



Minutes of Heritage Orangeville

March 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Heritage Orangeville
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)
Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor D. Sherwood
L. Addy
H. Daggitt
D. Gwilliams
G. Sarazin

Members Absent: T. Brett

Staff Present: B. Ward, Manager of Planning
M. Adams, Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The Chair also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, and is home to many Indigenous people today.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: 2024-005

Moved by L. Addy

**That the minutes of the following meeting are approved: 2024-01-18,
Heritage Orangeville Meeting Minutes**

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Dufferin County Courthouse - Court Room Ceiling Restoration and Refinishing - Paul Vehof, The Ventin Group Architects Ltd.

Mr. Vehof provided a presentation on the proposed restoration for one of the courtrooms in the Dufferin County Courthouse building. This property

is protected by a heritage conservation easement agreement held by the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) and any proposed alterations to the heritage features must be approved by them. He advised a request was submitted to the OHT in 2022 to replace and repair deteriorating plaster elements in the courtroom as well as other minor repair and refinishing work. The proposed work has been approved with some conditions. Stephen Ducharme, Dufferin County, added that since the space is occupied by the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry had a third-party architect and heritage expert review the restoration proposal. They also approved the restoration work.

Councillor Sherwood thanked the delegates for sharing the proposed project and said she was pleased to see that it will proceed.

5.2 CIP Grant Review Process - Brandon Ward, Manager of Planning

Mr. Ward gave a brief presentation on the Community Improvement Program (CIP) to the committee. He is seeking a change to the CIP review process by Heritage Orangeville members.

Currently, one Heritage Orangeville member attends the Community Improvement Plan Committee meetings and provides their comments. He is requesting that the review process includes circulating to the appointed Heritage Orangeville members that review heritage permits for the following grant applications:

- facade improvement grant applications;
- major building improvement and conversion grant applications; and
- accessibility improvement grant applications.

For the remaining programs, the applications would be circulated to the committee. Any comments received by the committee members would be referred to the applicant for action, where appropriate, and referred back to CIP committee for their consideration.

The committee asked how staff is promoting the grants. Mr. Ward advised that newsletters/flyers were issued and they are also promoting it through social media. Councillor Sherwood advised that the BIA is also promoting the Community Improvement Program to their members. The committee discussed the possibility of their involvement in promoting the programs to qualifying properties.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Appointments of Committee Members to Review Applications

Recommendation: 2024-006

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

That the following appointments be approved:

Drew Gwilliams as the alternate reviewer for Sign Permit and Sign Variance applications.

Drew Gwilliams to replace Gary Sarazin as the reviewer for Boulevard Cafe Permit applications.

Carried

6.2 Banner Replacement

Mr. Ward left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Councillor Sherwood advised that due to the weather, two of the banners have gone missing and will have to be replaced. The cost of each banner is \$100. She is seeking the committee's approval to reorder these banners.

Based on the photos provided by staff, it appears that banners 4 and 5 are the ones that need to be replaced. Ms. Addy said that she will provide confirmation on the banners before they are reordered.

Councillor Sherwood asked Ms. Adams to contact staff and confirm if the replacement median poles will be installed by next February. She would like to have the banners installed on those poles for next year.

Recommendation: 2024-007

Moved by G. Sarazin

That the committee approve the purchase of the two replacement banners.

Carried

6.3 Bike the Creek Event

Councillor Sherwood advised the committee that she was invited to the Bike the Creek Event on June 8 and gave the committee an overview of the event. There will be 1,400 cyclists participating and their route includes riding along old rail trails. She is working on preparing a display for this event which will consist of photos of Orangeville's old train station and rail.

6.4 2025 Heritage Calendar

Mr. Sarazin shared with the committee an idea that he has been working on for the 2025 calendar. He is focusing on an Orangeville through the years concept and drafted the first three months. The information for each month will include the history, timeline and photo. At this time, there is no theme. Councillor Sherwood said that she supports the idea and advised that he continues with the remainder of the year.

Mr. Ugolini attended the meeting and suggested they could have a calendar which shows what properties looked like in the past and what they look like now. Councillor Sherwood said that this could be considered in a future calendar.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Heritage "Safari" for Schomberg Community Members

Councillor Sherwood advised the committee that Schomberg community members are working on getting the core of Schomberg's Main Street designated as a Heritage Conservation District. They are planning a bus tour to visit other communities to view their heritage conservation districts. The group is planning the bus tour in June and they were wondering if any Orangeville representatives could speak to the group.

Councillor Sherwood said that she provided some dates to the organizer but has not heard back from them. She will follow up with the committee when she has more information.

7.2 2024 Ontario Heritage Conference

Councillor Sherwood said that she is interested in attending the conference and asked if any other committee members are interested. Mr. Gwilliams advised that he is interested. Councillor Sherwood will review the budget to determine how many members can attend and provide this information to the committee.

8. Announcements

The committee discussed holding a heritage educational session. At this session, Ms. Addy would share her historical knowledge with the committee members.

Councillor Sherwood said that an educational session could be offered to Council. She will contact the Town Clerk.

Councillor Sherwood informed the committee that the Town of Cobourg sent correspondence to the province requesting an extension of the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from municipal heritage registers from January 1, 2025 to 2030. She suggested Heritage Orangeville draft a similar motion and forward it to Council.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18 at 6 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Recommendation: 2024-008

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Carried