
Subject: Heritage Orangeville Committee Annual Report

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Clerks

Report #: CPS-2023-079

Meeting Date: 2023-11-13

Recommendations

That report CPS-2023-079, Heritage Orangeville Committee Annual Report, be received.

Background and Analysis

Heritage Orangeville consists of one (1) member of Council, two (2) to nine (9) public appointments and one (1) representative from the Orangeville Business Improvement Area (BIA).

The Committee promotes the preservation and restoration of buildings in Orangeville that are historically or architecturally significant and facilitates the conservation and preservation of our historical, and architecturally and culturally significant properties, our natural environment and our culture. The Committee typically meets on a monthly basis. In 2023, the Committee held six (6) meetings.

Goals and objectives of Heritage Orangeville include:

1. Fulfilling its statutory role pursuant to Section 28 the Ontario Heritage Act to advise and assist Council on all matters relating to:
 - a. the designation of individual properties (Part IV) or heritage conservation districts (Part V);
 - b. Applications to alter, erect, demolish or remove any buildings or structures on designated properties or within designated areas;
 - c. Applications to repeal by-laws which designate individual properties as heritage properties;
 - d. Recommendations to enter into heritage conservation easement agreements or covenants;
 - e. Any other heritage matters as Council may deem appropriate by by-law.

2. Researching, evaluating and identifying properties and areas that may deserve protection by maintaining an inventory of listed properties of cultural heritage value or interest
3. Providing advice with respect to development applications, demolition applications and capital projects as appropriate, with respect to their potential for direct or indirect impacts on the Town's heritage features and attributes
4. Providing advice and recommendations as to how the conservation of heritage features may be achieved through the adoption and implementation of Official Plan policies pursuant to the Planning Act
5. Providing advice and recommendations with respect to Town policies, regulations and guidelines as appropriate, pertaining to recognition, protection and enhancement of cultural heritage resources
6. Conducting community recognition programs for architectural preservation through commemorative initiatives such as plaquing, awards for restoration and sympathetic infill development
7. Conducting education programs and initiatives for property owners with respect to appropriate conservation, maintenance and restoration practices, including the making of sympathetic improvements to enhance the Town's heritage character and vibrancy
8. Conducting community engagement and awareness programs for Orangeville's heritage through publications, events, public speaking, displays, signage and plaques
9. Monitoring and providing advice with respect to federal and provincial government directives and funding initiatives on heritage-related matters; and
10. Liaising between the Town and the Dufferin County Museum and Archives and other heritage organizations, as desirable to implement the objectives and mandate of Heritage Orangeville.

The Heritage Orangeville Committee participated in various initiatives in 2023 including:

Heritage Calendar Project – Created and produced for more than two (2) decades, the annual heritage calendar celebrates Orangeville's unique history. The upcoming 2024 calendar theme is "Down Memory Lanes", which showcases Town laneways.

Awareness Plaques – The Committee verifies information and approves heritage awareness plaques for residential homes that have historical significance. One (1) awareness plaque was issued, and the Committee accepted one (1) application in 2023.

Designations – Heritage Orangeville continues to research and prepare criteria for designation on historically significant properties and to educate homeowners regarding the value of designation in preserving Orangeville’s heritage.

Committee Representation – The Committee continues to be represented in the following processes: Heritage Permit Application Reviews, Boulevard Café Permit Application Reviews, Sign Variances and Permit Reviews, Heritage District Façade Grants, Conditions for Clearing Demolitions, and pre-planning consultation meetings, as organized through the Planning Division.

Heritage Orangeville has prepared an annual work plan (Attachment 1), which outlines the various projects that will be focused on in 2024.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Vibrancy – Build a more inclusive community, and ensure citizen involvement

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-being

Strategy: Provide accessible social and community program options that support health, wellness and learning.

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Impact

Funding for costs associated with committees is included within the levy-funded operating budget. The 2023 Budget included approximately \$215,000 in funding for committee expenses, with the majority allocated to the Police Services Board. The attached workplan outlines the projected expenses for 2024.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): 1. 2024 Heritage Orangeville Committee Work Plan