

Heritage Committee Minutes Monday, November 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m. In Person and Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Margaret Barnstaple, Jamie Cheyne, Laurie DaSilva, Phil Gravelle, Frank Huarte, Chris Tynan and Bob Wilson.

Member Absent: Julia Grys.

Town Planner Present: Tanjot Bal.

1. Call to Order by Laurie at 7:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: Phil Seconded by: Jamie

Be it resolved that the TEHC minutes of September 19, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Carried

- **3.** Additions or Deletions to the Agenda. No additions but deletion of 5.5 Sideroad 6.
- 4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest. None.
- 5. Applications
- **5.1 Briarwood Subdivision Heritage Home, 5916 Trafalgar Road.** Diarmuid Horgan the Planner, Tony DiCarlo the Architect and Fausto Saponara the Developer, made a presentation by Zoom. Saving the Gothic Revival heritage house was their aim and they have designed the site plan on a half acre lot with appropriate set-backs, removing newer additions and designing age-appropriate additions in keeping with the original house. The new driveway is from an internal street. There was a full building review with an expanded floor plan to bring it to current standards. New additions will be built entirely of stone, keeping the same shaped windows. Shingles will be replaced. Our Committee was favourably impressed and no decisions need be made now.
- **5.2 Empire Subdivision 5525 Eighth Line, Erin.** Originally, this property had been owned by Daniel McMillan and then Mrs. Margaret Ferguson. Laura Walter, a heritage consultant for

Stantec presented briefly by Zoom a report which had been given to the Town in detail. The subdivision plan encompasses the current golf course and buildings at Erin Heights Golf Course with approximately 280 units. The clubhouse was constructed about 1912 with some Edwardian design elements but is now heavily modified. The cottages are mid-20th century structures built for visitors or workers. They are of cordwood construction, a method that involved inexpensive materials to create a seasonal building, and therefore not winterized.

Our Committee was concerned to know if any of these cottage structures could be moved to preserve some heritage value, even though they are not designated. <u>Tanjot will ask for a heritage peer review on these structures.</u>

- **5.3 Demolition Request 29 Trafalgar Road Hillsburgh.** The new owner's representative was present to update us on the condition of the former Hillsburgh Feed and Supplies and SS#6 schoolhouse, which is so poor that they can't obtain insurance. Our Committee had asked for a 60 day hold on the demolition with a heritage consultant report from the new owner. The request will be on the Council's agenda on Thursday, November 24th. No action was needed tonight.
- **5.4 Demolition Request 9327 Sideroad 9**. After a short discussion, a motion was made.

Moved by: Phil Seconded by: Laurie

Be it resolved that the Town of Erin Heritage Committee has no objection to the demolition of the building at 9327 Sideroad 9. Carried

- **5.5 Demolition request Sideroad 6.** Item deleted from agenda.
- **5.6 Demolition request 5917 Ninth Line, Lot 26.** This building is in poor shape as it was used as a seasonal home and not maintained during the colder seasons. There had been flood damage from broken plumbing several times. Upper floor has 2 bedrooms but ceiling is very low. Since the new purchasers are moving to the area, they would like to build a new home.

Moved by: Chris Seconded by: Bob

Be it resolved that the Town of Erin Heritage Committee has no objection to the demolition of the building at 5917 Ninth Line.

Carried

- **6. TEHC Budget for 2023.** Our Committee has \$14,000 in reserve and \$2,500 for the new year. Jamie will collect desired budget item ideas from us, compile and circulate back.
- **7. New Development Street Names Future Subdivisions.** A Committee will be established for street naming, which will include the Mayor, CAO, Legion and Council rep for heritage. (Note: <u>As a follow-up</u>, the naming committee is actually composed of the Mayor, Council rep for Heritage Committee, Clerk and Director of Infrastructure Services).

- **8. Update Art England Bench.** The gate to the trail is still locked. Jamie will contact Dee-Enna to meet with Laurie and Margaret about a placement.
- **9.** Heritage Signs. Laurie has completed an application form and will have the mock-up in the new year to present to Council.
- **10. Ontario Heritage Act Bill 23.** The new proposed change to the Act will most likely come into effect in early January 2023. There is a time to comment immediately to the Minister. Listed properties will now be referred to as non-designated properties. We currently have about 600 buildings on properties that we have reviewed, 339 rural and 237 barns or houses or both. 280 of these were likely to be of value. The best plan now is to review the most valuable buildings and go ahead with assessments with a view of having them registered, which will cost our Committee.

Moved by: Phil Seconded by: Bob

Be it resolved that the Town of Erin Heritage Committee will not de-list our buildings.

Carried

11. Roundtable. The Pioneer Cemetery Newsletters have been scanned by Wellington County Archives and a USB drive has been received by us. The newsletters will not be on the archives website but have been donated to them.

Moved by: Margaret Seconded by: Laurie

Be it resolved that the Town of Erin Heritage Committee is donating the Erin Pioneer Cemetery Newsletters from 1973 to 1999 to the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

Carried

12. Next Meeting.

Moved by: Bob Seconded by: Phil

Be it resolved that since we will not have a December meeting, the next meeting be January 16, 2023 at 7 p.m. Carried

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Laurie Seconded by: Frank

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Carried