



**HERITAGE WILMOT**  
Township of Wilmot

**Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee**

Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Marg Rowell, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Scott Williams, Al Junker, Tracy Loch (Curator), Councillor Barry Fisher, Councillor Jennifer Pfenning, Harold O’Krafka (Director of Development Services)

Regrets: Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Rene Eby

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 Pfenning then read the Territorial Acknowledgment.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Review of Minutes from October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

MOVED by Jenn  
SECONDED by Patty  
ALL in favour

**Business**

**Non-Designated Register – Work Plan 2021-2022**

Marg and Yvonne are currently working on completing the remaining properties along Snyder’s Road in the rural areas. They were also able to look at some of the bridges in the Township. Marg identified the bridge on Waterloo-Oxford Road as being of interest. It is a camelback through truss bridge built in 1912. It is very similar to the Bridge Street Bridge, which is currently going through an Environmental Assessment. The Oxford-Waterloo Road bridge is in much better condition. Marg and Yvonne are currently looking at bridges that are located on roadways, but it might be of interest to the Committee to research other types of bridges like train bridges, pedestrian bridges, etc.

The Committee also discussed the photograph update project, which has been assigned to the sub-committee. Marg had previously created a list of photographs from the Non-Designated Register that could be updated, and Tracy is currently comparing that list to existing photographs of properties that have trees and other items obstructing the view of the building. Tracy noted it would be useful to add new photos of the Designated properties to the photograph list. Tracy will circulate the list, and also offered to set up a virtual meeting for the sub-committee so they can plan to divide the list and begin with the project.

### **Bridge Street Bridge EA**

Nick was able to complete the Heritage Wilmot comment letter, with assistance from Yvonne and Jenn, using the comments provided by the Committee. It has been sent to the project manager for review. Nick has not received a response as of yet, but will update the Committee once they respond.

### **New Business**

#### **The Waterlot – proposed renovations and request for letter of support**

The new owners of the Waterlot are in the process of organizing some renovations to the building. They are working with Bob Zehr from Nith Valley Construction and the architect on the project is Laird Robertson. Currently, planned renovations include restoration of the brickwork and foundation. Future projects may include work on the cupola, porch, windows and landscaping. Harold indicated he would circulate the Committee information for comment as it becomes available.

The owner is putting together a grant application to the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation, to assist with the renovation of the brickwork and foundation. To assist with their application, they have requested a letter of support from Heritage Wilmot.

**MOTION:** To prepare a letter of support for the restoration/renovation of the brickwork and foundation of the Waterlot property, to be submitted with the application to the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation grant.

MOVED by Yvonne  
SECONDED by AI  
ALL in favour

Nick and Tracy will prepare a letter of support and provide to the property owner.

AI also mentioned that the previous owners of the Waterlot have items that may be of interest to the Township archives. He will contact the individuals and inquire as to where the items may be going now.

### **Heritage Week**

The Committee discussed Heritage Week. It was agreed that next year's Heritage Day event will most likely be virtual due to the ongoing pandemic. There is the possibility of having a virtual presence for the week as was done in 2021. There

could also be a virtual event-style day that could occur on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, which would have been the date of the in-person event.

Tracy suggested that the Committee create articles or small write-ups that could be posted to social media as was done last year. The community often enjoys more personal stories and details about the members. This may be a good way to showcase these. She also discussed having pre-recorded videos that could be shared. Nick suggested a guided walking tour for people to listen to while exploring the walks on their own, which could be done for the 3 printed walking tours (New Hamburg, New Dundee and Baden) that the Committee has already produced. The Committee also discussed the possibility of having QR codes placed along the tours similar to what was done with Vintage Views. Potential partnerships for video-recording were discussed, and both Yvonne and Tracy mentioned Waterloo-Oxford as well as Conestoga College. Anyone from the Committee who might have other suggestions is asked to reach out to Tracy.

The Committee also discussed a possible Heritage Edition of the New Hamburg Independent or other local papers. Tracy has not yet been contacted, but several members of the Committee suggested that it might be appropriate to reach out to local-owned publications like the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette or Baden Outlook to feature content for Heritage Week.

Nick offered to assist Tracy and others who are interested in creating a plan for Heritage Week and working on a schedule for stories and social media postings.

### **Correspondence / Information Sharing**

#### **Property sales**

Members of the Committee noted that Livingston Presbyterian Church white house, which was the original Baden Hotel were both sold. There are no details about the new owners or possible renovation plans for these buildings.

#### **Remembrance Day**

The staff of Castle Kilbride have been working on a project *Wilmot Remembers*. It will feature QR codes around the Township that will feature local veterans who were deployed in the various wars from WWI to the Korean War. With the museum leading the project, Development Services, Ernie Ritz and the New Hamburg Legion have all provided support to Castle Kilbride staff with this project. An educational component was also created and shared with the local schools and available online. The project aimed to give a story and a face to those people from Wilmot Township who have served.

**Adjournment – 7:20 p.m.**

MOVED by Barry

**Next meeting – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm**