LACH Stewardship Sub-Committee

Wednesday November 24, 2021

Location: Zoom call

6:30pm

Present: M. Whalley (Chair), K. Waud, J. Hunten, M. Bloxam; K. Gonyou (staff)

Agenda Items

1. Demolition Request for Heritage Designated Property at 50 King Street, Downtown Heritage Conservation District

The Stewardship Sub-Committee reviewed the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (MHBC, dated October 25, 2021). Janet Hunten provided a historical summary of the Court House Block, afforded by her experience as a guide at the Middlesex County Building.

The Stewardship Sub-Committee would like to provide the following comments:

- The significance of the old Court House and Gaol
- The importance of the old Court House and Gaol to the development of London
- The significance of views to and of the old Could House, as well as its connections to the Forks of the Thames River
- Noting concerns for future redevelopment, and encouraging compatible design sympathetic and appropriate to the old Court House and Gaol

The Stewardship Sub-Committee noted that the research undertaken as part of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment was not sufficiently comprehensive.

<u>Motion</u>: The Stewardship Sub-Committee does not object to the conclusions and recommendations of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment with it being noted that the site is an important cultural heritage landscape and should continue to be part of an institutional and public realm landscape in the Downtown Heritage Conservation District. Moved: K. Waud; Seconder: M. Whalley. <u>Passed</u>.