

Culture Heritage Strategy Deputation

- Mayor Lehman and Members of Council
- I'm excited to be here this evening to discuss the long awaited Staff Report and Strategy
- At this stage in my presentation I would like to acknowledge the hard work and effort of the newly retired Kathy Brislin (Senior Policy Planner). Kathy has worked hard with the community for many many years and I'm sure is enjoying time away.
- I would also like to thank Andrea Bourrie Director of Planning and Building and Kathy Suggitt for meeting with me on Friday morning and Councilor Ward for chatting this afternoon.

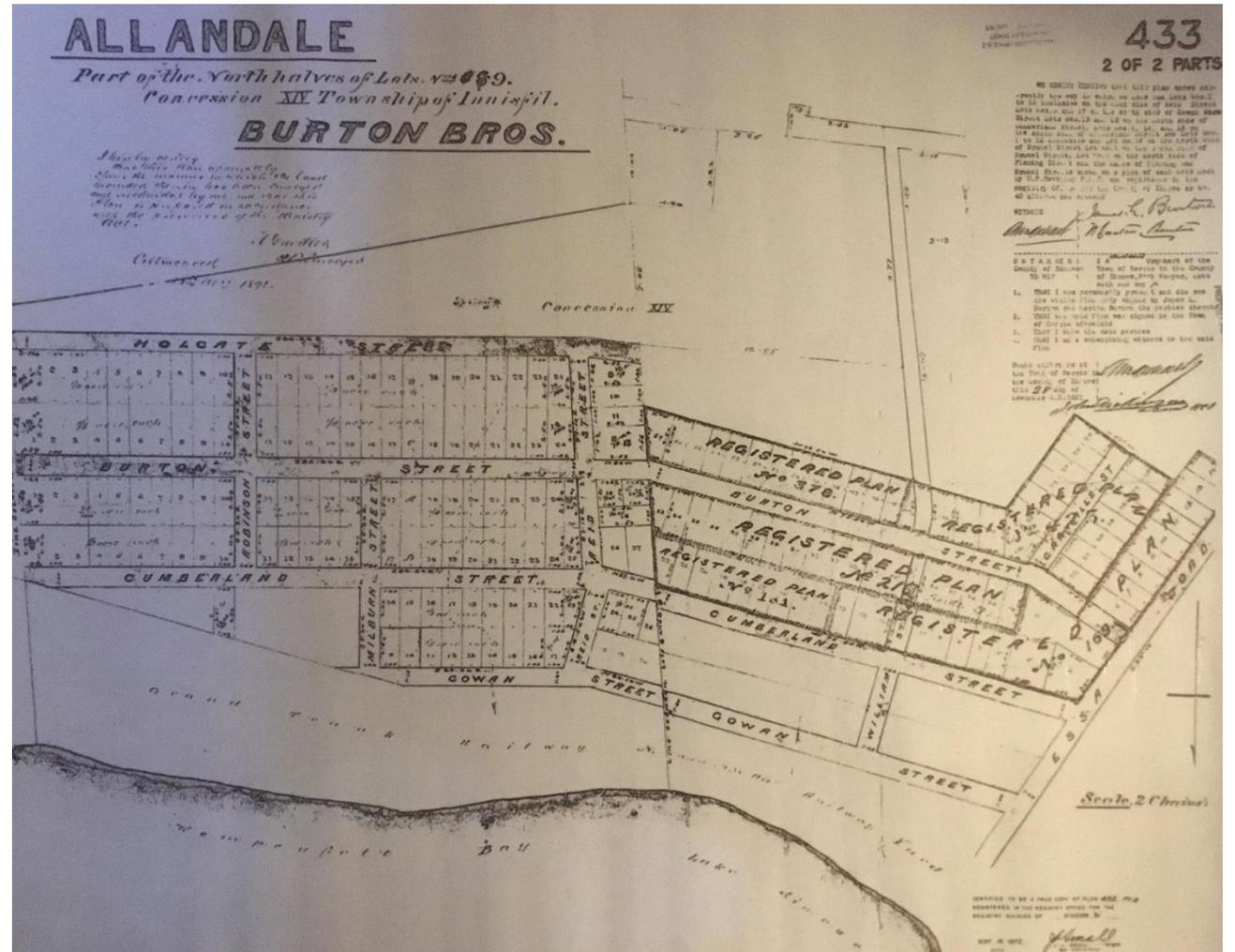
Staff Report Recommendations

Item #2

The action item matrix attached to the Culture Heritage Strategy serve as a guide for Heritage Barrie and City Staff to work with the community **within the resources available to implement strategy**

Resources Available?

Without appropriate funding this strategy, while approved, will not move forward,



113 Collier St.

Barrie has many beautiful Heritage homes that are not currently on our Municipal Registry

Why?

- No dedicated resources with expertise.
- No funding = no resource
- Passive approach
- Until we have both it will be difficult to move forward



Concerns

- Funding
- Resources

Funding

Without a proper funding model for this strategy and knowing where funding is coming, how can we move forward?

Resources

Are required to complete many of the action items. Staffing has and continues to be an issue as many of these tasks are assigned to existing staff who are responsible for other planning duties. We have struggled with this issue for many years.

No facilitator, project manager or heritage planner who is ultimately responsible for getting the action items completed.

Concerns continued

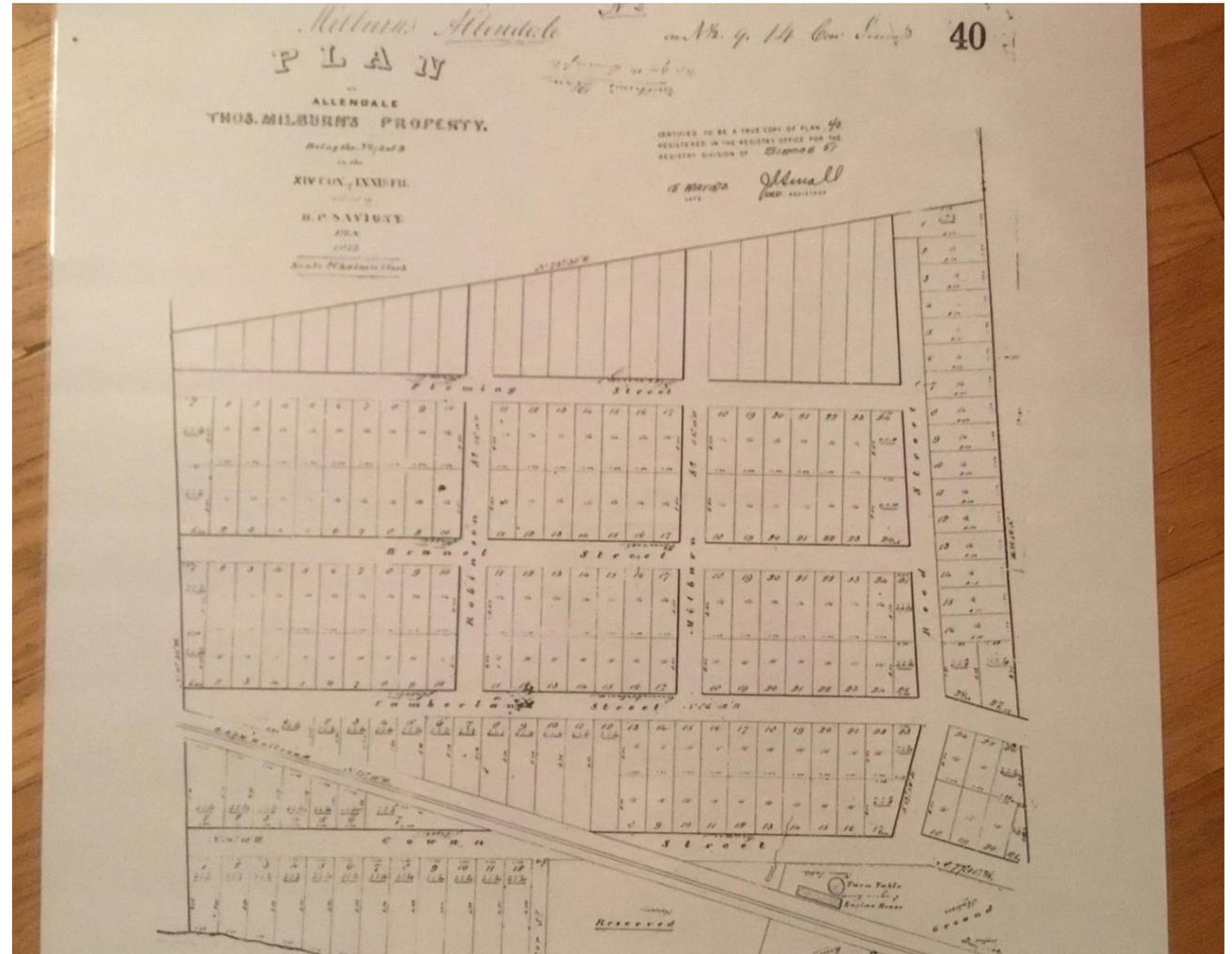
- Tools
 - Transparency
 - Timelines
 - Ownership
 - Clarity
- Tools – define, update, modify
 - Transparency through regular reporting to public and Council.
 - Timelines surrounding actions.
 - Ownership – who is ultimately responsible for Cultural Heritage?
 - Clarity around roles and responsibilities are a must with any project.

Concerns continued

- Official Plan and Policies
- Demolitions of Heritage Buildings and Process (designated or non designated)
- Official Plan and Policies – concerned about an 18-24 month window for the update of the Official Plan
- Intensification in and around our urban grow centre, nodes and corridors is adding pressure to complete tasks
- Demolitions – are linked to inventory. If not on the registry no action taken. Why do we not have a complete inventory of century homes, whether they are designated or not. The municipality has the ability to put homes on the registry for inventory purposes only. This needs to be done immediately so our Heritage Advisory Committee can work with planning and Council to determine what and when action may be needed.
- How do we handle once a demolition has occurred that we don't need to sit and stare at a construction site for years? Why can a homeowner demolish a building without having approved planning documentation? Shouldn't that be tied together?

Opportunities

- Stakeholder and Volunteers continuing to work together with Heritage Committee, perhaps explore combining all stakeholders into one team. HNS, BIA, BHA, ANA, Creative Economy, and Tourism Barrie.
- Review, revise and clarify roles, responsibilities.
- Creative Marketing ideas, social media account specific to Cultural Heritage including Registry information. To include Benefits of Designating or Simply listing properties.
- Explore opportunities to fast track this project as we do with other projects.



Heritage Registry Stats

- Heritage Advisory Committee made up of **volunteers** who meet once a month
- In existence since 1977 (41 years)
- Registry stats as of September 16, 2018 from the Heritage website.

Designated properties between 1978 and today (18)
Non designated listed properties between 1978 and today (16)

- Total of 34 in 41 years
- Clearly a record we need to improve on

