

**LACH Stewardship Sub-Committee
Report**

Wednesday July 26, 2017

Location: Planning Office, 206 Dundas Street

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Present: J. Cushing (Chair), M. Whalley, J. Hunten, T. Regnier, A. Beaton, B. Vazquez; K. Gonyou, L. Dent (staff)

Regrets:

Agenda Items:

**1. Discussion on London East Industrial Properties added to the Register
(*Inventory of Heritage Resources*)**

The Stewardship Sub-Committee had a discussion to review the process undertaken to add the London East Industrial properties to the Register (*Inventory of Heritage Resources*).

2. Update: CityMap

The Stewardship Sub-Committee received a verbal update from K. Gonyou regarding updates to CityMap for heritage listed and heritage designated properties.

3. Update: Demolition Request: 660 Sunningdale Road East

The Stewardship Sub-Committee received a verbal update from K. Gonyou on the demolition request for the barns at 660 Sunningdale Road East.

4. Demolition Request: 723 Lorne Avenue (former Lorne Avenue Public School)

The Stewardship Sub-Committee review the demolition request for the former Lorne Avenue Public School (723 Lorne Avenue) in the Old East Heritage Conservation District.

Recommendation: The Stewardship Sub-Committee does not oppose the demolition of the building with the understanding that the former Lorne Avenue Public School will be commemorated in future development on the site, which should include the school bell and lettering. Moved: M. Whalley; Seconded: B. Vazquez. Passed.

5. Designation Request: 329 Victoria Street

The Stewardship Sub-Committee reviewed the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for 329 Victoria Street (Amy Barnes Consulting).

Recommendation: The Stewardship Sub-Committee recommended the designation of the property at 329 Victoria Street with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or

Interest prepared by the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report. Moved: B. Vazquez; Seconded: A. Beaton, Passed.

6. Demolition Request: 440 Grey Street

The Stewardship Sub-Committee did not make a comment on the demolition request for 440 Grey Street. It being noted that this property is within the SoHo area which is a future Heritage Conservation District Study Area.

7. Demolition Request: 36 & 40 York Street, Downtown HCD

The Stewardship Sub-Committee received the Heritage Impact Statement prepared for 32, 36 & 40 York Street (Stantec).

Recommendation: The Stewardship Sub-Committee does not oppose the demolition of the buildings located at 36 & 40 York Street, but expressed regret for the loss of the former Mission Hall (built 1892). However, the Stewardship Sub-Committee has the following concerns with the proposed development at the site, including:

- Loss of parkland;
- Colours and materials of the proposed cladding that should be more compatible with the Downtown HCD;
- Non-compatible proposed façade along York Street, noting that the façade guidelines of the Downtown HCD should be applied;
- Unmitigated impacts on adjacent and nearby heritage designated properties; and,
- Cohesive massing of the building between the podium and tower component of the building, particularly in the use of materials and design details.

The Stewardship Sub-Committee recommends that the former Mission Hall be commemorated through a cultural heritage interpretive sign at the site; it being noted that it was the last remaining of many “little churches” within the Downtown area, and the former home of the London Community Players. Mover: T. Regnier; Seconder: M. Whalley, Passed.