



Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Heritage Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 11, 2019

5:00 PM

Regional Administrative Headquarters, Room 217

150 Frederick Street

Present were: B. Bryant (Acting Chair), A. Jackson (Acting Vice-Chair), G. Ersoy, M. Dunham, S. David, B. Nader, A. Hooykaas, A. Carswell and E. Heinrichs

Members absent: Councilor E. Clarke (Chair), B. Wallace, B. Paddock, B. Benninger, E. Thorsen

Staff in attendance: B. Coady and H. Chimirri-Russell

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act

None

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by B. Nader

Seconded by A. Carswell

That the agenda for the Heritage Planning Advisory Committee Meeting April 11, 2019 be approved.

Carried

2. Delegations

- a. Matthew O'Neil, Project Manager, Regional Rapid Transit : Stage 2 ION: LRT from Kitchener to Cambridge – Public Consultation Centre No. 4b – Project Team Preferred North Cambridge (Preston Area) Station and Route Refinement

M. O'Neil updated HPAC on the refinement to the Council Approved preferred route alignment of the Stage 2 ION LRT. HPAC asked why the King Street/Coronation Boulevard Corridor (past Cambridge Memorial Hospital) was not considered, and what is being done through the Project to protect adjacent stable historic neighbourhoods from redevelopment. M. O'Neil explained that the King Street/Coronation Boulevard was eliminated as it did not service areas of existing high ridership and did not exhibit a great deal of potential for reurbanization development.

Regional staff explained that it is the responsibility of each municipality through which the ION route travels to include Official Plan policies and design guidelines for stable neighbourhoods, historic areas and other areas the municipality wishes to protect from redevelopment. Regional staff suggested that HPAC look at the Official Plan of Cambridge, at a future meeting, to review any applicable Official Plan policies which may protect heritage neighbourhoods from infilling and redevelopment.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by G. Ersoy

Seconded by A. Hooykaas

That the minutes of the Heritage Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 14, 2019 be approved.

Carried

4. Business Arising

- a. Welcome to new HPAC members

On March 27th Regional Council re-appointed Andrea Carswell and Ben Benninger to HPAC for a four year term. Regional staff also introduced two new members, Melissa Dunham and Stefan David to HPAC for a four year term. Each existing member of HPAC introduced themselves and the new members also spoke a little about their

interests and experience in heritage conservation.

b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

HPAC's current Chair and four other members could not be in attendance at this meeting. Due to these absences a motion was put forward to defer this item.

Moved by A. Hooykaas

Seconded by A. Carswell

That the Election of Chair and Vice Chair be deferred until the May meeting of HPAC.

Carried

c. Memo to the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Legislative Services on Regionally Supported Cultural Heritage Landscape Studies in the Townships of Wilmot and North Dumfries

Further to HPAC's discussion of March 14, 2019 regarding Regionally supported cultural heritage landscape (CHL) studies in the Townships of Wilmot and North Dumfries, Regional staff explained in more detail what the studies were intended to accomplish and potential methods to proceed.

The CHL studies will assist the Townships in implementing Regional Official Plan Policy 3.G.6, "Area Municipalities will designate Cultural Heritage landscapes in their official plans and establish associated policies to conserve these areas." In 2017 and 2018, Regional staff and HPAC collaborated with the Townships of Woolwich and Wellesley, the Heritage Resources Centre of the University of Waterloo and other stakeholders to facilitate and provided funding for the study entitled, "Identification of Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscapes in the Township of Wellesley and Woolwich".

This methodology fulfills the first four steps in the Conservation Process set out in the Regional Implementation Guidelines for Cultural Heritage Landscape Conservation to: Identify Candidate CHLs; Inventory and Map Individual Candidate CHLs; Evaluate the Candidate CHLs Significance; and, Determine the Regional Interest in the Candidate CHL.

Regional staff will undertake a CHL Identification Study, employing the same tested methodology that was developed as part of the previous CHL Identification Study.

Completion of a CHL Identification Study would ensure that North Dumfries and Wilmot would be at the same point in the CHL planning process as Wellesley, Woolwich, Kitchener and Waterloo.

Regional staff approached that Wilmot Township and North Dumfries Township to see if they would like to participate in the project and whether they had any funding or in-kind support to put towards the initiative.

Wilmot has expressed that they will be in a position to consider a joint project in 2020. North Dumfries indicated that with limited staff resources to allocate to the study this year, the Township would rather see the methodology amended to complete a more in-depth study for the single CHL of Ayr. The Township also requested the funding be put towards the drafting of associated Official Plan policies for the Ayr CHL. HPAC was presented with the Township of North Dumfries Development Services Committee Recommendation (PD-09-2019)

This work proposed by the North Dumfries Township, would be more similar to Step 5 and 6 of the CHL Conservation Process within the Regional Guidelines and would be an entirely different study. The request to develop a policy framework for designating Area Municipal heritage resources in an official plan, is not typically a role that the Region is involved with, and may require the endorsement of Regional Council to proceed. HPAC discussed options for how Regional staff may advance the work of implementing Regional Official Plan Policy 3.G.6 in the Townships. After some discussion the following motion was passed:

Moved by B. Nader

Seconded by A. Jackson

That the Heritage Planning Advisory Committee recommends Regional staff proceed independently with a Cultural Heritage Landscape Identification Study for the Townships of Wilmot and North Dumfries, and upon completion of the study, share the deliverables with each of the Townships.

Carried

5. Initiatives

None

6. Information Updates

a. Forbes Estate Development Proposal Discussion/Update

Regional staff have not yet received an updated Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed Forbes Estate Development. As such, HPAC was requested to review the HIA, as submitted in support of the proposed application (ASI, September 2018), in order to prepare for the site visit expected in May. HPAC will discuss the HIA and the proposed development at the next meeting of HPAC on May 9, 2019.

HPAC members interested in this proposed development were reminded that the public meeting for the application will be held by the City of Cambridge Planning and Development Committee on May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Historic City Hall Council Chambers.

b. King-Victoria Transit Hub Development Approach

Regional staff gave a short update on the King-Victoria Transit Hub. The Region has endorsed a Phased Integration approach for the overall development. Last fall HPAC was informed of the RFP process with the development consortium for the Transit Hub was terminated. The Region remains strongly committed to the Transit Hub project and has evaluated the options for moving forward while still meeting the schedule requirements of the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province for committed funding for the transit infrastructure. The Recommended approach is that the Region will build the transit infrastructure immediately through a conventional procurement process, as the first phase in the overall project development. The infrastructure will be designed and constructed to ensure maximum flexibility for integration with future private developments on the property. Future phases will complete the overall project vision for a transit oriented mixed use development. It is expected that construction of the infrastructure would begin in 2020.

c. Dundas and Main Street Improvement Projects Public Consultation Centre

HPAC has been involved with the Dundas Street Improvement project in Cambridge, for several years. Regional staff gave a brief update on the additional scope of this project to include a portion of Main Street from Franklin Blvd. to Chalmers St. On Main Street, one "Designated" heritage resource and three "Listed" heritage resources (all private residences) have been identified. In addition, a number of "unrecognized" pre-1900's homes/buildings along Main Street were identified within the project limits at the onset of this project. The Main St. portion of this project has been developed such that the proposed improvements will avoid impacts to all of the built heritage resources. HPAC

was informed of the upcoming Public Consultation Centre for the project on Thursday May 2, 2019, 4:30PM to 8:00PM Galt Arena, Viewing Gallery 98 Shade St.

d. King St., Hwy 401 to Freeport Bridge – Public Consultation Centre

Regional staff informed HPAC of a second Public Consultation Centre (PCC) on May 2, 2019 for the King Street reconstruction between Hwy 401 and the historic Freeport Bridge. This PCC will take place between 5:00PM to 8:00PM at the Region of Waterloo Operations Centre, 100 Maple Grove Road, Cambridge. Although several heritage resources including a number of buildings, the Freeport Bridge and the Grand River are located in proximity to the limits of the project, it is expected that disturbance due to the project will be limited to the existing municipal right-of-way so no mitigating measures will be required to protect these heritage resources.

7. News and Events Roundtable

B. Coady brought to the attention of HPAC a heritage workshop at the University of Waterloo: The Many Faces of Heritage – An Interdisciplinary Colloquium. To be held on April 29, 2019, 8:30-4:30 at the Main Campus, Federation Hall, Columbia Rooms A&B. Admission is free but advanced registration is required.

8. Adjourn

Moved by: E. Heinrichs

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

Committee Chair, Councilor E. Clarke

Committee Clerk, B. Coady, Cultural Heritage Principal Planner