



## **Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 23, 2025, 5:00 p.m.  
McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

### **1. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting 01-2025**

Chair: Andrew Cotter

### **2. Members**

Jennifer Bonazzo  
Carla Chisel  
Andrew Cotter, Chair  
Frank Gerry  
Councillor Greg Johnsen  
Shaun Kennedy  
Heidi Strobl  
Douglas Yahn, Vice-Chair

### **3. Officials**

Christina Wakefield, City Archivist  
Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

### **4. Resource Persons**

Laurie Abthorpe, Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art

### **5. Guests**

George McKay, President - JML Engineering  
Dr. Walid Shahrour

### **6. Land Acknowledgement**

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

**7. Disclosures of Interest**

**8. Agenda Approval**

MOVED BY: Douglas Yahn  
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

WITH RESPECT to the January 23, 2025 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**9. Presentations**

**9.1 9 Regent Street**

George McKay, President - JML Engineering appeared before Committee and provided an overview of the proposed repair/renovation plans to the main entrance area/west wall of 9 Regent Street.

The building was damaged as a result of a car accident and will be restored to its original condition prior to the accident. Photographs were provided for the Committee's information as well as architectural drawings dated July 30, 2024.

Discussion was held relative to the plans.

MOVED BY: Frank Gerry  
SECONDED BY: Douglas Yahn

WITH RESPECT to the repair/renovation project for 9 Regent Street, a designated Heritage Property within the Waverley Park Heritage Conservation District, the Heritage Advisory Committee approves in principle the proposed repair/renovations plans, as presented by JML Engineering at the January 23, 2025 Committee meeting;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee confirms that the plans/building material as presented do not conflict with the heritage features of the building;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The City of Thunder Bay's Building Services Division.

CARRIED

## **9.2 146 Court Street North**

Dr. Walid Shahrour provided information relative to replacing the garage located at 146 Court Street North, a Heritage Register listed property.

- The former carriage house was falling apart.
- Had a contractor inspect and concluded it was dangerous and needed to be fixed or replaced.
- Many attempts over the last several years were made to repair the roof and structure, however it became too cost-prohibitive to continue repairs.
- Building needed to be replaced.
- Similar colour siding was used to match original structure.
- Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee visited the site in 2021 and viewed the deteriorating condition.
- Photographs of the former carriage house have been documented and filed with the Committee.

MOVED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

SECONDED BY: Heidi Strobl

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approves the repair and refurbishment plans for the former carriage house/garage located at 146 Court Street North, as presented by Dr. Walid Shahrour at the January 23, 2025 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee confirm that the repairs and

renovations completed to the former carriage house were necessary as the structure was a health and safety concern and do not conflict with the significant heritage features of the property;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Building Division if required.

CARRIED

#### **10. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Nominations and appointments for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for 2025 were held.

Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator Gordon Stover administered the nominations.

MOVED BY: Frank Gerry  
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

WITH RESPECT to the position of Chair on the Heritage Advisory Committee, we recommend that Douglas Yahn be appointed Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year, and until a replacement has been appointed, as required annually.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Heidi Strobl  
SECONDED BY: Frank Gerry

WITH RESPECT to the position of Vice-Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee, we recommend that Jennifer Bonazzo be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year, and until a replacement has been appointed, as required annually.

CARRIED

Newly-appointed Chair Douglas Yahn assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Former Chair Andrew Cotter thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve as Chair for the last 15 years.

**11. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of Meeting 07-2024 of the Heritage Advisory Committee, held on November 28, 2024, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

SECONDED BY: Shaun Kennedy

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 07-2024 of the Heritage Advisory Committee, held on November 28, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**12. Committee Member Term Length and Vacancies**

Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator Gordon Stover advised the Committee of the upcoming Committee member recruitment postings opening on February 14th. For those members whose terms are expiring they may re-apply on the City's website and can reach out to the Office of the City Clerk for assistance, if needed.

**13. Terms of Reference**

City Archivist Christina Wakefield provided an updated DRAFT Terms of Reference for the Committee's review.

Discussion was held relative to the revised role of the Committee's Chief Resource Officer.

MOVED BY: Andrew Cotter

SECONDED BY: Shaun Kennedy

WITH RESPECT to the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee, as presented at the January 23, 2025 Committee Meeting, we recommend that the Terms of Reference be approved;

AND THAT the Terms of Reference be presented to City Council.

CARRIED

#### **14. Heritage Researcher Updates**

City Archivist Christina Wakefield provided updates for the following items:

##### **14.1 Heritage Consultant**

DRAFT Request for Quote (RFQ) is nearly complete and will be released publicly in early spring.

Discussion was held relative to role of the Committee and consultant in identifying, researching and designating properties.

##### **14.2 Conservatory Tour**

Committee members were invited to attend a tour of the on-going restorations/renovations to the Conservatory on January 15, 2025. Photographs of progress were displayed for the Committee's information.

#### **15. 2025 Arts & Heritage Awards**

Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art Laurie Abthorpe provided an update relative to the following.

The event is scheduled for October 23, 2025 at Magnus Theatre.

The Arts & Heritage Awards Committee reviewed the nomination process with the assistance of the Heritage Advisory Committee volunteers. The nomination packages will be released in March 2025.

Discussion was held relative to the Heritage Advisory Committee sponsoring an award at the event.

## **16. Committee Member Updates**

### **16.1 Heritage Register Subcommittee Update**

There was no update provided at this time.

### **16.2 Clean, Green and Beautiful Update**

Heidi Strobl provided the following updates:

James Whalen Tug – tender closes the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February; looking to salvage the upper and lower decks for display at Pool 6 and Fisherman's Park.

Vickers Park – the Public Art Committee put out a call to artists to design integrated art frames; the project will move ahead in the spring. An application for funding for an accessible washroom is still being considered. It was recommended to provide benches in the winter to accommodate skaters changing to use the skating loop.

Waverley Park and Patterson Park Fountain upgrades – Parks & Open Spaces Planning and the Engineering Department will work in collaboration with other projects to offset cost of repairs to both fountains. The committee expressed interest to contribute to the Waverley Park Fountain project and will discuss at the February meeting.

### **16.3 Thunder Bay Historical Museum Update**

Frank Gerry provided an update relative to the Thunder Bay Museum Board reviewing the consultants final report on the feasibility for the expansion of the Museum facilities.

### **16.4 Public Art Committee Update**

Coordinator - Cultural Development & Public Art Laurie Abthorpe advised the Committee that the final draft of the Cultural Plan will be presented to City Council in April 2025.

**17. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, City Hall.

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.