



# HERITAGE WILMOT

## Township of Wilmot Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Present: Nick Bogaert, Elisia Scagnetti, Marg Rowell, Al Junker, Rene Eby, Yvonne Zyma, Patty Clarke, Scott Williams, Barry Fisher (Councillor), Tracy Loch (Curator), Grant Whittington (CAO)

Regrets: Artem Voytsekhovskiy, Jennifer Pfenning (Councillor)

Guest: Matt Seegmiller, Seegmiller Architect

Meeting was held at the Swartzentruber Room, Township of Wilmot. Meeting started at 6:40 p.m.

### Welcome

Chairperson Nick Bogaert welcomed the Committee members to the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee meeting. Nick read the Land Acknowledgement.

### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

### New Business

#### **Heritage Permit Application: 75 Huron Street**

Mr. Seegmiller presented an overview of the project, which includes the main building as well as a coach house located to the rear. The plan is to renovate the top floors of the main building into residential spaces, as well as expand the living space. The plans include the addition of an elevator and two barrier-free units. A possible extension to the building would be on the vinyl-clad portion of the building at the rear. Other elements of the project could include replacement and/or repair of the window sills, replacement of shingles, converting a window at the back to a doorway and installing pot lights under the mansard roof line to illuminate the wall and walkway at the rear of the building. The project would only deal with the top floors of the building as the ground floor is leased as retail space. Ideally, the applicant would like to have the renovations completed in the fall, depending on the permit application process.

Tracy will look into older photographs of the building for reference of design and heritage aspects along with specific info pertaining to the HCD and forward to Mr. Seegmiller. Mr. Seegmiller will send Nick a ground floor plan for more of the vision and concept of the renovation. The Committee thanked Mr. Seegmiller for his time.

## **Review of Minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

MOVED by Scott  
SECONDED by AI  
ALL in favour

## **Business**

### **Heritage Day 2020 Recap**

The event was well-attended with approximately 208 people in attendance. There was positive feedback from the exhibitors, the general public regarding AI's presentation as well as the food provided by the Women's Institute. Tracy has some photographs from the day that she will share with the Committee at the next meeting. As for next year, the Committee plans to start preparing in June to have the theme chosen and the majority of the event planned early.

### **Information Package for Designated Property Owners**

The information package is being created to assist property owners of designated residential properties. The intent is to celebrate the property and let owners know about the tools and support that is available to them. Information could include: list of trades, contact information for Heritage Wilmot, a description of the Committee and information about possible grants. The ACO website is a good source to visit for this project. Barry and Rene will continue work on this project and report back to the Committee.

### **Request for Committee Support: 1138 Snyder's Road (Wagler property)**

Patty spoke with the property owners, and they are looking to replace the existing roof with a metal one. The owner is also interested in applying for a grant from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation. It is unclear if a metal roof would be supported for the heritage property. Tracy will scan the metal roof information for Patty to enquire with the Chair of the Heritage Foundation, John Glass for more information.

## **New Business (cont'd)**

### **Request for Committee Support: United Brethren Church in New Dundee**

A plaque was created for the Church during a past anniversary. It was erected at the front of the property, but then removed when the property was sold to a residential owner. The former members were hoping to have the plaque erected in front of the building once again to showcase the history of the property. Members of the Committee agreed to send a letter of thanks to the property owners and the former Church members for showcasing the plaque at Heritage Day, and encouraging it to be re-installed. It was also suggested that the church members might be able to locate the plaque at a secondary location, potentially in a public space.

### **Heritage Permit Application: 75 Huron Street cont'd**

The Committee further discussed the proposal for the renovation of the upper floors of the building. Generally, the Members of the Committee were pleased with the plan and direction of the work. Additional details about paint colours, lighting, roof colour and windows was requested by members of the Committee. These details will most likely be provided during the process as plans are finalized. Nick and Tracy will follow up with the architect with the additional information requested and also clarify the questions from the Committee.

### **Non-Designated Register – 2020 Work Plan**

The next phase of the non-designated register will be to add all the schools and former schools within the Township. The next update of the register should include the removal of the Baden Emporium (demolished) as well as St. James Lutheran Church (now designated). The Committee also plans to update any existing photographs with better quality ones.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Woolwich Planner**

Tracy received a complimentary re-tweet from the Planner at Woolwich Township regarding Wilmot Township's heritage signs in the settlement areas that were led by Heritage Wilmot. The photograph of the settlement area had been posted on Wilmot Township's Twitter feed and was the most re-tweeted post during Heritage Week.

#### **House in Haysville**

Al shared that a new building is being built on a property that includes a log cabin which is to be demolished. The Committee agreed that photographs should be taken before the log cabin is removed.

**Adjournment** – 8:32 pm

MOVED by Al

**Next meeting** – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020