

Inventory & Research Working Group

Monday July 22nd, 2019 (6:00 pm)
Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

MEETING NOTES

Present: Alissa Denham-Robinson (Acting Chair), Ann Gillespie, Janice Brown, Chuck Dimitry, Graham Carroll, Jim Charlton, Brian Kowalewicz

Regrets: Wilf Arndt

Also present: Miranda Brunton (CoH), David Addington (CoH)

Resignations Received: Ron Sinclair, Terri Wallis, Kathy Wakeman

RECOMMENDATIONS:**(C.Dimitry / A.Gillespie)**

That the Inventory and Research Working Group be provided the opportunity to review and comment on the revised Cultural Heritage Assessment for the Desjardin Canal.

1. Previous Meeting Notes

None.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Review of Working Group Mandate:

The Working Group generally reviewed the current mandate, functions and special projects of the working group.

4. Revised Cultural Heritage Assessment for the Ferguson Avenue Pumping Station (231 Ferguson Avenue South, Hamilton, On)

The Working Group provided the following comments:

- a) There is some concern that the revised report does not fully address the requested additions (equipment and interior machinery).
- b) Consultant to provide a conservation plan for industrial artifacts;
- c) Suggested that chain hoists and beam trolleys remain in-situ.

5. Cultural Heritage Assessment for the Desjardin Canal (Dundas, On)

The Working Group provided the following comments:

- a) Due to the complexity of this designation, the consultant should provide detailed mapping (historical, contextual, etc.);
- b) Additional mapping may include an overlay of modern mapping to better understand how the landscape has changed;
- c) Clearly indicate the properties (locations/addresses) included in the discussion area;
- d) Clearly show the boundary of the designation area to indicate the extent of property and setbacks;
- e) Clearly define the uniqueness and significance of this designation (potentially the only pile driven construction of its kind in Canada) as well as its continual use and contextual value;
- f) Offer local comparative examples to gain a better understanding;
- g) Discuss the operation and function of the canal to get a better understanding of use (Cost, process, types of transportation accessing the canal (ex. Shallow barge), use of a tow path, use of the turning basin, etc.);
- h) Recommendations for conservation and interpretation might include a marker or wayfinding system;

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6. Administration:

(J.Charlton / G.Carroll)

The Working Group would like to put-forward the following names; for 1 HMHC term:

Working Group Chair:	Janice Brown
Secretary	Ann Gillespie

7. Next Meeting: Monday August 26th, 2019 (6pm – 8pm) **(Tentative) Hamilton City Hall Rm. 222**

Items for the August Agenda:

- a) Project Overview by Alissa Golden