



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 7th, 2021

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

Regrets: Scott Williams, Rene Eby

Meeting was held virtually. Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.

Welcome

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. Councillor Pfenning read the Land Acknowledgment.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Review of Minutes from February 10, 2021

Correction to Minutes – Al indicated that the Bridge Street bridge was one of four truss bridges remaining in the Region of Waterloo. The Bridge Street bridge is in fact one of four remaining bridges within the Township of Wilmot.

MOVED by Jenn
SECONDED by Al
ALL in favour

Business

Non-Designated Heritage Register inventory update

The list of school buildings within Wilmot Township has been completed. Marg was able to complete architectural descriptions using the photographs Yvonne had taken. The list includes some buildings that are considered mid-century modern in design. Currently, the Committee has very few of these buildings on the list, but they are becoming increasingly significant as they now fall within the broader heritage timeframe. Marg presented the Committee with the list of school buildings which included the name, year built and address of each property. The list is as follows using their original settlement location:

1. U.S.S. # 1 & 3 Wilmot Township: New Dundee Public School (Built 1928)
Bridge Street, New Dundee

2. U.S.S. #5 Wilmot Township: St. James' School (Built 1886) Huron Road, Haysville
3. S.S. # 6 Wilmot Township: Haysville School (now Haysville Community Centre) (Built 1889) Huron Road, Haysville
4. S.S. # 7 Wilmot Township: Pinehill School (Built 1886) Huron Road, Pinehill
5. S.S. # 11 Wilmot Township: Cressman's School (Built 1897) Bleams Road, New Hamburg
6. S.S. #12 Wilmot Township: Hostetler's School (Built 1900) Christner Road, New Hamburg
7. S.S. #14 Wilmot Township: Petersburg School (Built 1923) Snyder's Road, Petersburg
8. S.S. # 16 Wilmot Township: Schmidt School (Built 1908) Sandhills Road, Baden
9. S.S. # 18 Wilmot Township: New Prussia School (Built 1859) Berlett's Road, New Prussia
10. S.S. # 19 Wilmot Township: Horn's School/Berlett's Corner School (Built 1857) 2502 Berlett's Road, Berlett's Corner
11. Grandview Public School (Built 1949) Huron Place, New Hamburg
12. Waterloo Oxford District Secondary School (Built 1955) Snyder's Road West, Baden
13. Holy Family Catholic School (Built 1959) Huron Street, New Hamburg
14. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy/formerly Wilmot Senior Public School; (date to be confirmed) 2483 Bleams Road, New Hamburg
15. Former St. Agatha Catholic School (Built in 1958) 1869 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha
16. Carizon Family and Community Services/formerly North Wilmot Public School; (Built 1965). 2400 Erb's Road, St. Agatha
17. Forest Glen Public School (Built in 1974) 437 Waterloo Street, New Hamburg
18. Beckdale Farms (Built c.1880) 1149 Snyder's Road, Baden

Previously, the Committee had discussed whether property owners needed to be informed of the addition of their property to the Non-Designated Register. Nick and

Yvonne had researched this topic since the last meeting, and confirmed for the Committee that the *Ontario Heritage Act* does not currently require notification to the property owner. However, upcoming changes to the *Act* will require the property owner to be notified after the property is added to the Register. Jenn reinforced that the addition of a property to the Non-Designated Register does not change the status of the property or the owner's ability to change anything. It simply adds it to a list to indicate its significance. It does provide Heritage Wilmot the ability to have a 60-day delay on any demolition request in the event that the Committee would like to move forward with a recommendation to Council to formerly designate a property in response to a request for demolition.

MOTION: for the proposed list of buildings be added to the Non-Designated Register.

MOVED by Yvonne

SECONDED by Marg

ALL in favour

Tracy will send a formal letter and information package to the owners of these listed properties. Once they have had a chance to review and address comments and concerns, the finalized list will be presented to Council for approval.

Bridge Street Bridge EA - Update

The Environmental Assessment for the bridge is currently in progress. The study, which began last summer, is looking at replacement of the bridge with a new structure. The study also indicates that the bridge has significant heritage value. It was noted there are some errors identified in the heritage component of the study which would require further discussion so the study could be updated and corrected. The Bridge Street Bridge has been recognized in studies completed by the Region of Waterloo as well as the Grand River Conservation Authority. The Committee discussed many possibilities for preserving the bridge's historical significance including: using it as a pedestrian bridge, adding historic signage or plaque nearby.

Nick will put together a draft letter including comments made by the Committee. Once it has been drafted, he will circulate to the Committee for comments. The letter will then be sent to the Township as well as the EA consultants. Al volunteered to put together an outline of the corrections to be made to the historic significance section of the study, which he will provide for Nick to input into the letter.

Cultural Heritage Landscape project

The Cultural Heritage Landscape project being completed by the Region of Waterloo with the University of Waterloo (with partnership with Wilmot's Development Services & Heritage Wilmot) has had its soft launch of the website. Tracy informed the Committee that the project looks into the areas in great detail and members will be excited to see the site. Once the website has officially launched, Heritage Wilmot will be circulated with the address and information. Tracy asked members to start thinking about potential places to include for Wilmot. It is hoped that at the next meeting, the Committee can begin to compile a list that can be added to the project.

New Business

Heritage Permit - 1677 Snyder's Road East (former Blue Moon)

The owners of the former Blue Moon building are preparing to replace the roof on the building. Since it is a designated property, they have circulated the Committee for comment regarding roof replacement and shingle choice. The Committee encouraged an application to the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation for a grant to assist with the cost of the roof should they choose to and should the project meet heritage requirements. If the church were to have the roofing material considered for a grant, it is likely the type and style of roof would need to match the criteria for the heritage conservation to be considered.

MOTION: to approve the plans to replace the roof at 1677 Snyder's Road East with the two-layer asphalt shingle.

MOVED by Jenn

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

Heritage Permit - 210 Mill Street (Imperial Hotel)

The travel office located within the building is looking to replace the exterior sign as there has been a change of ownership for this business. The new sign will be mounted in the same way as the previous one and will cover the band as it does now. The only significant change will be the name of the business. The Committee reviewed the details of the application and did not express any concerns.

MOTION: to approve the proposed sign for 210 Mill Street in New Hamburg.

MOVED by AI

SECONDED by Jenn

ALL in favour

Roundtable / information sharing

Marg shared that there was an article in the local newspaper that the mill in New Hamburg will be for sale in the near future. The mill is located in with the Heritage Conservation District (Classification A). It was shared that Development Services would circulate Heritage Wilmot on any changes that would affect this property.

The Committee discussed changing the time at which the regular meeting takes place. A few members cannot attend at the current time and so the Committee agreed that moving back to the former time of 6:30pm would allow the other members to attend. Tracy will make the necessary changes to the schedule.

Nick shared that he was interviewed by the Wilmot Post about Heritage Wilmot and his work on the Committee. The article is now in the current publication. Tracy indicated she would share the article once she has received a copy.

Adjournment – 5:26 p.m.

MOVED by Jenn

Next meeting – May 5th, 2021 at 6:30pm – TBA