



Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

1. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting 02-2025

Chair: Douglas Yahn

2. Members

Jennifer Bonazzo, Vice-Chair
Carla Chisel
Kimberly Costa
Frank Gerry
Ahsanul Habib
Councillor Greg Johnsen
Shaun Kennedy
Douglas Yahn, Chair

3. Officials

Christina Wakefield, City Archivist & Chief Heritage Resource Officer
Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

4. Resource Persons

Laurie Abthorpe, Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art

5. Guests

Ian McEwen, 372 Red River Road
Cory Stechyshyn, President - i4architecture
Elaine Lynch - The Coalition for Waverley Park

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: Kimberly Costa

SECONDED BY: Frank Gerry

WITH RESPECT to the March 27, 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

9.1 372 Red River Road - Waverley Park Heritage Conservation District Property

Ian McEwen appeared before Committee and provided an overview of the proposed renovations to 372 Red River Road. The roof needs replacing. Will be using a new steel roof that is designed to replicate the look of cedar shakes. Other exterior renovations include an insulated deck and repairs to the roofline. Foam insulation will be used when repairing the roof.

Additional interior renovations were also presented and include bathroom repairs in the top floor unit.

Discussion was held relative to the plans/drawings from Leonard Alfred Wood Architecture, dated 17/1/25.

The Chair advised that the plans for the renovations do not change the overall view-scape of the neighbourhood and the property owner is looking to maintain the heritage character of the house.

MOVED BY: Kimberly Costa
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

WITH RESPECT to the repair/renovation project for 372 Red River Road, a designated Heritage Property within the Waverley Park Heritage Conservation District, the Heritage Advisory Committee approves in principle the proposed repair/renovations plans, as illustrated in the drawings from Leonard Alfred Wood Architecture, dated 17/1/25 and as presented by Ian McEwan at the March 27, 2025 Committee meeting;

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

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

CARRIED

9.2 146 Court Street North - McVicar Manor - Carriage House Garage Update

Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator provided an update on the procedural process required to complete the approval of this item.

Cory Stechyshyn, i4architecture appeared before Committee and provided additional information and clarification regarding the completed demolition and re-build of the garage at 146 Court Street North.

Architectural drawings from i4architecture, project number 2025-06 were presented.

Discussion was held relative to requiring an amended resolution from the January 23, 2025 Committee meeting to approve the final project.

9.3 The Coalition for Waverley Park - 100th Anniversary of the Cenotaph

Elaine Lynch - The Coalition for Waverley Park appeared before Committee and provided a presentation relative to the history of the Waverley Park cenotaph. A Committee is being formed to prepare a 100th Anniversary celebration and would like to invite the Heritage Advisory Committee to participate. Very early in the process. Further information will be provided at a future Committee meeting.

The Committee thanked Elaine Lynch for the opportunity to participate. Information will be emailed to the Committee members.

10. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 of the Heritage Advisory Committee, held on January 23, 2025, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Shaun Kennedy
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 of the Heritage Advisory Committee, held on January 23, 2025, be confirmed.

At the January 23, 2025 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, Dr. Walid Shahrour provided information relative to replacing the garage located at 146 Court Street North, a Heritage Register listed property and a resolution was passed approving the repairs and renovations. It was requested that the resolution be extracted from the minutes and voted on separately:

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.

MOVED BY: Frank Gerry

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the resolution relative to 146 Court Street North, we recommend that paragraphs 1 and 2 be replaced with the following:

"THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approves and has no opposition to the completed demolition of the former carriage house located at 146 Court Street North;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approves the construction of a new accessory building on the property;

AND THAT the re-build has no significant heritage impact to the property;"

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Frank Gerry

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approves and has no opposition to the completed demolition of the former carriage house located at 146 Court Street North;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approves the construction of a new accessory building on the property;

AND THAT the re-build has no significant heritage impact to the property;

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

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Shaun Kennedy
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Bonazzo

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 of the Heritage Advisory Committee, held on January 23, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

11. Committee Member Vacancies and Terms of Reference Updates

Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator Gordon Stover advised the Committee that Andrew Cotter, Courtney Turner and Heidi Strobl have decided not to re-apply to the Committee.

Shaun Kennedy and Jennifer Bonazzo have been re-appointed to the Committee.

Further advertisements for Committee and Board Appointments vacancies will be posted by the Office of the City Clerk.

12. 2025 Arts & Heritage Awards

Laurie Abthorpe, Coordinator – Cultural Development & Public Art advised that there is an opening on Arts & Heritage Awards Committee for another Heritage appointee to replace Heidi Strobl.

The committee is currently designing the awards and the call to artists.

13. Committee Member Updates

13.1 Heritage Register Subcommittee Update

There was no update at this time.

13.2 Clean, Green and Beautiful Update

There was no update at this time.

13.3 Thunder Bay Historical Museum Update

Frank Gerry advised the Committee that the Museum Board is still reviewing the consultant report on the future of the Museum. Still working out details for future plans and directions.

13.4 Public Art Committee Update

Christina Wakefield, City Archivist & Chief Heritage Resource Officer advised the Committee that the Public Art Committee is looking at the possibility of adding artwork to the waste bins along the marina park walking pathway.

14. Heritage Researcher Update

Christina Wakefield, City Archivist & Chief Heritage Resource Officer provided the following updates:

- One-Stop Development Shop - the City is looking at ways of streamlining its Building Permit process as well as related Building and Planning approval matters. The process to review/triage heritage requests is underway.
- Consultant RFQ - Looking at starting procurement in April.
- Archives Awareness Week - The public is invited for tours/open house of the Archives Building on April 7th and 8th.
- Archives Building Renovations - planned for summer 2025. Photos and design plans were displayed for the Committee.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, City Hall.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.