed praise for the event and noted that they would be pleased to provide lunches at the next Heritage Day.

Castle Kilbride

Tracy provided an overview about the chimneys at Castle Kilbride that are in need of repair this year. Since Castle Kilbride is a designated building, Tracy wanted to seek Heritage Wilmot's support with this project. The current chimneys were repaired in 2005 using reclaimed bricks, and its design was slightly altered to try and improve the issue. Unfortunately, these bricks have been spalling and all four chimneys need to be rebuilt. The new chimneys will feature colour-matched new bricks rebuilt in the original 1877 style. This will align more with the historical integrity of the building and its Italianate architecture.

Tracy shared that she just signed a contract for the filming of "Anne with and E" from April 7th to 9th at Castle Kilbride. They will also be in downtown New Hamburg to film on location there. The footage will be used during the third season of the series, set to air in the fall of 2019.

ACO Bus Tours

The North Waterloo branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario will be leading a bus tour to visit Carnegie Library buildings in the local area. The tour will be held on April 27th at a cost of \$60/person. This cost will also include a lunch. Tickets can be purchased through EventBrite. Marg will email Tracy the advertisement to circulate to Committee members.

New Hamburg Board of Trade

Grant shared that The New Hamburg Board of Trade is beginning a pilot project of beautification for the downtown core of New Hamburg. They are currently finalizing the plans. They hope to tie in the project with upcoming public works projects. Once the design is finalized, Heritage Wilmot will be updated on developments with this project.

Adjournment – 8:12 pm

MOVED by Rene

SECONDED by Stephanie

Next meeting – May 1st, 2019