

The meeting of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 in the Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

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

Absent: Rohit Singh
Soni Felix Raj (authorized absence)

Staff Present: D. Ruggle, Senior Planner – Community Planning (7:00 to 8:25 p.m.)
L. Moor, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Hart in the Chair.

Declarations of Interest

None.

Additions & Corrections to Agenda

The Chair advised that the agenda items would be re-arranged to accommodate the schedule of the Senior Planner – Community Planning.

The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised of the addition to the agenda of a discussion related to the former King George School property. He provided a verbal update regarding a recent re-development pre-consultation meeting with the property owners, their Planning consultant and Planning staff. He advised that they wished to attend a future meeting of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee to apprise Members of the re-development proposal.

Moved by: Malcolm Watts
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the property owners and Planning Consultant of the former King George School be invited to the next scheduled Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee meeting to apprise the Members of the re-development proposal.

Carried

Presentations/Deputations

None.

Correspondence

2. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated April 18, 2016 regarding Notice of Complete Application - Zoning By-law Amendment - 507 Mulock Drive.
3. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated May 5, 2016 regarding Notice of the Adoption by the Town of Newmarket of Official Plan Amendment Number 13 (429 and 445 Harry Walker Parkway South)
4. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated May 5, 2016 regarding Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-law by the Town of Newmarket - By-law 2016-19 (429 and 445 Harry Walker Parkway)
5. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated May 10, 2016 regarding a Public Meeting concerning a proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment - 16333 Leslie Street.
6. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated May 30, 2016 regarding a Public Meeting concerning a proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment - 1166-1186 Nicholson Road.

The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised that Correspondence Items 2 to 6 have no direct heritage related concerns and are provided for information purposes.

7. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket Planning and Building Services Department dated June 14, 2016 regarding Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment - 751 and 757 Gorham Street, Town of Newmarket, File No.: D9NP1609 (OPA) and D14NP1609 (ZBA).

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided a verbal update regarding the above referenced item and advised that Planning staff have some areas of concern related to the re-development of the properties. He advised that he would prepare a synopsis of the re-development application details and e-mail said information to Members.

Moved by: Billie Locke
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT Correspondence Item 7 being an Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for the properties known as 751 and 757 Gorham Street be tabled to a future Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee meeting to afford an opportunity for Members to visit the sites and provide comments to Planning staff.

Carried

Items

8. Designated Property Maintenance and Concerns
 - a) Designation Requests
 - i) 379 Botsford Drive

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided background information regarding a request from the owner to designate the home on the property municipally known as 379 Botsford Street.

Moved by: Joan Seddon
Seconded by: Councillor Hempen

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee recommend that the Town proceed with designation of the property municipally known as 379 Botsford Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried

ii) 411 Millard Avenue

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided background information regarding a request from the owner to designate the home on the property municipally known as 411 Millard Avenue.

Moved by: Billie Locke
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee recommend that the Town proceed with designation of the property municipally known as 411 Millard Avenue under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried

iii) 17030 Yonge Street

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided background information related to a request to designate the cemetery lands municipally known as 17030 Yonge Street.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee recommend that the Town proceed with designation of the property municipally known as 17030 Yonge Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried

iv) Widening of Driveways on Prospect Street

The Chair distributed copies of photographs taken of various neighbouring properties on Prospect Street where front lawns have been eradicated and replaced with driveway paving stones and/or interlocking brick. He queried the Senior Planner – Community Planning regarding the interpretation of the zoning by-law as it relates to driveway requirements and residential landscape alterations.

Councillor Hempen advised that he would contact the Town's By-law Enforcement Department to find out if by-law infractions have occurred with said properties and if injunctions might be pending.

Moved by: Billie Locke
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the Planning Department staff investigate and report back to Committee the current by-law as related to residential landscape alterations and driveway requirements and provide an analysis of the recent creation of front yard hard surface areas of various properties on Prospect Street and the impact of such to the heritage character of the neighbourhood.

Carried

The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised he would prepare a comprehensive package of information related to the front yard issues of various properties on Prospect Street to the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Members for their review.

v) Request for Designation – Former Union Hotel

The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised that the Regional Municipality of York has requested designation of the property known as the former Union Hotel at the northeast corner of Davis Drive and Main Street. He informed those present that a detailed analysis of the property was compiled by a former member of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee and he will obtain the document for distribution to the current members.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the building as it currently stands and the urgency in its stabilization.

Councillor Hempen provided information that the Regional Municipality of York and their York Region Rapid Transit partners are working diligently to preserve every aspect of the building with an eventual re-purpose intention. He further advised he would provide more information as it becomes available after the summer break.

Moved by: Malcolm Watts
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the Senior Planner – Community Planning proceed with the research required for projected designation of the property known as the former Union Hotel at the northeast corner of Davis Drive and Main Street.

Carried

vi) John Bogart House

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided an update regarding the disgraceful condition of the property known as the John Bogart House located at the northwest corner of Leslie Street and Mulock Drive. Discussion ensued regarding the developer's words versus actions with respect to preservation of the property.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT as the John Bogart House is designated under the Heritage Act (1987-40) and that Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Members are concerned with the current state of disrepair that the owner of the property be required to submit a heritage conservation plan that will examine, among other items, immediate measures to ensure the preservation of the heritage attributes of the designated dwelling prior to any approvals for any type of re-development for the lands takes place.

Carried

vii) 180-194 Main Street South

Discussion ensued regarding the derelict condition of the property known as the former Clock Tower Inn, municipally known as 180-194 Main Street South.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT a supplementary letter be sent to representatives of the Forrest Group advising of the responsibility of the property owner to preserve the existing heritage designated building formerly known as the Clock Tower Inn, municipally known as 180-194 Main Street South.

AND THAT efforts to preserve the building be completed immediately.

Carried

viii) 135 Main Street South

Discussion ensued regarding the condition of disrepair of the Christian Baptist Church, municipally known as 135 Main Street South.

Moved by: Joan Seddon
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the Town of Newmarket By-law Enforcement staff send a formal letter to the guardians of the Christian Baptist Church, 135 Main Street South, with respect to building maintenance upkeep and request that repairs and upkeep be rectified immediately.

Carried

ix) 135 Main Street South

The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised that he has received an heritage evaluation request from the property owners at 560 Poplar Lane. He advised that he would obtain more information and report back.

9. Discussion regarding Delegation of Authority and associated processes for Heritage Permits.

The Senior Planner – Community Planning provided a verbal update to facilitate discussion with respect to Delegation of Authority and associated processes for Heritage Permits by Town Planning Department staff.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee delegate authority to the Senior Planner – Community Planning to discuss designation matters with the Chair and Co-Chair, respectively;

AND THAT any applications to remove or demolish be brought to the entire Committee for consideration.

Carried

The Senior Planner – Community Planning left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

10. Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Minutes of May 3, 2016.

Moved by: Billie Locke
Seconded by: Malcolm Watts

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Minutes of May 3, 2016 be approved.

Carried

11. Plaques

a) Site plaques

M. Watts advised that Mr. Singh has committed to completing the designation plaque inventory by the end of July, 2016.

Discussion ensued regarding resources to conduct work and Committee task involvement statistics. Councillor Hempen offered his time to assist with completing Committee workplan material. The Chair suggested that the workplan be brought to the next scheduled Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee meeting to re-evaluate what can be realistically accomplished.

12. Verbal Update on the Ontario Heritage Conference - May, 2016.

No update to provide.

13. Heritage Newmarket Budget

The Chair advised that the budget line items should be re-evaluated by the Committee to consider and possibly amend the allocations.

14. Reports of Committee Members

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

The Chair provided a verbal update regarding a recent meeting and advised that the ARCH Committee would be setting up booths in Uxbridge and Fort Willow for their rebellion day's re-enactment celebrations. He further advised that the ARCH Committee attended in costume at the Sharon Temple's grand re-opening celebrations.

Discussion ensued regarding the unsatisfactory location of the ARCH Committee booth in Fairy Lake Park at the 2015 Kanata Day celebrations and the feasibility of meeting with event organizers to establish a better location for the 2017 celebrations.

b) Elman W. Campbell Museum Board

B. Locke advised that, at the June, 2016 meeting of the Elman W. Campbell Museum Board, discussion ensued regarding possible expansion of space. Councillor Hempen advised that a report would be forthcoming to Members of Council sometime in the fall of 2016 addressing re-purposing of the Old Fire Hall building located at 140 Main Street South. Further discussion ensued regarding other space opportunities once renovations to the Fire Hall on Gorham Street have been completed.

c) Lower Main Street South Heritage Conservation District Advisory Group

No update to provide.

d) Newmarket Historical Society Board of Directors

No update to provide.

New Business

a) Further discussion ensued regarding Committee tasks and resources.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen

Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee investigate the Committee membership statistics of neighbouring municipalities, including staff and volunteers to gain a comparison of participation and workload achievement.

Carried

b) Workplan Success

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Billie Locke

THAT the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee's 2016 workplan be brought back to the next scheduled meeting for possible restructuring.

Carried

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee is September 8, 2016.

Adjournment

Moved by: Billie Locke
Seconded by: Joan Seddon

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date

A. Hart, Chair