

LACH Stewardship Sub-Committee: Minutes - March 25, 2015

Location: Committee Room 3- City Hall Start Time: 6:30 pm.

Present: Jim Cushing, Janet Hunten, Mark Tovey, Theresa Regnier,
(Kyle Gonyou, Don Menard - staff)

Regrets: Monika Sawicka

Agenda Items / Comments and Recommendations:

1. **St. George-Grosvenor HCD Study** – update
 - i. Kyle Gonyou advised Stewardship Sub-Committee members that consultants have been retained by the City to conduct the Heritage Conservation District Study of the St. George-Grosvenor area. Initial planning will begin shortly once administrative matters are resolved.
 - ii. Mark Tovey reported on the research he and Alasdair Beaton have conducted with respect to identifying additional properties in the St. George-Grosvenor area that may merit listing on the Heritage Register (Inventory). A digital file of these will be made available to Stewardship members for review at its next meeting.
 - iii. Mark further noted the upcoming joint meeting of ACO and the London & Middlesex Historical Society will feature a lecture by him about the research being done about the heritage of the St. George-Grosvenor area on April 15.

2. **Meadowlily** – In preparation for the presentation to LACH at its April 8, 2015 meeting, Stewardship Sub-Committee members identified questions related to the potential cultural heritage landscape under consideration. Specifically, questions were identified as to whether or not a Conservation Master Plan for the ESA could include elements not currently within the ESA boundary. Specifically attention was drawn to the mill remnants, the rural roadscape of Meadowlily Road, and the Thames Talbot Land Trust lands. With respect to the revival of the Secondary Plan, questions were raised about the potential land uses that might be identified for the privately held lands and the possible impacts of new uses on cultural heritage resources and the ESA.

3. **Hunt Dam** -Request for designation/interpretive signage and potential park renaming – Staff reviewed the request from Jay Hunt for recognition of the Hunt family legacy related to the milling industry. There was some discussion as to the date of the current weir and its relationship to Charles Hunt. Stewardship **recommends** the following to the LACH for consideration (moved by Jim Cushing, seconded by Mark Tovey):
 - i. That Stewardship Sub-Committee should look further into the nature and history of the current weir/dam in terms of whether it may be appropriate for designation irrespective of its connection to Charles Hunt; and,
 - ii. That the LACH support the creation of interpretive signage recognizing the Hunt legacy and consider supporting further recognition if renaming a park is appropriate.

4. **479-489 Talbot Street** – Stewardship Sub-Committee members were updated with respect to the research related to the Camden Terrace row housing structure, and, to a lesser extent, to 93-95 Dufferin both of which may be impacted by a proposed development. While the physical or design values of the properties are evident and provide a basis for a designation, it was noted that

additional research should be done to determine the degree to which Samuel Peters and Sons may be directly related to the architectural design in addition to the Peters family ownership of the various land parcels there.

5. **131 Wellington Road** – referred to a future meeting as no research has been started, nor a site visit arranged.

6. **West of Blackfriars-Petersville** – This matter relates to the recommendations from the consultants for the Blackfriars -Petersville Heritage Conservation District Study with respect to the two sub-areas identified by the consultants that lie to the west of Wharncliffe Road North. **Stewardship Sub-Committee recommends that the LACH advise Municipal Council that the properties in sub-category 2 be added to the Heritage Register with the Priority listings identified by the consulting team.** The following identifies the properties and their proposed priorities (moved by Janet Hunten, seconded by Theresa Regnier):
 - 126 Mount Pleasant Avenue (currently Priority 3; revise to Priority 1)
 - 171 Mount Pleasant Avenue (Priority 3)
 - 30 Charles Street (Priority 1)
 - 32-34 Charles Street (Priority 2)
 - 13 Granville Street (Priority 2)
 - 114 Paul Street (Priority 3)
 - 116 Paul Street (Priority 3)
 - 128 Paul Street (Priority 3)
 - 132 Paul Street (Priority 3)
 - 136 Paul Street (Priority 3)
 - 142 Paul Street (Priority 3)
 - 30 Wharncliffe Road North (Priority 2)
 - 8 Wyatt Street (Priority 2)
 - 10 Wyatt Street (Priority 3)
 - 34 Wyatt Street (Priority 2)
 - 36 Wyatt Street (currently Priority 1; revise to Priority 3)

In addition, with respect to properties in sub-area 3, Stewardship Sub-Committee will evaluate some of these for its next meeting.

7. **East London Industrial Buildings** - The information submitted by Benjamin Vasquez on behalf of the East London Historical Society was reviewed in a quick overview. The materials will be made available for further study by staff and the Stewardship Sub-Committee will provide consideration at a later date in terms of the request that these properties be added to the Heritage Register.

8. **240 Waterloo** -Kyle Gonyou reported that he is working with Shawn Adamsson on the preparation of a draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for the former Michigan-Central Railroad repair shed (Roundhouse.)

9. **Mid Century Modern Properties**- a brief discussion noted the potential loss of the Mid-Century Modern properties on the Hill Street portion of the Old South Street hospital on the basis of Municipal Council's recent decision to allow their removal by demolition.

It was also noted that the LACH at its April meeting will consider the recent recommendations to add a number of Mid-Century Modern resources to the Heritage Register.

10. **New Business**

- i. **Demolition Request – 104 Commissioners Road East** – Priority 2 – Tudor Revival – A formal application for the demolition of this structure will be brought before the LACH at its April meeting. Stewardship Sub-Committee members were presented with some information about the residence and its proposed replacement but had insufficient information to make any recommendation at this time. It was noted that staff will arrange a site visit to view the property and to take additional photographs.
- ii. **Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport letter** re: use of Registry Office (Service Ontario). The 2015 authorization letter from the MTCS is available and can be distributed electronically.
- iii. **161 Windermere Road** – Stewardship Sub-Committee members were notified that an application for its designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* has been made by the owner and will be brought to the LACH for its advice to PEC and Municipal Council.
- iv. Members were advised that Michael Evens plans on returning to Stewardship in April
- v. Kyle Gonyou informally inquired about a proposed alteration to a property. A formal Heritage Alteration Permit application will come to the LACH in April
- vi. Mark Tovey - advised members of an upcoming event at Eldon House on April 12. The event will examine astronomy and how technological improvements to the telescope have altered views of the night sky.

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.