

## Minutes: LACH Stewardship Meeting: November 25, 2015

### Committee Room 3, City Hall: 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** J. Cushing (Chair), M. Whalley, J. Hunten, A. Beaton, M. Tovey, W. Kinghorn, M. Sawicka, T. McLaughlin; B. Vazquez (observing); K. Gonyou & D. Menard (Staff)

**Present at 6:30 p.m.** Councillor T. Park, Cheri McLeod (SoHo Community Association), S. Miller, R. Pennington, T. Regnier.

**Regrets:** M. Evens.

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. LACH Work Plan (2016) - Priority Designations

Members discussed establishing a Priority List of properties that should be designated. Two previous lists from 2007 & 2008 provided a basis for discussion. It was noted that several of the properties on those lists had been designated by virtue of becoming part of a Heritage Conservation District or had been designated individually. Also note was made that some properties may be in greater risk because of several factors.

*Motion: That Stewardship identify five properties for research and evaluation towards preparing Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for presentation to the LACH as part of the 2016 LACH work plan. The specific properties will be identified at a future meeting of the Stewardship Sub-Committee with the assistance of staff in preparing a combined list. It is noted, also, that draft Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest have been prepared in previous years for several properties.*

*Moved: M. Whalley, Seconded: M. Tovey: Approved.*

#### 2. Draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: King Street Bridge

K. Gonyou provided a draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for the proposed designation of the King Street pedestrian bridge. He noted that the draft had been circulated to specific city departments and feedback had been incorporated into the Statement.

*Motion: That Stewardship recommends to the LACH that the draft Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be provided to Municipal Council for notice of intent to designate the King Street Bridge under Section 29 (Part IV) of the Ontario Heritage Act.*

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

#### 3. 157 Langarth Street East

A request has been submitted by the LACH for Stewardship's consideration for listing the property at 157 Langarth Street East as a property of cultural heritage value and interest. J. Cushing volunteered to begin initial research into the property.

#### 4. 530 Sunningdale Road East

The LACH had referred this to Stewardship at its November meeting as it was adjacent to a proposed development. Stewardship does not recommend further action as impacts to this listed property are minimal, if any.

#### 5. Stewardship Sub-Committee Meeting Dates

Staff conveyed information from Clerks about the need to examine meeting dates in 2016 if the City Hall location is continued to be used. K. Gonyou will do additional research to determine

whether the usual last Wednesday of the month will lead to conflicts in particular months and will report back to the LACH at its December meeting. If an alternative site is needed for particular meetings, the Planning Office at 206 Dundas may be available.

#### **6. Books on Heritage Building Restoration**

M. Tovey brought to the attention of the sub-committee a concern that it is often difficult for owners of heritage property to gain information about alterations to, or restorations of, their heritage properties. He provided examples of book resources that provide guidance and suggested that LACH be requested to provide funds to create a small resource library which property owners might consult and, locate it in a place accessible to them, suggesting the London Room at the Central Branch Library.

In discussion, members also suggested that an electronic resource list might be useful if posted where the public might be able to find it, possibly ACO's website.

*Motion: That the LACH be requested to provide up to \$300 from its 2015 budget to acquire core book resources for the creation of a resource library: it being noted that M. Tovey will approach staff at the London Room to see if it could be housed there.*

*Moved: M. Tovey, Seconded, A. Beaton; Approved.*

#### **7. Added/Additional Business -Vacant Building by-law Review**

A. Beaton brought to the attention of the committee a concern about the matters related to the Vacant Property by-law with respect to a specific property with which he was familiar. He noted that he had been advised that the City was about to undergo a review of the by-law. The committee recommended that he be given delegation status at the December meeting of the LACH to discuss this further.

*Motion: That A. Beaton and M. Tovey be invited to speak at the December meeting of the LACH with respect to the Vacant Building by-law and its enforcement.*

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

#### **8. Special Agenda Item beginning at 6:45 p.m. Western University Public History Program Students' Presentations**

For the seventh consecutive year, graduate students from the Public History Program, Western University, presented research on 10 properties in the SoHo area. Each property was evaluated to determine its eligibility to be designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The students presented their findings to the Stewardship Sub-Committee members and invited guests, and received feedback for their final reports. The final reports are submitted to the Heritage Planners' files and are available for future research.

##### **The Properties Researched**

- 122 Clarence Street, 157 Clarence Street, 183 Clarence Street;
- 191 Grey Street, 230 Grey Street, 287 Hill Street, 302 Hill Street; and,
- 202 Simcoe Street, 301 Simcoe, 308-310 Simcoe Street.

**Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.**

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