

Heritage Sub Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, May 12, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives
286 King St, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4H2

Members Present: Cheryl MacMillan
Jeffrey Piniak
Gary Hoyle
Joseph (Luke) Brazeau
Bonnie Schneider
Michael Hili (Museum Board)

Staff Present: Diana Vasu, Planner
Anna Carlsen, Archives Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By Cheryl MacMillan

Seconded By Jeffrey Piniak

That the Heritage Subcommittee agenda dated May 12, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 March 17, 2025, Heritage Subcommittee Meeting

Moved By Gary Hoyle

Seconded By Michael Hili

That the March 17, 2025, Heritage Subcommittee meeting minutes be approved, as presented.

Carried

5. Staff Updates

5.1 Recommendations and Minutes from the Heritage Subcommittee

The Planner informed the Heritage Subcommittee that Council approved the recommendations of [Report 2025-75 - Recommendations and Minutes from the Heritage Subcommittee](#) at the [April 8, 2025](#), Council meeting.

Member MacMillan asked if the Heritage Subcommittee should shift their focus to preparing plaques for important heritage properties now.

The Planner suggested efforts to provide plaques to heritage properties should wait until after January 1, 2027, to allow enough time to designate listed heritage properties before they are removed from the Heritage Register.

Moved By Cheryl MacMillan

Seconded By Gary Hoyle

That item 5.1 be received for information.

Carried

5.2 Humberstone Hall Childcare Centre Update

The Planner informed the Heritage Subcommittee that Council approved the recommendations of [Report 2025-78: Community Engagement on Licensed Childcare in Port Colborne - Update](#) at the [April 8, 2025](#), Council meeting, then noted that the staff members working on this project aim to issue the Request for Proposals the day following the May 12, 2025, Heritage Subcommittee meeting.

Moved By Jeffrey Piniak

Seconded By Gary Hoyle

That item 5.2 be received for information.

Carried

6. Order of Business

6.1 New Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, Schedule 7 of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

The Planner highlighted the proposed changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and encouraged Members to submit any comments they may have on the proposal before the May 17, 2025, deadline.

The Members shared their thoughts on the proposed amendments.

Moved By Michael Hili

Seconded By Jeffrey Piniak

That item 6.1 be received for information.

Carried

6.2 Heritage Designation Project Status

The Planner recounted a recent conversation with a Heritage Planner, who informed that properties should have a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) prepared before the designation process is formally initiated. CHERs are now being prepared by Planning staff, then will be reviewed by a Heritage Planner, to ensure compliance with the requirements for designating properties under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Moved By Cheryl MacMillan

Seconded By Bonnie Schneider

That item 6.2 be received for information.

Carried

6.3 Talwood Manor - 303 Fielden Avenue

The Planner informed of a recent conversation with the owner of 303 Fielden Avenue, wherein the property owner stated they are interested in designation eventually but they still have some reservations at this time. The Planner further informed the owner that the property is not currently on the Heritage Register so designation can be pursued after January 1, 2027 (when other listed properties will be removed from the Heritage Register and will not be able to be added back onto the Register for 5 years afterwards). The property owner stated they may revisit designation after 2027.

The Archives Assistant noted that it was her understanding that a previous Heritage Committee considered designating the property but decided against it.

Member Schneider asked if a research report had already been prepared on 303 Fielden Avenue.

The Archives Assistant stated she would ask the Archivist about this upon her return.

The Chair asked if the Archivist would be able to provide an update at the next Heritage meeting.

The Archives Assistant stated she would also ask the Archivist about this upon her return.

Moved By Gary Hoyle

Seconded By Cheryl MacMillan

That item 6.3 be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

7.1 Tennessee Gates Restoration

The Chair highlighted that the Tennessee Gates restoration project has reached the final landscaping stage.

7.2 Heritage Subcommittee Composition

Member Schneider asked whether there are any updates on the composition of the Heritage Subcommittee.

The Planner responded that there are no changes proposed to the composition of the Heritage Subcommittee at this time.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:53 p.m.

Chair

Staff Liaison