

Members Present: Luke Brazeau, Chair
Cheryl MacMillan, Committee Member
Gary Hoyle, Committee Member
Bonnie Schneider, Committee Member

Staff Present: Chris Roome, Planner
Michelle Vosburgh, Archivist

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Cheryl MacMillan Seconded: Gary Hoyle

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. New Business

The Chair brought forward to the Committee a petition on Change.org for a designation of a property in Hamilton for information purposes.

The Archivist provided more information regarding the property in question.

The Chair stated that this petition is outside of the scope of the committee but mentioned that if members were interested individually, they may sign it.

5. Staff Updates

The archivist provided additional information regarding the dates of the buildings on West Street for the purposes of creating a heritage district on west street.

The Chair asked what the requirements were to create a heritage district.

The Archivist stated that 25% of the buildings in the designated area are required to be historically significant.

Member MacMillan asked if shops were leasing the space or if they owned the buildings.

The Archivist stated that some of the shops were leasing and some are owned.

Member MacMillan asked if they were aware of the heritage potential.

The Archivist stated she was not aware.

The Chair asked the Planner if he could research heritage districts and how they relate to the new Bill 23 changes.

The Planner provided an update on the heritage designation project and update report to City Council. He stated that Staff could not support the original motion presented by the Committee at the September 18th Committee meeting, and that a revised motion is being recommended by Staff that does not include researching the top ranked properties, only the properties that have inquired.

The Chari asked why Staff was not supportive.

The Planner stated that it was a matter of time and resources as well as not wanting to make the City vulnerable to any legal complications.

6. Approval of Minutes

That the minutes from the September 18th, 2023, Heritage Advisory Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Motion: Gary Hoyle Seconded: Bonnie Schneider

Carried: 4-0

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.