

Report

Education Sub-Committee London Advisory Committee on Heritage

Wednesday April 7, 2021

6:30-9:15pm

Virtual meeting (Zoom)

Attendance: K. Waud (Chair), M. Rice, S. Jory, J. Manness, J. Hunten; R. Armistead, M. Greguol, K. Gonyou (staff)

1. Draft Plaque Text for 505 Talbot Street

The Education Sub-Committee received draft plaque text, submitted by Stantec Consulting, for the property at 505 Talbot Street (Azure). Stantec confirmed to staff that the same text was included on the draft panels that were submitted to the LACH for its meeting on April 14, 2021.

Interpretive signage is required per the “Bonus Zone,” as well as salvage and incorporation of architectural artefacts and building materials. From the Municipal Council resolution regarding the properties at 505, 507, and 511 Talbot Street and 94 Dufferin Avenue (September 1, 2015, Resolet 14-19-PEC; attached)

- ii) the provision of a heritage courtyard to provide spacing between the podium and the church and to and offer a landscaped space including interpretive signage relating to the buildings currently located on the site;*
- iii) salvage and reclamation of significant architectural artefacts and building materials from the existing buildings on the subject site, for incorporation into the new building’s interior and/or exterior or within the heritage courtyard;*

The Education Sub-Committee would provide the following comments and attached comments in track changes on the draft plaque text for revision:

- The order of the buildings on the plaque should be sequential: 505 Talbot Street, 507 Talbot Street, 511 Talbot Street
- The extract detail from the Fire Insurance Plan should identify the subject properties
- Please check the accuracy of the references list
- Please advise how the salvaged and reclaimed architectural artefacts from the former buildings have been incorporated into the new building’s interior and/or exterior or within the heritage courtyard?

The Education Sub-Committee noted that this a privately-owned plaque on private property will be maintained forever.

2. Draft Interpretive Panels for SoHo Civic Space

The Education Sub-Committee reviewed the draft interpretive panels text and would like to provide the following preliminary comments:

- Panel 1 – SoHo
 - Include a map identifying the SoHo neighbourhood for Panel 1
 - Please highlight any specific locations identified in the panels on this map
 - Point of clarification – Great Western Railway arrived in London in 1854; reference to the 1870s does not provide the chronological sense of development perhaps intended
 - City Directory only records the head of household, generally male – what could be included here to be more inclusive of the diversity of the SoHo area including the representation of women?
 - Why was the 1887 City Directory selected? Why not a later or different City Directory that may more ethnic diversity represented?
 - ~~Black refugee population~~ community
- Panel 2 – South Street Hospital Complex
 - Reference to the nurse's residence suggests it is still present; should be clear about what's gone (Crippled Children's Treatment Centre, Gartshore Nurses' Residence, Elsie Perrin Williams Wing) and what's remaining
 - "The Hospital still fronts this public space today" – unclear, does this refer to the Colborne Building or War Memorial Children's Hospital?
 - Needs to highlight the three extant heritage buildings:
 - War Memorial Children's Hospital
 - Health Services Building
 - Colborne Building (Paying Patient's Pavilion)
 - A map or aerial image of the old Victoria Hospital would be useful
 - See Nancy Tausky's *Cultural Heritage Assessment Report: Buildings in the South Street Hospital Complex* (May 2011) for more information and photographs
- Panel 3 – Cobalt-60 Beam Therapy
 - Potential confusion about reference to Victoria Hospital – reference to "new" Victoria Hospital or "old" Victoria Hospital?
 - Is there a lead researcher or doctor that can be identified and highlighted?
 - See the National Historic Event designation for the Cobalt-60 (https://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/dfhd/page_nhs_eng.aspx?id=1782)

- See photographs from the *London Free Press* of the Cobalt-60 beam therapy (see *From the Vault*, Vol II)
- Is there a photograph of the atomic energy in medicine mural noted in the text?
- Panel 4
 - Would like to see the artwork featured in the panels, but noting appropriate permissions required to do so
 - Including the artwork in this panel is essential
 - Clarify that Greg Curnoe's studio was to the south across the Thames River from SoHo

3. **Plaque for Lorne Avenue Bell**

The Education Sub-Committee reviewed the draft plaque for the Lorne Avenue Bell. Concern was expressed for potential confusion between the 1950 and 1955 dates referenced on the plaque. The following revision (underlined) is suggested:

Principal W. D. E. Matthews said in 1955

No colon is required following "from":

From October 1875 to June 1950

A "no resale value" marker could be useful to discourage theft.

The Education Sub-Committee recommended the future cultural heritage interpretive sign include a photograph of the historic school with the belfry.

4. **1948 London Majors plaques**

The Education Sub-Committee received the information about the two 1948 London Majors plaques that will be installed at Labatt Park.

5. **Richard B. Harrison plaque**

The Education Sub-Committee received a verbal report on the relocation of the Richard B. Harrison plaque within Richard B. Harrison Park.

6. **Cultural Heritage Interpretive Sign for the Hellmuth Boys College**

The Education Sub-Committee received a verbal update on the cultural heritage interpretive sign for the Hellmuth Boys College. The installation and unveiling of this cultural heritage interpretive sign has yet to be scheduled.

7. **Blackfriars Mill cultural heritage interpretive sign at Harris Park**

The Education Sub-Committee received a verbal update on the status of the Blackfriars Mill cultural heritage interpretive sign. It was noted that the cultural heritage interpretive sign was removed for the sesquicentennial renovation of the

Harris Park Pavilion. R. Armistead noted that if the cultural heritage interpretive sign was reproduced it would meet today's standards for cultural heritage interpretive signs. The Education Sub-Committee is interested in future updates on this cultural heritage interpretive sign.

8. Ghost of Huggabone's Hill plaque

The Education Sub-Committee received a verbal update from K. Gonyou on the Windermere Road Environmental Assessment. Huggabone's Hill is located on Western Road just south of Windermere Road and Medway Creek. The Education Sub-Committee is interested in future updates on the installation of the plaque for the Ghost of Huggabone's Hill.

9. Draft Graham Arboretum Cultural Heritage Interpretive Sign

The Education Sub-Committee received a verbal update from R. Armistead on the draft research that has been prepared on the Graham Arboretum in Springbank Park.

The Education Sub-Committee encouraged a clear map of the Graham Arboretum in Springbank Park. Further information on Isobel Preston was noted as an area to explore. The Education Sub-Committee is interested in future updates as this cultural heritage interpretive sign is developed.

10. Angel Street – Hear, Hear

The Education Sub-Committee received a verbal update from R. Armistead on the proposed Hear, Hear podcast for Angel Street.

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 6:30pm