



**HERITAGE WILMOT**  
Township of Wilmot

**Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee**

Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Marg Rowell, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Rene Eby. Tracy Loch (Curator), Councillor Barry Fisher

Regrets: Al Junker, Scott Williams, Councillor Jennifer Pfenning

Meeting was held virtually. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

**Welcome**

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. Councillor Barry Fisher then read the Territorial Acknowledgment.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Review of Minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

MOVED by Yvonne

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

**Business**

**1522 Bethel Road: Request for Advice**

The property owner has contacted Heritage Wilmot looking for advice on repairs to the wood trim and gingerbread details on the 1860 stone building.

Nick was able to visit the property to get a sense of the overall project. He mentioned that work was needed to repair the soffits and fascia as well as trim work. Some areas along the roofline were also identified by the property owner as needing proper sealing with caulking or spray foam. The gingerbread work and trim details are proposed to be scraped and sanded before being repainted. Some areas of the detail work will need some wood filler, but not much requiring replacement. Most of the damage is due to age and weathering and there is not much wood rot. Nick was also able to share some photographs with the Committee that he had taken during his visit to the property.

**MOTION:** to support the repairs and painting of wood trim and gingerbread details needed on the house at 1522 Bethel Road. In addition, Tracy and Nick to prepare a

letter of support on behalf of the Committee for the project. The letter will be added to the application for a grant from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation.

MOVED by Patty  
SECONDED by Rene  
ALL in favour

### **Heritage Week Planning**

Tracy recently sent the Committee an email detailing some of the projects that the Committee will have in place for Heritage Week in February. She also shared a new graphic highlighting Heritage Week 2022 that has been designed by Sherri for social media posts during the week.

Tracy is also looking for any members who may be interested in writing a brief article about heritage for the local newspapers. Yvonne has submitted an article about bridges and would be nice to have another one or two articles. The New Hamburg Independent and the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette are both featuring articles in support of Heritage Week. Nick had an interview with the Gazette in which he discussed some of the projects in which Heritage Wilmot is involved.

Members of the Committee also discussed other ways they could engage the community during Heritage Week. They discussed the possibility of creating a “Did You Know?” questionnaire (that has been done in previous years) that could be formatted for virtual interaction via social media. Rene offered to share a past trivia that the Committee once used that could be updated to engage the public. He also suggested advertising what is available within the Township Archives as well as what the Archives might be interested in collecting as a way to inform and educate the community.

### **Non-Designated Register**

The Committee discussed the ongoing / planned work related to the Register. Tracy has emailed the sub-committee with a list of photographs that are recommended to be retaken. She will also re-circulate the listing to the entire Committee.

### **2022 Work Plan for Heritage Wilmot**

Tracy will be piecing together the items the Committee discussed at the December meeting that will create the work program for the Committee in 2022. The Committee will also look at the calendar and discuss possible deadlines for these projects so proper focus can be given to these projects.

### **Waterlot Update**

The property owner has submitted an application for consideration for a grant from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation for repairs to the building. They should be receiving a follow-up in the next few weeks and will keep the Committee informed.

## **Cultural Heritage Landscape Project Update**

A presentation by Bridget Coady, Principal Planner with The Region of Waterloo, was made to Wilmot Township Council on Monday night. She provided Council with an update to the project and some of the preliminary findings. Tracy reached out to Bridget to ask if there was anything Heritage Wilmot could do to support the project.

## **New Business**

### **Draft Heritage Wilmot meeting dates**

Tracy has created a draft copy of upcoming Committee meeting dates. Members of the Committee agreed that keeping the schedule of meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. will work well. Tracy suggested cancelling the December meeting in favour of a later November meeting, since December is a challenging time for meetings with events and year-end planning.

The Committee also discussed the upcoming municipal election in the fall. Tracy will confirm the official end date of the current Committee term. Once the term has ended, interested Committee Members will need to re-apply to Heritage Wilmot.

## **Correspondence and Info Sharing**

### **Wagler Property**

Rene asked whether or not the owner of the Wagler Property (1138 Snyder's Road West) has submitted an application to the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation. Tracy confirmed that to her knowledge an application has not been submitted.

### **Bridge Street Bridge**

Wilmot Council has been presented with the Environmental Assessment that has recommended building a new bridge in the current location. Possible relocation and repurposing of the existing bridge would cost an estimated \$620,000 (although some of that cost would be associated with demolition regardless). The assessment of this relocation will take place in the summer of 2022. Nick had submitted a letter on behalf of Heritage Wilmot indicating the Committee's interest in the bridge's heritage value, which was part of the Council package for the meeting. Nick was also sent the letter of completion for the Environmental Assessment and he will circulate to the Committee.

### **Museum Selfie Day**

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was Museum Selfie Day. Castle Kilbride staff posted ~~several~~ selfies on social media in support of the day. The day is meant to recognize museums and the work they do within the community.

**Adjournment** – 7:48 p.m.  
MOVED by Barry

**Next meeting** – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm