

Report of Meeting: July 29, 2015: LACH Stewardship Sub-Committee

Committee Room 3: City Hall- 6:30 p.m. -8:45 p.m.

Attendees: J. Cushing, J. Hunten, T. Regnier, M. Tovey, A. Beaton, M. Whalley, M. Evens
Staff Liaison: K. Gonyou, B. Davies, D. Menard

Regrets: G. Smith

Report Agenda Items:

1. Revisions to Heritage Register

Planning Staff Intern Beth Davies presented an overview of her work to date with respect to updating the Heritage Register. She noted there were four main goals of this project:

- i) to add new properties that had been identified as having cultural heritage interest or value;
- ii) to remove properties that had been demolished since the previous edition was published (2006);
- iii) to bring the introductory materials up to date, including the brief history of the City;
- iv) to provide additional information about listed and designated properties.

Beth used a sample page to identify specific areas of focus and to elicit opinions from Stewardship members as to what might be appropriate. The plan is to incorporate these comments and bring a draft to the August meeting of the LACH for further discussion.

2. 78-88 Oxford Street West

Stewardship members discussed further the cultural heritage significance of the 6 properties from 78-88 Oxford Street West. It was noted that a previous Stewardship recommendation, supported by the LACH, had called for the listing of all 6 properties on the Register and the possible designation of them. It was further noted that the current Environmental Assessment being conducted for the Wharnccliffe Road/Oxford Street area had recommended the possible removal of all six properties to facilitate the creation of a turn lane from Oxford Street West onto Wharnccliffe Road.

In the discussion that ensued, it was noted that the properties retain significant cultural heritage value in terms of the shared gambrel rooflines of all six properties, their historic association to a specific era of development (c. 1910-14) and their landmark contextual status at the intersection. It was further noted that some of the properties have been architecturally altered over time.

Reference was made to the recently completed Blackfriars-Petersville Heritage Conservation District Study and the resulting *Blackfriars -Petersville West Guideline Document* which noted that the properties at 82 and 88 Oxford Street West were currently listed in the Inventory and further recommended that the remaining properties be listed with a Priority 3 ranking.

The question was asked as to whether the City, assuming its eventual ownership of the properties, would consider the relocation of these properties by moving them further south to allow for the creation of a turn lane while retaining the grouping, noting the lot parcels seemed to provide sufficient depth to do so.

It was further noted that, of the six properties, the two most easterly properties at 78 and 80 Oxford Street West had issues related to the condition of the building/loss of architectural details.

This matter will be brought to the attention of the LACH at its August 19th meeting. At that time, the consultant involved with the EA process, specifically with respect to cultural heritage matters arising in the EA, has been invited to comment and to receive comments.

Stewardship Recommendation to LACH:

That the City attempt to retain the 6 residential buildings at 78-88 Oxford Street West; at a minimum, the four properties (82-88 Oxford Street West) be designated under Section 29 of the O. H.A. for their cultural heritage values related to their common design features, their historic representation of a specific era of the City's growth and their contextual significance.

Moved: J. Cushing; Seconded: A. Beaton; Approved

3. 479-489 Talbot Street (Camden Terrace)

J. Cushing presented the research that has been produced related to the history and architectural details of these buildings. In the discussion that ensued, it was noted that the structure may have been constructed in two phases, the first being the four parcels to the north with the second phase being the two units that are most southerly.

In terms of completing a draft statement of cultural heritage value or interest, the following was recommended:

That J. Cushing distribute, digitally, the information he has provided to all Stewardship members prior to the next meeting of the Stewardship so that sub-committee members could review the content and provide comments that would then be incorporated into a draft statement of cultural heritage value or interest for consideration by Stewardship before presentation to the LACH.

Moved: A. Beaton; Seconded, M. Whalley; Approved

4. 93-95 Dufferin

Research to date on this double house was presented. It was noted that the structure is composed of two elements - an Italianate style residence built c. 1864 or 1868 and a later Classical Revival addition 1894. A draft evaluation and statement of cultural heritage value or interest has been prepared.

In terms of reviewing the draft statement of cultural heritage value or interest, the following was recommended:

That K. Gonyou distribute, digitally, the information he has provided to all Stewardship members prior to the next meeting of the Stewardship so that sub-committee members could review the content and provide comments that would then be incorporated into a draft statement of cultural heritage value or interest for consideration by Stewardship before presentation to the LACH.

Moved: M. Whalley; Seconded -A. Beaton; Approved.

5. New Business

Verbal updates

- M. Whalley -ACO's 50th Anniversary Project
- J.Hunten - Fugitive Slave Chapel- John Routledge architectural services
- A.Beaton - comment about receiving information about the demolition of 1055 The Parkway