

## **LACH Stewardship Sub-Committee Report**

Wednesday April 27, 2016

Location: Planning Office, 206 Dundas Street

Start Time: 6:30 pm-8:15 pm.

**Present:** J. Cushing (Chair), J. Hunten, M. Tovey, A. Beaton, M. Whalley, T. Regnier, M. Sawicka, T. McLaughlin, B. Vazquez; D. Menard, K. Gonyou (staff)

**Regrets:** none

### **Agenda Items:**

**1. Demolition Request: 4402 Colonel Talbot Road (former McEachren Public School, Lambeth)**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee discussed the heritage merits of the property as a landmark in the Lambeth community, the work of H. C. McBride (architect), and its historical role as a continuation school.

Motion: Recommend that the 1925-portion of the former McEachren Public School be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Moved: M. Whalley; seconded: A. Beaton. Passed.

**2. Demolition Request: 5067 Cook Road**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee discussed the limited historical information available on the property, its geographic context, and the limited physical or design interest of the property.

Motion: Recommend that 5067 Cook Road not be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Moved: A. Beaton; seconded: B. Vazquez. Passed.

**3. Demolition Request: 175-181 King Street (Downtown HCD)**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee received information regarding the demolition request for 175-181 King Street; it being noted that the demolition request for 183 King Street was refused by Municipal Council in 2015 and has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. The Stewardship Sub-Committee will comment on this request at its next meeting in advance of the June LACH meeting.

**4. Request to Repeal Designating By-law: 142 Kent Street (By-law No. LSP-2984-126)**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee received information regarding the request to repeal the designating by-law for 142 Kent Street. K. Gonyou informed the

Stewardship Sub-Committee on the process to repeal a designating by-law, including potential appeal routes, as well as using the test of *Ontario Heritage Act* Regulation 9/06. The Stewardship Sub-Committee discussed the architectural merits of the property, which were the primary reason for its designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and remain valid.

Motion: Recommend that the designating by-law for 142 Kent Street be upheld.  
Moved: J. Cushing; seconded: M. Whalley. Passed.

**5. Referred to LACH (April 13, 2016): 5200 Wellington Road South (Regina Mundi Collegiate)**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee received the referral by the LACH regarding Regina Mundi Collegiate. Some preliminary historical and architectural information was discussed, however it was noted that additional research and evaluation is required.

Motion: Recommend that the LACH Stewardship Sub-Committee members undertake further research for discussion at the next meeting. Moved: J. Cushing; seconded: B. Vazquez. Passed.

**6. Heritage Review:**

**a. 21 Wharncliffe Road South (Children's Museum, former Riverview School)**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee members received information from M. Whalley outlining the cultural heritage value or interest of the former Riverview School (now Children's Museum, 21 Wharncliffe Road South). It was discussed that the information provided sufficient rationale to merit inclusion on the Register (*Inventory of Heritage Resources*).

**Former Riverview Public School (21 Wharncliffe Road South)**

Built 1916

In 1914 an overflow of Grade 1 students from Victoria School were originally housed in a house on Riverview Avenue and the next fall a Grade 2 class was added in the kitchen and dining room. This house was torn down as the school was being built, so one class was put into a cottage by the Thames River and the other accommodated in a large tent pitched near the river. In January 1915 accommodations were found in a brick house at the corner of Becher Street and Wharncliffe Road South.

Riverview School was designed by L. E. Carrothers and J. V. Munro to hold 90 pupils in six classrooms but three classes from the old King

Street School were added to the enrolment and the plans were changed to build an 11 room, two-storey school with two wings. The kindergarten room was designed to do double duty as an assembly room and household science and manual training rooms and also accommodated students from Victoria Public School and the Charles Street School of London West.

Riverview School was closed as school in 1978. The building was rented by the Christian Academy of Western Ontario for three years, until it was bought by the London Regional Children's Museum in July 1981.

Exterior details (heritage attributes): ornate Edwardian doorway with an oriel window above and two rectangular upper bay windows in the flanking east and west wings supported by modillions. Those wall surfaces that are windowless are enlivened by picture frame, herringbone brick decoration that is further enhanced by stone diamonds and blocks, with a double brick border under the eaves and above the basement and rusticated stone foundation. There are distinctive 'Boys' and 'Girls' cement cartouches over two exterior entrances. The original kindergarten room is housed in a three-storey, five-sided bay with its generous windows. Above it was the household science room.

Interior details (heritage attributes): wall cornice details, terrazzo floors. The spacious kindergarten room is lit with large windows; the centre one has nursery rhyme decoration in its leaded glass windows: the painting, etching and artwork were made by Hobbs Glass Company.

The former Riverview School was featured in the ACO's Geranium Heritage House Tour 2009 "Riverview Rendezvous."

Motion: Recommend that 21 Wharnccliffe Road South (former Riverview School, now Children's Museum) be added to the Register (*Inventory of Heritage Resources*). Moved: M. Whalley; seconded: A. Beaton. Passed.

- b. 1160 Kipps Lane (original Kipp's family home) (J. Hunten, S. Gibson) *further research required*
- c. 2056 Huron Street ("House in the Grove") (T. Regnier) *further evaluation required*
- d. 1152 Dundas Street (Ruggles Truck Factory) (J. Cushing) *further evaluation required. A. Beaton to take lead on preparation of a draft statement.*

- e. 609 Dundas Street (Lilley's Corners) (B. Vazquez) *further evaluation required*
- f. 255 Delacourt Road (Woodholme) (LACH February 10, 2015) (J. Hunten)  
*further evaluation required*

7. Added Business

- a. M. Tovey's research on College Avenue is on-going.