



HERITAGE WILMOT

Township of Wilmot
Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of May 11th, 2022

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

Regrets: Scott Williams, 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. He read the Territorial Acknowledgment.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Review of Minutes April 13th, 2022

MOVED by Marg
SECONDED Jenn
ALL in favour

Business

Waterlot – Update and presentation

Nick introduced Laird Robertson and Philip Coelho from NEO Architects to give a presentation on the proposed renovations for the Waterlot property on behalf of their client, the property owner.

The proposal includes a live-in area for the property owner including the development of three other apartments. An addition to the rear of the property would help to create space for these apartments as well as an area for the existing catering business, a garage for the owner and washrooms to be made available to the public at outdoor events.

The property owner is keen on preserving the historic integrity of the building while still creating space for the apartments and the existing business. The design proposes to have the addition echo features from the original building and compliment it by referencing some of the historic features in a more contemporary way.

Marg enquired whether the windows in the building were original and the architect confirmed they appeared to be. Al added that windows are defining elements to a house, and he felt that replacing them with new windows would take away from the character of the building if this was a consideration. He also commented that properly re-glazed windows with storm inserts are as energy-efficient as newer designs.

Jenn asked about the design element of shifting from the historic to the more contemporary. The architect explained the intention was to have the addition to the building be at the back of the property and use materials and colours to compliment the original structure.

Yvonne commented that she was unclear as to how the darkness of the addition towards the back (that faces the river) related to the rest of the design. She further expressed a concern that the addition had a heaviness that did not feel cohesive with the rest of the design. After discussion, the architect shared that the next steps in the project will be submitting plans and permits for review to the Township. When finalized, Heritage Wilmot will be circulated for comments on the plans.

Non-Designated Heritage Register update

Jenn and Yvonne have taken photographs of key properties on the Non-Designated and Designated Registers that were selected for updating. For a handful of remaining properties, coordination will be made with the property owner. They have also completed the assessments of the remaining properties on Snyder's Road East, which now completes the Township's rural areas. The next steps will be to begin the assessments on properties within the downtown core of New Hamburg but are outside of the Heritage Conservation District (HCD).

In relation to assessing properties, Tracy shared that she is working on updating an existing document that she began with Marg of architectural styles found within the Township. It will include examples specific to Wilmot Township as well as brief descriptions of the typical features of each style. She will be working with Taylor who will review with Marg.

Baden Mill/Formal Livingston Mill update

Nick provided an update about the walk-through of the former Livingston Mill property. Members of the committee met the property owner to tour and were able to document through photographs prior to the demolition of the silos. The

committee discussed whether there were any objects or features of importance to salvage, and nothing was noted. Demolition of the silos is now underway. Al shared that he has been documenting it. He also shared that the property owner would like to have copies of the photographs that were taken.

New Business

Heritage Impact Assessment overview

Nick advised he had discussed with Development Services staff the topic of Heritage Impact Assessment terms of reference. He noted the Committee could develop Wilmot-specific guidance, or follow the Provincial guidelines contained within the Ontario Heritage Toolkit. Nick mentioned that some municipalities have developed their own with the Provincial guidelines as a reference, while others choose to adopt the Provincial guidelines entirely. Members of the Committee discussed that there would be a lot of cross-over and duplication if Heritage Wilmot would develop their own, and were comfortable with the Provincial direction.

MOTION: to formally accept using the Provincial Heritage Impact Assessment guidelines found within the Ontario Heritage Toolkit.

MOVED by Marg

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

Correspondence/Info Sharing

EJs Tavern

The business owner is updating the interior of the building. Tracy has been assisting the owner by providing heritage photographs as an option to enhance the interior.

Former Blue Moon Hotel

Marg commented that she has noticed that the building is starting to show some wear. Patty commented that she is happy to see how well-used the building is. Nick enquired with Harold whether property standards would apply and Harold confirmed it would not apply since the by-law is general in nature.

The Wagler Property, located at 1138 Snyder's Road West in Baden

Patty shared that she has made multiple attempts to contact the property owner to provide assistance without success. Tracy noted that the property owner did recently come to the Township offices for assistance. Patty will reach out again.

Adjournment – 8:15 p.m.

MOVED by Marg

Next meeting – June 8th, 2022 at 6:30pm