

## 6TH REPORT OF THE

### LONDON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITAGE

Meeting held on May 11, 2016, commencing at 5:30 PM, in Committee Room #3, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** D. Dudek (Chair), S. Adamsson, D. Brock, J. Cushing, H. Elmslie, H. Garrett, S. Gibson, T. Jenkins, J. Manness, G. Thompson, B. Vazquez, K. Waud and M. Whalley and H. Lysynski (Acting Secretary).

**ALSO PRESENT:** R. Armistead, J. Dent, K. Gonyou, A. Macpherson and L. McNiven.

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

##### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that the following pecuniary interests were disclosed:

- a) H. Garrett with clause 7 of this Report, having to do with the Stewardship Sub-Committee Report relating to the review of the property located at 21 Wharncliffe Road South, by indicating that her employer is the agent on file for this project;
- b) G. Thompson with clause 2 of this Report, having to do with the Heritage Impact Statement relating to the property located at 240 Waterloo Street, by indicating that he may be a tenant of the redevelopment; and,
- c) S. Adamsson with clause 2 of this Report, having to do with the Heritage Impact Statement relating to the property located at 240 Waterloo Street, by indicating that he is a tenant of the property.

#### **II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

##### 2. Heritage Impact Statement - 240 Waterloo Street

That the Heritage Impact Statement for the property located at 240 Waterloo Street BE POSTPONED to a future meeting of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage as Mr. Kirkness, Agent, was unable to attend the meeting.

##### 3. Green In

That the London Advisory Committee on Heritage reviewed and received the attached presentation from Lisa McNiven, Parks Project Co-ordinator, with respect to the Green In project on the London Normal School lands.

#### **III. CONSENT ITEMS**

##### 4. 5th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage

That it BE NOTED that the 5th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage from its meeting held on April 13, 2016, was received.

##### 5. Municipal Council Resolution - 4th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 5, 2016, with respect to the 4th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, was received.

##### 6. Municipal Council Resolution - Properties located at 864-872 Dundas Street

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on April 5, 2016, with respect to the proposed designation of the properties located at 862-874 Dundas Street, was received.

#### IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

##### 7. Stewardship

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Stewardship Sub-Committee Report:

- a) the property located at 21 Wharncliffe Road South (former Riverview School, now the London Children's Museum) BE PLACED on the Register (*Inventory of Heritage Resources*); it being noted that the attached rationale supports the recommendation; and,
- b) it BE NOTED that the Stewardship Sub-Committee minutes from its meeting held on April 27, 2016, were received.

#### V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### 8. 4402 Colonel Talbot Road

That, the following actions be taken with respect to the request for the demolition of a heritage listed property located at 4402 Colonel Talbot Road:

- a) notice BE GIVEN under the provision of Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18*, of Municipal Council's intention to designate the north, west and south façade of the 1925 portion of the buildings located at 4402 Colonel Talbot Road to be of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons appended to the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner's report dated May 11, 2016;
- b) the Chief Building Official BE ADVISED of Municipal Council's intention in this matter; and,
- c) it BE NOTED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) heard delegations from Dr. Chawla, owner and D. Smith, S3AEC and Studio S3AEC and received the following communications with respect to this matter:
  - i) dated May 5, 2016 from D. Smith, S3AEC and StudioS3AEC; and,
  - ii) dated February, 2016 from S3AEC and StudioS3AEC.

##### 9. 5067 Cook Road

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, with the advice of the Heritage Planner, the following actions be taken with respect to the request for the demolition of a heritage listed property located at 5067 Cook Road:

- a) the Chief Building Official BE ADVISED that Municipal Council consents to the demolition of the building located at 5067 Cook Road; and,
- b) the property located at 5067 Cook Road BE REMOVED from the Register (*Inventory of Heritage Resources*).

##### 10. 566 Colborne Street

That it BE NOTED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage held a general discussion with respect to the proposed Heritage Alteration Permit for the property located at 566 Colborne Street.

##### 11. Heritage Planner's Report

That it BE NOTED that the attached submission from K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner, with respect to various updates and events, was received.

#### VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

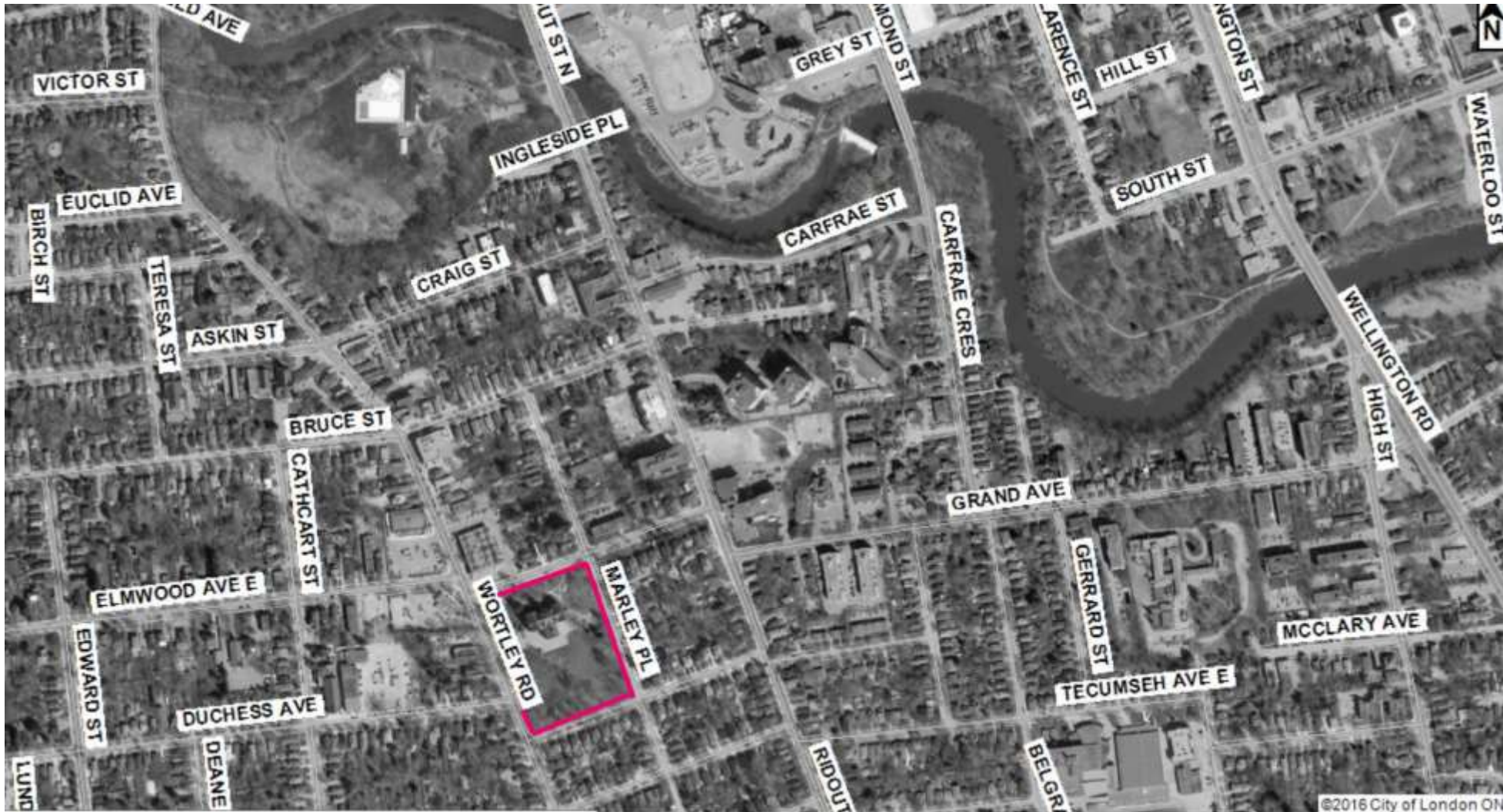
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: June 8, 2016**

# The GREEN

The Normal School/The Green is one of the most protected heritage landmarks in the City of London. It has Part 4 designation under the Ontario Heritage Act, a Part 5 designation within the Wortley Village Heritage Conservation District as well as a Heritage Easement held by the Ontario Heritage Trust.



# The GREEN



1922



1945



## The Normal School

- 1898, the Normal School built as a training facility for elementary school teachers,
- 1958, the Normal School was abandoned as a teachers training facility and converted to a junior high school,
- 1963, the building was converted to the administrative offices of the London Board of Education,
- 1985, the province sold the grounds to the London and Middlesex County Roman Catholic School Board to house their administrative offices,
- 1985, the city places a heritage designation, and the Ontario Heritage Trust applies a Heritage Conservation Easement on the site,
- 2004, the Catholic school board relocates, vacating the building,
- 2014, the City of London purchases the site.



## The Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement

Site protected by the Ontario Heritage Trust. A Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement is in place in order to conserve the aesthetic and scenic character and condition of the building and grounds.

The Agreement outlines that the City of London shall not without approval of the Trust:

- Remove, destroy or cut trees, shrubs and other vegetation
- Plant trees, shrubs and other vegetation which would reduce the aesthetics of the property or causing any damage to the property
- Allow any activities, actions or uses detrimental to water conservation, erosion control or soil conservation
- Allow any changes in the general appearance or topography of the property, including the digging of construction ditches, erection of transmission towers as well as the excavation, dredging or removal of loam, gravel, soil, rock or other materials.





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## Stage 1 – The Survey

Over the month of April 2016, the City distributed flyers to residents in the Old South Community, inviting anyone interested to weigh in on visions for The Green. The public were asked to review three options being considered and then asked to choose which option represented their “vision” for The Green.

**Have your say about**  
**THE GREEN**

(the land located directly behind the Normal School on Wortley Road)

Which of these options would you choose?

- Event Space
- Passive Green
- Leave it as it is

Please take our survey > [www.london.ca/TheGreen](http://www.london.ca/TheGreen)

London CANADA

## Stage 1 – The Survey – Three Choices – No Development





## Stage 1 – The Survey – Three Choices – Passive Green





## Stage 1 – The Survey – Three Choices – Event Park





## Next Steps:

1. In May and June, city staff will review feedback from the community to determine the “preferred” option.
2. The preferred option will be presented at The Gathering on the Green on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This will provide an opportunity for the public to review the results of the survey and to give input on design elements.
3. By late summer 2016, the City will hold a public meeting to deliver outcomes from the consultation with the community, receive input on design elements and to outline how the City of London will be proceeding.
4. In the Autumn of 2016, the City will hire a consultant to prepare technical drawings and all other documentation required by the Ontario Heritage Trust.
5. In late Winter 2017, the City will present a final refined design proposal to Ontario Heritage Trust for their approval.
6. In April 2017, an application for a Heritage Alteration Permit will be submitted to the City of London’s Planning Department.
7. Following approval by the Ontario Heritage Trust and receiving an alternation permit, anticipated construction would commence in April 2017.

## **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

### 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 Wharncliffe 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.

## Heritage Planner's Report to LACH: May 11, 2016

1. Heritage Alteration Permits processed under Delegated Authority By-law:
  - a. 517 Dufferin Avenue (East Woodfield HCD): Peter Street façade window replacement
  - b. 312 Grosvenor Street (Bishop Hellmuth HCD): new detached garage
  - c. 842 Wellington Street (Bishop Hellmuth HCD): porch awning
  - d. 96 Bruce Street (WV-OS HCD): new roof
  - e. 326 St. James Street (Part IV): sunroom
2. Heritage Conservation Districts
  - a. St. George-Grosvenor HCD Study (update)
3. Archaeological Master Plan Review (update)
4. Wayfinding Signage along Thames Valley Parkway
5. Designation of the King Street Bridge (update)
6. Addressing Issues: Mathers Cemetery (3551 Colonel Talbot Road): June LACH
7. Request to Repeal Designating By-law for 142 Kent: June LACH

### Upcoming Heritage Events

- Jay Hunt on City Mill and Charles Hunt, London & Middlesex Historical Society – Wednesday May 18 at 7:30pm, Old Middlesex County Court House (399 Ridout Street North)
- Unveiling of Heritage Interpretive Sign in recognition of Charles Hunt – Thursday May 19 at 11:00am, Carfrae Park West
- Victoria Day Disaster 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration – Saturday May 21, Woodland Cemetery (493 Springbank Drive), [www.woodlandcemetery.ca](http://www.woodlandcemetery.ca)
- “Unfield School” at the Lawson Site (Museum of Ontario Archaeology) – May 25-27 and June 1-3, [www.archaeologymuseum.ca](http://www.archaeologymuseum.ca)
- OSCO, Gathering on the Green – Saturday June 4, 2016. 10:00-5:00.
- Sydenham Saunter – 43<sup>rd</sup> Geranium Heritage House Tour – Sunday June 5, 2016. 1:00-5:00pm. More info and tickets: [http://www.acolondon.ca/acoLondon/Geranium\\_Tour.html](http://www.acolondon.ca/acoLondon/Geranium_Tour.html)
- Woodhull Cemetery Decoration Day – Sunday June 5, 2016. 2442 Oxford Street West. 10:00am service, 11:10am decoration
- Historic Woodfield Street Fair – Saturday June 18, 2016. 10:00-3:00pm