



## **MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Chair, D. Hudson Councilor L. Allen Councilor C. McGuire J. Davis K. Hoffman T. Humphrey
<b>Members Absent:</b>	None.
<b>Staff Present:</b>	K. Grenke, Senior Planner, Staff Resource M. Remmig, Planning Clerk, Alternate Staff Resource
<b>Guests:</b>	None.

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

D. Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- i) Addition under item #6. Priority Issues – Bill 23 Overview

The agenda was adopted as amended.

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- i) The minutes of the Municipal Heritage Committee meeting held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved as presented.

T. Humphrey arrived at 4:46 p.m.

- ii) The Minutes of the Municipal Heritage Committee meeting held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 were approved as presented.

### **4. DISCLOSURE OF MONETARY INTERESTS**

None at this time.

## **5. PRIORITY ISSUES**

### **i) Report #MHC-22-05 – Strategic Planning for Heritage Conservation**

M. Remmig gave an overview of Report #MHC-22-05.

D. Hudson was happy to see long term planning in the works for heritage conservation in Smiths Falls.

C. McGuire asked the role the strategic planning would play. He expressed concern of delays with the anticipated Heritage Conservation District.

M. Remmig noted that the project would be for staff with Committee consultation. It is intended to guide the growth of heritage services offered by the Town which is important to understand with the anticipated Heritage Conservation District.

K. Grenke notes that the document is not a prerequisite or a substitute for the Heritage Conservation District.

J. Davis asked if the project could run concurrently with the Heritage Conservation District Study.

D. Hudson asked when the strategic planning would be scheduled for completion.

M. Remmig noted that, with Council acceptance of the project, staff would look to complete for summer 2023.

C. McGuire requested the timeline for the Heritage Conservation District study.

K. Grenke noted that the timeline is part of future work planning discussions with administration.

C. McGuire expressed concerns with undertaking both projects at the same time.

T. Humphrey agreed.

C. McGuire would like to see the Heritage Conservation District study completed before 2026.

### **ii) Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) – 11 Market Street South**

M. Remmig is presenting the final report prepared by Matrix Heritage for the Committee's information. M. Remmig noted that designation of the property is off the table. Hydro One, being the owner of the property, is authorized under the Ontario Heritage Act to work directly with the Minister instead of the municipality. That being said, the information contained in the document demonstrates that the building is worth preserving and will help inform negotiations for the future of the property.

D. Hudson thought the report gave a brief overview of what the Town could achieve with a Heritage conservation District.

K. Hoffman acknowledged use of the building as an inn. She speculated that the building could have been the Town's first hotel.

iii) Bill 23 Overview

K. Grenke gave an overview of the Province's proposed Bill 23. He advised of its effects on the Ontario Heritage Act, if passed.

D. Hudson asked when the new Bill would come into effect.

J. Davis departed at 5:15 p.m..

K. Grenke did not have an answer for D. Hudson but expected a transition period.

C. McGuire if anything could be done about the concerning aspects of the Bill.

K. Grenke noted that the minister has opened a feedback window and many organizations have submitted comment to the minister.

C. McGuire asked what could be done at the Committee level.

K. Grenke noted that Council would be consulted on November 21<sup>st</sup> to determine whether the Town would like to submit feedback to the minister before the deadline.

## 6. PROJECT UPDATES

i) Heritage By-law Re-writes

M. Remmig advised that eleven rewritten By-laws were presented and approved by Council on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The next step is to register the rewritten by-laws to the title of the properties and with the Ontario Heritage Trust. M. Remmig advised that three By-laws have been postponed until more legal information is obtained on the original registration of the By-laws.

C. McGuire requested a timeline for the remaining three By-laws to come forward for adoption.

M. Remmig suspected an early 2023 adoption of the remaining By-laws.

## 7. ROUNDTABLE

K. Hoffman advised that she would not be reapplying for the Committee. She is actively working to help recruit new members.

T. Humphrey advised of the dismantling of the Red Tavern in Perth being a designated heritage building.

M. Remmig noted that K. Grenke has received a response to D. Hudson's email dated September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regarding the security of the former water treatment plant at 25 Old Mill Road. The Director of Community Services updates that fencing has been enhanced and additional measures were added to prevent access to the building.

D. Hudson acknowledged the installation of fencing on the property.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

i) To be determined.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

THAT, the Municipal Heritage Committee adjourn its proceedings at 5:35 p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.

*Motioned: C. McGuire*