



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of June 9th, 2021

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

Regrets: Scott Williams, Rene Eby, Councillor Barry Fisher

Meeting was held virtually. Meeting started at 6:33 p.m.

Welcome

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Review of Minutes from May 12, 2021

MOVED by Al

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

Business

Non-Designated Inventory – final coordination

Marg and Yvonne have completed the inventory of school buildings within the Township to be included for consideration on the Non-Designated Register. Letters advising each property owner were mailed in April by Tracy along with a pamphlet that provides further explanation. Tracy shared that she is currently having conversations with a few property owners to provide further details about what it means to be included on the Non-Designated Inventory. Once she is able to finalize these conversations, the Committee will be informed if there are any property owners who wish to still remain off the list so Heritage Wilmot is aware of the next steps.

Members of the Committee discussed whether or not it was mandatory to have the property owner's permission in order to include the property on the Non-Designated Register recommended to Council. Nick confirmed with the

Committee that updates to the *Ontario Heritage Act* will soon require that the property owner receive notification when their property is being added to the listing. To date, Heritage Wilmot has been following this protocol for over 20 years and have been seen as trailblazers by the heritage community.

Further discussion took place as some members felt that not including all the school buildings based on one or two property owner's request would devalue the inventory that Heritage Wilmot has built for the Township. Others felt that going against the wishes of the property owners could create tension between the Committee and the public. To reaffirm what the Committee already followed based on previous protocol, members decided to vote again so members were on the same page leaving the ultimate decision to Council to decide should a property owner request not to be included based on Heritage Wilmot's recommendation.

MOTION: If a property owner does not wish to be included on the Non-Designated Register, that the property will not be included on the inventory.

MOVED by Marg

SECONDED by Al

DEFEATED

Cultural Heritage Landscape project follow-up

Tracy informed the Committee that the Cultural Heritage Landscape project was also presented to Wilmot Council. The link to the project website is listed on the Township's website at www.wilmot.ca. Nick reminded the Committee to take a look at the website and to see how information and details can be added. It was suggested to invite Bridget Coady from the Region to provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting. Nick asked Tracy if she could reach out to Bridget to setup the meeting.

Holland Mills Bridge plaque

Tracy has sent out the current version of the text for the plaque and has reminded the Committee to provide any feedback they may have. Tracy asked for any volunteers to work on the text for the plaque and to have it reduced a little more. Yvonne, Patty and Al have all volunteered to assist. Al mentioned that it might be a good idea to include a QR code on the plaque that would link to any additional information about the bridge that might be found after the plaque is installed. Tracy is hoping to include information about the bridge on the Heritage Wilmot website, so the QR code could potentially link to that.

Al also pointed out that the Bender Bridge and Haysville Bridge do not currently have plaques, and as such it might be a good project for further down the road. This could also be paired with a future 'Bridges of Wilmot Township' section on the Heritage Wilmot website.

New Business

Heritage Permit: 39 Snyder's Road West, Baden (Baden Hotel)

The property owner would like to make some updates to the buildings on the west-facing façade of the building. The changes would include: an accessible ramp with railing, the centre window opening being replaced with a door and a new window to the right of the door. The plans indicate that nothing of historical note on the building will be covered or hidden by the ramp. The windows and doorway will keep with the style and characters of the others windows on the west façade.

MOTION: to support the proposed changes to the west façade of the building.

MOVED by Jenn

SECONDED by AI

ALL in favour

Information Sharing

The *Ontario Heritage Act* is currently being updated. In addition, the Province of Ontario is updating the Ontario Heritage Toolkit, which is a collection of documents providing information about heritage planning and designations. There is a draft version available on the Province's website.

Adjournment – 7:38 p.m.

MOVED by AI

Next meeting – July 14, 2021 at 6:30pm (tentative)