



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Heritage Barrie Committee

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

7:00 PM

Huronian Rooms "A" and "B"

For consideration by the Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee of the City of Barrie on June 18, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, C. Tribble at 7:07 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Councillor B. Ward
Chairman C. Tribble
D. Exel
G. Marek
C. Moran
D. Warrilow

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair J. Morin

ALSO PRESENT:

C. Colebatch
B. Courtice
S. Ley
B. Mackie
C. Manewell
C. Riepma
B. Smith.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Zoning Administrative Officer, R. White.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

C. Tribble explained that the purpose of the fourth annual Heritage Stakeholders meeting was to obtain feedback from heritage stakeholders in the community concerning the following topic: "Where did our heritage homes go? Examining heritage preservation in Barrie and the surrounding area".

HERITAGE STRATEGY UPDATE

R. White, Zoning Administrative Officer provided an update regarding the Draft Heritage Strategy for the City of Barrie. Mr. White noted that consultation with indigenous groups has been completed. He advised that the Planning and Building Services Department's objective is to submit a report concerning the status of the Heritage Strategy to the Heritage Barrie Committee on June 5, 2018. Mr. White explained that the Heritage Strategy report incorporates feedback and prioritizes recommendations obtained from the public engagement sessions.

OVERVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT/CITY OF BARRIE BY-LAW AND POLICIES

R. White, Zoning Administrative Officer provided a presentation regarding an overview of the Ontario Heritage Act and the City of Barrie's By-law and policies pertaining to heritage.

Mr. White discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of Council's authority to designate or list properties of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 (1) and Section 27 (1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- A review of the restrictions for an alteration to a designated property under Section 33(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- An overview of the City's permit procedures to alter a designated property; and
- A review of the application process to demolish a listed property under Section 27(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Committee and stakeholders in attendance asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from staff.

OVERVIEW OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

R. White, Zoning Administrative Officer reviewed the content of heritage section located under the Arts, Culture and Events tab on the home page of the City of Barrie's website. Mr. White reviewed the City's Municipal Heritage Register that includes designated and listed heritage properties.

BREAKOUT

The Committee and heritage stakeholders in attendance broke out into groups to discuss heritage preservation in Barrie and surrounding areas.

The Committee and heritage stakeholders proposed the following:

Methods to Improve Heritage Education:

- Develop a heritage tool kit for distribution to heritage properties owners to provide additional information regarding the City's heritage initiatives; and
- Attend local community events and festivals to further promote heritage.

Methods to Protect and Preserve Heritage Buildings and Properties:

- Create an inventory of properties with heritage value for possible inclusion on the Municipal Heritage Register;
- Offer incentives to designate or list heritage properties; and
- Research heritage programs that have been successful at other municipalities.

Methods to Improve Communication and Develop Awareness of Heritage Programs:

- Share consistent, specific heritage messaging;
- Create links to websites among historical groups in Barrie and the surrounding area;
- Utilize social media platforms and develop a local heritage blog;
- Increase the frequency of heritage stakeholders meetings; and
- Continue the annual Heritage Barrie Award program to recognize heritage preservation in the commercial, institutional, residential and individual/group categories.

WRAP UP

C. Tribble summarized the suggestions put forth by the heritage stakeholders in attendance and the Committee. The group discussed the possibility of establishing working groups to initiate a Heritage Action Plan with the following objectives: develop a heritage tool kit, create an inventory of heritage properties in the City and establish a heritage communication plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

CHAIRMAN