

The meeting of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Athol Hart, Chair
Councillor Hempen
Billie Locke
Soni Felix Raj
Joan Seddon
Malcolm Watts

Absent: Rohit Singh

Staff Present: D. Ruggle, Senior Planner, Community Planning
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

A. Hart in the Chair.

The Chair provided an overview of the Committee's mandate for the benefit of the public in attendance and advised that the order of the agenda would be amended to address Item 8 b) Main Street Clocktower - 178-180 Main Street. In addition, he advised those in attendance that they would be provided with an opportunity to address the Committee on the matter should they wish to do so.

Additions & Corrections to Agenda

Moved by: Malcolm Watts
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the order of the agenda be amended to address Item 8 b) Main Street Clocktower - 178-180 Main Street first;

AND THAT any deputations related to Item 8 b) be included in the agenda.

Carried

Declarations of Interest

None.

Presentations/Deputations

1. Ms. Anne Martin, Co-Chair, Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management addressed the Committee regarding a motion made by the BIA related to the Main Street Clocktower - 178-180 Main Street development application at their December 15, 2015 meeting and advised of the BIA's desire to view a shadow study and an accurate rendering of the proposed development. She provided a photograph slide show of a similar development at Yonge Street and Centre Street in Aurora and expressed concern related to the mass of the proposed structure at Park Avenue and Main Street. She suggested that other areas of Newmarket may be better suited to the proposed development.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen

Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the deputation by Ms. Anne Martin, Co-Chair, Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management regarding the Main Street Clocktower – 178-180 Main Street be received.

Carried

2. Mr. Doug Booth, Chair, Trinity United Church Board of Trustees addressed the Committee with concerns related to the proposed height, shadows being cast on the Church, parking, water flow and potential structural damage associated with the proposed development and possible increased insurance needs. He suggested that the height of the proposed development not exceed the height of the church spire and that the angles of the proposed development be considered such that the design will mitigate any shadow issues.

Moved by: Malcolm Watts

Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the deputation by Mr. Doug Booth, Chair, Trinity United Church Board of Trustees regarding the Main Street Clocktower – 178-180 Main Street and associated correspondence be received;

Carried

3. Mr. Gordon Prentice, resident, addressed the Committee with his concerns related to the proposed development, and suggested that the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee use its influence to persuade the preservation of historic structures and panoramas in the Town. He further commented that, in his opinion, the proposed development is speculative and not an enhancement for the Heritage Conservation District.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen

Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the deputation by Mr. Gordon Prentice regarding the Main Street Clocktower – 178-180 Main Street be received.

Carried

4. Designated Property Maintenance and Concerns

- a) Main Street Clocktower - 178-180 Main Street.

The Chair suggested that a Subcommittee be struck to review the Main Street Clocktower development proposal with the intent of receiving the Subcommittee's recommendations at the April 5, 2016 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal, the review process during the previous submission and the Committee's role with respect to the application. The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided an update with respect to the anticipated timeline for a report to Committee of the Whole. The Committee further discussed issues associated with maintenance of the building and next steps, being further compliance measures executed by By-law Enforcement staff.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen

Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT a Subcommittee be struck to bring forward recommendations regarding the Main Street Clocktower – 178-180 Main Street development proposal to the April 5, 2016 Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee meeting.

The Committee recessed at 7:49 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Moved by: Malcolm Watts
Seconded by: Councillor Hempen

THAT the Main Street Clocktower Subcommittee be comprised of Athol Hart, Billie Locke and Joan Seddon.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Malcolm Watts

THAT By-law Enforcement staff be requested to move forward with compliance measures for the property municipally known as 178-180 Main Street.

Carried

Approval of Minutes

5. Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Minutes of January 5, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Minutes of January 5, 2016 be approved.

Carried

Presentations/Deputations

None.

Correspondence

6. Correspondence from Lighthouse Press dated January 14, 2016 regarding an Introduction to Lighthouse Press.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Soni Felix Raj

THAT the correspondence from Lighthouse Press dated January 14, 2016 regarding an Introduction to Lighthouse Press be received.

Carried

7. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated January 19, 2016 regarding a Public Information Centre Open House concerning an application for Site Plan Approval to permit a parking lot expansion at 120 Bayview Parkway.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated January 19, 2016 regarding a Public Information Centre Open House concerning an application for Site Plan Approval to permit a parking lot expansion at 120 Bayview Parkway be received.

Carried

8. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated February 5, 2016 regarding a Notice of Complete Application - Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - 596, 602, 606 and 610 Grace Street.

Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated February 10, 2016 regarding an Application for Zoning By-law Amendment - 596, 602, 606 and 610 Grace Street.

Moved by: Billie Locke
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated February 5, 2016 regarding a Notice of Complete Application and an Application for Zoning By-law Amendment - 596, 602, 606 and 610 Grace Street be received.

Carried

9. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated January 20, 2016 regarding a Notice of Complete Application, Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment - 429/445 Harry Walker Parkway South.

Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated January 25, 2016 regarding Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-law - 429/445 Harry Walker Parkway South.

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided an overview of the application and advised of an upcoming Public Meeting on the application which will occur on March 21, 2016.

Moved by: Joan Seddon
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated January 20, 2016 regarding a Notice of Complete Application, Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-law - 429/445 Harry Walker Parkway South be received.

Carried

10. Correspondence from the Town of Georgina dated February 10, 2016 regarding Discontinued Heritage Property Grant Program.

Moved by: Joan Seddon
Seconded by: Soni Felix Raj

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Georgina dated February 10, 2016 regarding Discontinued Heritage Property Grant Program be received;

AND THAT a letter of support be prepared by the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee and circulated to Community Heritage Ontario and provided at the Community Heritage Ontario Conference.

Carried

11. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated February 12, 2016 regarding Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law 2016-05 - East side of Leslie Street south of Kingdale Road.

Moved by: Joan Seddon
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated February 12, 2016 regarding Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law 2016-05 - East side of Leslie Street south of Kingdale Road be received.

Carried

Items

12. Designated Property Maintenance and Concerns

a) Stickwood Walker Farmhouse

The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised that the home was painted in the fall as an interim measure in order to protect the home from any further deterioration. Discussion ensued regarding repairs to the tail portion of the building.

b) Christian Baptist Church

The Chair advised that he and the Senior Planner – Community Planning conducted an inspection at the site and found that the stucco exterior is cracked and chipping as a result of the eavestrough falling from the building. He expressed concern related to demolition by neglect. Discussion ensued regarding the need to ensure that the building be protected and potential methods to mitigate further neglect and deterioration.

Moved by: Joan Seddon

Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT a letter be drafted to the owners of the Christian Baptist Church related to the deterioration of the building.

Carried

13. Plaques

a) Site plaques

The Chair provided an overview of the site plaque program and advised that he has recently been instructed to deal with various staff in the Recreation and Culture Department on any matter related to site plaques and questioned the amendment to the reporting structure.

b) Residence plaques

M. Watts and J. Seddon presented the prototype for new plaques and provided a verbal update on the status of the plaque requests received to date. In addition, they advised that several inquiries regarding homes with

plaques have been received and commented that there are several plaques that may merit replacement in the near future. The Subcommittee will report back with the addresses of each home that requires plaque replacement in order to develop a replacement schedule.

14. Discussion regarding upcoming conferences and training seminars.

The Chair provided a verbal update on upcoming conferences and training seminars, being the Community Heritage Ontario Conference from May 11 to 14, 2016 and the National Trust from October 19 to 22, 2016. M. Watts, A. Hart and J. Seddon to attend the CHO Session, with B. Locke to confirm her availability at a later date.

15. Heritage Newmarket Budget

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided a verbal update on the Heritage Newmarket budget to date.

16. Reports of Committee Members

a) Architecture, Recreation, Culture, Heritage (ARCH) Committee

No update to provide.

b) Elman W. Campbell Museum Board

No update to provide.

c) Lower Main Street South Heritage Conservation District Advisory Group

The Chair advised that the Group has met with the owner of 235 Main Street and will have further discussions regarding cost effective means of preserving the heritage façade.

d) Newmarket Historical Society Board of Directors

No update to provided.

New Business

- a) M. Watts inquired whether Council would be supportive of the Committee seeking designation of any significant homes found on the Heritage Registry within the area around Southlake Regional Health Centre. Discussion ensued regarding case studies of designation of hospital owned properties or properties

within the area around a hospital and engagement of property owners where designation is recommended.

Moved by: Soni Felix Raj
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT staff report back to Heritage Newmarket on the outcomes of OMB hearings related to properties that are designated without the consent of property owners, both residential and institutionally owned.

Carried

- b) M. Watts advised that a Newmarket resident is writing a book about the Widdifield property on Woodbine Avenue and advised that the home is currently in neglect. As this property is in Whitchurch-Stouffville, the information will be forwarded to their Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration.
- c) M. Watts advised that he has been contacted by the property owner at 379 Botsford Street requesting an update on the status of that heritage designation request.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Date

Athol Hart, Chair