



HERITAGE WILMOT
Township of Wilmot

Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee

Minutes of September 8th, 2021

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

Regrets: Scott Williams, Rene Eby, Al Junker

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 Barry Fisher read the Land Acknowledgment.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Nick Bogaert disclosed that his firm is currently working with one of the properties, Beckdale Farm, that will be discussed during the non-designated property final recommendations. As such, he indicated he would pass the Chair to Marg Rowell (as Vice-Chair) for that portion of the meeting.

Review of Minutes from June 9th, 2021

MOVED by Jenn

SECONDED by Artem

ALL in favour

Business

Non-Designated Inventory Register – final recommendation to Council

Before discussion occurred, Nick shared with the Committee that he will introduce and discuss the properties. However, due to his earlier disclosure of pecuniary interest he would shift the discussion pertaining to the property at 1149 Snyder's Road West (Beckdale Farms) to Vice-Chair Marg to lead.

The Non-Designated Register that Heritage Wilmot is proposing to present to Council includes a total of eighteen (18) properties; Seventeen (17) are schools ranging in dates from 1859 to 1973 and one is a residential property dating from the 19th century. Tracy received four general inquiries for clarification and was able to have conversations and answer questions from these property owners informing them about the purpose of the Heritage Registry. All individuals who had concerns are now agreeable to their properties being included on the inventory. One property

owner expressed interest about a designation that could be explored in 2022. Tracy will be providing this individual with a package of information to review.

Yvonne stated that there are minor edits still to be done to the write-ups on some properties but the list is complete. Marg and Yvonne were thanked for their hard work and dedication to the project.

The seventeen (17) school properties being discussed are:

1. S.S. #11 Cressman's School (3492 Bleam's Road, New Hamburg)
2. S.S. #12 Hostetler's School (1107 Christner Road, New Hamburg)
3. S.S. #18 New Prussia School (3254 Berlett's Road, New Prussia)
4. S.S. #7 Pinehill School (2653 Huron Road, Pinehill)
5. S.S. #19 Horn's Berlett's Corner School (2502 Berlett's Road, Berlett's Corner)
6. U.S.S. #5 St. James' School (4360 Huron Road, Haysville)
7. S.S. #6 Haysville School (3433 Huron Road, Haysville)
8. S. S. #16 Schmidt School (3812 Sandhills Road, Baden)
9. Formerly Wilmot Centre/Wilmot Senior Public School (2483 Bleam's Road, Wilmot Centre)
10. S.S. #14 Petersburg School (1786 Snyder's Road E, Petersburg)
11. U.S.S. 1 & 3 New Dundee Public School (1430 Bridge St, New Dundee)
12. Waterloo Oxford D.S.S (1206 Snyder's Road, Baden)
13. Grandview Public School (341 Huron Place, New Hamburg)
14. Holy Family Catholic School (313 Huron Road, New Hamburg)
15. Forest Glen Public School (437 Waterloo St, New Hamburg)
16. Former St. Agatha Catholic School (1869 Notre Dame Dr., St. Agatha)
17. Formerly North Wilmot Public School (3601 Sandhills Road, Baden)

MOTION: to recommend all seventeen (17) school properties, listed above, be added to the Non-Designated Register.

MOVED by Jenn

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

Nick vacated the Chair position and turned the meeting over to Marg, who then discussed the property at 1149 Snyder's Road West (Beckdale Farms). She provided an overview about the property describing it as a yellow brick, 2 storey, Italianate-style house with quoins and original small-paned windows. This property was originally considered for the Non-Designated Register in 2015 and it now being considered for the second time. Tracy shared that she just recently received an objection for this property to not be included with the inventory. In the previous meeting, the Committee voted in favour (and is following the Ontario Heritage Act) of including a property on the Non-Designated Register despite a property owner's objection. Tracy advised that the property owner has been invited to the Council

meeting as a delegate to express his concerns. Jenn inquired about the owner's objection and the Committee was informed that the owner was concerned about possible issues relating to future development on the site. Tracy is still in discussion with this property owner.

MOTION: to add Beckdale Farms (1149 Snyder's Road West) to the Non-Designated Register.

MOVED by Jenn

SECONDED by Yvonne

ALL in favour

Nick then resumed as Chair and the Committee discussed the two (2) properties that need to be removed from the current Non-Designated Register. This is more of a housekeeping item for the Register, so that it remains accurate and up to date:

1. 43 Snyder's Road, Baden (Steinman's Furniture) – this building has since been demolished.
2. 66 Mill Street, Baden (St. James Lutheran Church) – this building was formerly designated under Part IV.

MOTION: to remove the above properties from the Non-Designated Register.

MOVED by Marg

SECONDED by Patty

ALL in favour

Heritage Wilmot will present and recommend that these 18 properties be added to the Non-Designated Register at the next Council meeting for consideration. This meeting will be held, virtually, on September 27th, 2021. Marg will present to Council on behalf of the Committee.

Once the inventory is complete with the updates and minor edits, Tracy will circulate the document to the Committee.

Bridge Street Bridge EA

An Environmental Assessment is currently taking place to determine what steps should be taken to update the current bridge located on Bridge Street. A revised heritage report with minor revisions from an earlier version has been released and circulated for comment. There are several recommendations regarding potential options for the current bridge at the end of the report, with the recommended action being to document, remove and build a new bridge with the addition of a historical plaque on site. Further consultation will be taking place later in the fall.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that another truss bridge in the Township seems to be slated for removal, which will result in another loss of this type of structure. Nick offered to write a letter providing comments on behalf of the Committee, including highlighting the potential for the bridge to remain in some capacity. Members of the Committee are asked to send any comments and concerns they would like to have included to Nick via email. Nick will then work on providing a comment letter to the project Engineers.

Holland Mills Bridge plaque

The latest version of the write-up for the plaque has been circulated to the Committee. The text has been edited, and the next step is to look at placement of the text on the overall design of the plaque and include photographs and other visual aids. Tracy is looking into ways to include the pin(s) from the bridge in the design of the plaque. Once the layout is complete, Tracy will circulate to the Committee to comment. Tracy also mentioned that one pin from the bridge will be accessioned into the Township's artifact collection.

New Business

Cultural Heritage Landscape project

Region of Waterloo project staff had a scheduling conflict and were unable to attend tonight's meeting. They will instead attend the next Heritage Wilmot meeting to be held in October. Tracy reminded the Committee to review the website for the project and to continue adding to it.

98 Peel Street – proposed masonry repair

The Planning Department was contacted by the property owner who is looking to have some masonry repairs done above the front door. Tracy and Nick will be in discussion with the property owner and will mention the Regional Heritage Foundation's funding. They hope to have more updates for the next meeting.

Correspondence / Info Sharing

Culture Days

Culture Days is a Provincial event that will take place this year between September 24th and October 24th. Most events will be held virtually this year, with some taking place in-person. Tracy is currently working with staff to develop ways to engage the community by promoting Wilmot.

Wilmot Horticultural Society

Yvonne discussed some restoration to the landscaping that will be taking place at Castle Kilbride. A contract is currently working on an updated design using Wendy Shearer's original version as guidance.

Livingston Presbyterian Church

The church property is currently for sale. Barry asked about specifics related to the designation and what types of things would be affected for the potential new owners. Tracy informed the Committee that the designation will carry over to the new property owners, so that all the currently-protected aspects of the church will continue to be protected. The church has also been transferring documents to the Township collection as operations wind down. These documents will further enhance the collection already existing about Livingston Presbyterian Church and will help to add more information to the historic context of the building and the Livingston family.

Adjournment – 7:10 p.m.

MOVED by Jenn

Next meeting – October 13th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.