

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 **MEETING NO. 02-2023**

TIME: 5:07 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL
500 DONALD STREET EAST

VICE-CHAIR: Douglas Yahn

MEMBERS:

Jennifer Bonazzo
Kimberly Costa
Donna Gilhooly
Councillor Greg Johnsen
Heidi Strobl
Courtney Turner
Douglas Yahn, Vice-Chair

OFFICIALS:

Krista Power, City Clerk
Leanne Lavoie, Council & Committee Clerk

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Laurie Abthorpe, Coordinator – Cultural
Development & Public Art
Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces

1.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice-Chair acknowledged that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Ojibwa Anishnaabe people of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850, and recognized the contributions made to our community by the Métis people.

2.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

3.0 JAMES WHALEN TUG UPDATE

It was the consensus of Committee that the order of the agenda be changed to allow James Whalen Tug Update to be presented as the next item.

Manager – Parks & Open Spaces Cory Halvorsen provided an update relative to the James Whalen Tug and responded to questions.

Cory Halvorsen advised that Administration provided a status update to City Council at the November 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. The condition of the tug will be evaluated at its dry land storage location on Paterson dock. Administration will report back to Council in the spring of 2024, with future options for the James Whalen Tug.

There was discussion relative to including an assessment of the tug's heritage value in the report to Council.

There was discussion relative to public input. It was noted that consultation with the public will depend on Council's direction regarding the tug's future.

4.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo
SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the February 23, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting 01-2023 held January 26, 2023, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnson
SECONDED BY: Donna Gilhooly

THAT the Minutes of Meetings 01-2023, held on January 26, 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED

6.0 OTTAWA HOUSE

The Vice-Chair advised that the above noted item had been withdrawn from the agenda and will be presented at a future meeting.

7.0 SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH MANSE

Kim Costa advised that the subcommittee met on January 16, 2023 to visit the church manse at 226 Pearl Street, a property listed on the Heritage Register. The subcommittee completed a heritage evaluation and determined that the church on the listed property has significant heritage value, but the manse as value only by association with the church. Designation is not recommended.

The following recommendations by the subcommittee will be forwarded to the property owner:

- Acquire photo documentation of manse, inside and out.
- Salvage anything with significant historical, cultural or architectural value.
- Contact Lake Superior Scottish Regiment (LSSR) or military museum if documents related to LSSR are discovered.

MOVED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo
SECONDED BY: Heidi Strobl

WITH RESPECT to the manse building located at 226 Pearl Street, the Heritage Advisory Committee has determined that the design, historical and contextual value of the manse is low to intermediate, and does not warrant designation under the authority of the Heritage Act;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends approval of the demolition permit if and when an application for demolition is received;

AND THAT the Heritage Register notes the status of the structure if and when it is demolished.

CARRIED

The resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole on March 20, 2023.

8.0 HERITAGE PROGRAM TRANSFER

Correspondence from Sam Wesley, Senior Program and Planning Coordinator, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, dated February 17, 2023 relative to the above noted was distributed with agenda, for information. The correspondence noted that the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism is unable to provide a resource person on HAC, and recommended that the HAC terms of reference be amended to remove the provincial representative.

There was discussion relative to keeping a provincial representative in the terms of reference, as liaison position, then reaching out to request reinstatement of a resource person at a later date. It was the consensus of committee to write a letter to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism to confirm their decision.

9.0 CHIPPEWA PARK CAROUSEL UPDATE

It was the consensus of Committee that the order of the agenda be changed to allow Chippewa Park Carousel Update to be presented as the next item.

Jennifer Bonazzo advised that the quiz night fundraiser was successful.

It was noted that since the majority of the carousel restoration work is complete, Chippewa Park Carousel Update will be removed as standing item on the agenda moving forward.

10.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was the consensus of committee to defer further discussion relative to terms of reference to the March 23, 2023 committee meeting.

11.0 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

There was discussion relative to the start time of HAC meetings, and whether the committee would prefer to change the date or time. It was the consensus of committee to poll committee members to determine the preferred start time. Further discussion relative to this item was deferred to the March 23, 2023 meeting, following the results of the poll.

12.0 2023 ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE

It was the consensus of committee to defer discussion relative to the 2023 Ontario Heritage Conference to the March 23, 2023 meeting when HAC budget information will be available.

13.0 HERITAGE REGISTER UPDATE

There was discussion relative to forming a subcommittee to identify listed properties for which designation should be pursued. It was noted that new committee members would benefit from training on Heritage Act requirements for cultural heritage evaluations. It was the consensus of committee to defer further discussion relative to the heritage register to the March 23, 2023 meeting.

14.0 THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM UPDATE

Donna Gilhooly provided an update relative to the above noted, and informed the committee that the museum board approved its 2023 budget and endorsed revisions to its constitution.

15.0 NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Cultural Plan

Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art Laurie Abthorpe advised that a new Cultural Plan is being developed for the City of Thunder Bay and Administration is seeking a representative from HAC to be part of the process. It was the consensus of committee that Donna Gilhooly will represent HAC at the next Cultural Plan meeting.

15.2 Pubic Art Committee

Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art Laurie Abthorpe advised that the City's Public Art Committee is looking for a representative from HAC to sit on the Committee. A HAC representative will be selected at the March 23, 2023 meeting.

15.3 Clean, Green, Beautiful Committee Update

Heidi Strobl advised that the Clean, Green and Beautiful (CGB) Committee made site visits to locations with projects funded by committee. She noted the CGB budget includes up to \$5,000 for committees, in case HAC has a project that meshes with CGB.

15.4 Culture Days

Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art Laurie Abthorpe advised that Culture Days will run for three weeks from September 22 to October 15, 2023. The deadline to submit to be part of program is July 31, 2023.

16.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, City Hall.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.