

Township of Wilmot Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of September 23rd, 2020

<u>Present</u>: Nick Bogaert, Marg Rowell, Rene Eby, Patty Clarke, Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Jennifer Pfenning (Councillor), Tracy Loch (Curator), Grant Whittington (CAO)

Regrets: Elisia Scagnetti, Al Junker, Yvonne Zyma, Scott Williams, Barry Fisher (Councillor)

Meeting was held in the Wilmot Community Room, Township of Wilmot. Meeting started at 6:32 p.m.

<u>Welcome</u>

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. Due to COVID-19, new protocol for the Committee was in place and members met in the Wilmot Community Room while exercising physical distancing during the meeting. Nick read the Land Acknowledgement.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Review of Minutes from March 4th, 2020

MOVED by Marg SECONDED by Rene ALL in favour

<u>Business</u>

75 Huron Street (New Hamburg)

The Committee reviewed and discussed the renovations proposed for the building, and in particular the revised submission that was sent to Heritage Wilmot for review. The proposed work includes a building addition, interior and exterior renovations and new lighting. Committee members were supportive of the work being undertaken, as it meets the intent of the Heritage Conservation District Plan, and is in keeping with best practices ensuring that historic materials are restored and new additions are different from the existing building. Nick will prepare comments from the Committee to the applicant and Township staff.

St. James Church (Baden)

The Committee discussed the proposed work on the steeple including replacement of the louvers due to condition. The Committee was supportive of the work proposed, and requested that the church consider obtaining a 3rd quote to include with their grant application to the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation. The additional quote would provide

additional support for the application and help to obtain support. Nick will prepare a letter to the Church indicating support for the work and for the application to the Foundation.

Non-Designated Register

Marg reported that her and Yvonne will be visiting the areas of the Township shortly to inventory all remaining schools. They will endeavor to complete the work this fall, weather and COVID-19 restrictions permitting. Marg requested a large Township map and historical information, which Tracy will compile for her. The Committee discussed other potential revisions to the Non-Designated Register as part of the next update as well.

There was discussion about potential demolition of older buildings not on the Register and if there is any process by which the Committee could be notified, so that they may visit the property to document the building from the road. Nick will follow up with Development Services staff to inquire about what may be possible.

New Business

Baden Hotel / EJs

The Committee discussed the proposed renovations to the building, including removal of bricked-in windows, installation of some new windows, and painting exterior elements. Members were generally supportive of the work, and asked that it be confirmed that any replacement windows would also be 6/6 like the current windows before final comments are prepared. Nick and Tracy will follow up with the applicant and prepare comments on behalf of the Committee.

1145 Christner Road

The Committee discussed the proposed building renovations, addition, and new garage. It is proposed to also continue to utilize the existing garage for agricultural purposes. The Committee was supportive of the proposed work, as it does not impact the heritage attributes of the designation and compliments the main building.

81-85 Peel Street (New Hamburg)

The owner started on some building maintenance work to remove some loose stucco on the building, and discovered brick underneath in good condition. The owner is interested in potentially exposing additional bricked areas and restoring the storefront. The Committee had no concerns with the work but recommended the owner be made aware the light-colored brick is soft and will require care as the work is undertaken. Tracy and Nick will follow up with the owner and ask to be kept up to date as work continues.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment – 8:41 pm MOVED by Al

Next meeting - TBD