

Inventory & Research Working Group

Meeting Notes

Monday September 23, 2019 (6:00 pm)

Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

Present: Janice Brown (Chair), Lyn Lunsted, and Jim Charlton

Regrets: Brian Kowalewicz, Wilf Arndt, Ann Gillespie (Secretary), Alissa Denham-Robinson, Charles (Chuck) Dimitry, Graham Carroll

Also present: Miranda Brunton (City of Hamilton – Cultural Heritage Planner)
David Addington (City of Hamilton -- Cultural Heritage Planner)

THE INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

To add Evergreen Farm (Item 8 i.), 1389 Progreston Road, Carlisle, Pt Lot 4, Pt Lot 5 Concession 8 E, to the City of Hamilton Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Chair's Remarks

Janice welcomed all present. For those who were not at HMHC on September 19th, she reviewed briefly the Staff Presentation on the HMHC Budget. Of interest to I & R members will be the Staff Presentation at the HMHC October 17th meeting of the review of the Work Plan for Designation and Prioritization.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations

3. Approval of the Meeting Notes for August 26, 2019 Meeting

This item was moved to the end of the meeting for discussion and revision of these minutes. Janice agreed to revise and send to Alissa D-R, Ann, and Miranda and David, the Cultural Heritage Planners. No approval at this meeting.

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4. Staff Presentation (David Addington) – Cultural Heritage Assessment of the former Centenary United Church (24 Main Street West) “New Vision”

David provided an overview of the draft Cultural Heritage Assessment for the above property, which was prepared by McCallum Sather, August 30, 2019.

Working Group members agreed that the draft report required more specific detail to address statements throughout, as specific research and documentation to justify the report’s conclusions under *Ontario Regulation 9/06* are lacking. The draft had also not addressed the City of Hamilton’s “Framework for Evaluating the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of the Property for Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act” which is part of the required information to fully assess the property’s heritage value.

Comments made by members included the following:

- Romanesque Revival design – more description of this type of style and how it applies to the subject property is needed.
- Rare example of this type of church – any comparisons and why is it considered rare?
- Women’s Missionary Society - more detail is needed on how this links to the society’s work and history.
- Representative of a stone structure with red brick cladding - what can it be compared to indicate that it is representative?
- Architect – how prominent was he compared to other architects in Hamilton?
- Bricks – from where did the bricks originate?
- Landmark – what makes this church a landmark in Hamilton? Working Group members were skeptical that the church is considered a landmark. More specific justification is needed.

5. Places of Worship – Progress Update

Lyn has completed her work for Ward 15, Flamborough and just needs to meet with Alissa Golden.

6. Places of Education – Ward 2, 3, 8, 9&10 (Volunteers needed)

- Alissa D-R stated that she has begun work on Ward 2.
- Janice has offered to take a ward and preferably Ward 3.
- Wards 9 and 10 inventories (Stoney Creek, Kathy Wakeman) will be delivered to heritage staff and at this time we are not sure if this file is complete.
- Ward 8 is outstanding. Work will resume once the Places of Worship Inventory is complete.

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7. Marr-Philippo House – Next Steps

Miranda advised that the applicant has only undertaken a Formal Consultation which is information gathering only and no formal development application has been submitted to the City. The public can request through Yvette Rybensky to view the documentation. Miranda, heritage staff on the file, provided comments that the “Marr-Philippo House” should not be moved. If a formal application is submitted, the Policy & Design Working Group will review the required Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment.

8. New Business

(i) Evergreen Farm, Lot 4/5 1389 Progreston Road, Carlisle – Lyn Lunsted

The property (built 1857-58) is currently for sale leading to concern that it could potentially be removed to make way for a new development. This property is an important part of the history of Carlisle and Progreston. Lyn prepared a Built Heritage Inventory Form along with several other resources that document the history and heritage of this property and its former owners. In order to provide some protection, the I & R members agreed to add Evergreen Farm, 1389 Progreston Road, Carlisle, Pt Lot 4, Pt Lot 5 Concession 8 E, to the City of Hamilton Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. In the future, it may be added to the work plan for designation should circumstances warrant this action.

A preliminary evaluation of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest conducted as part of the Waterdown Village Built Heritage Inventory found that 1389 Progreston Road, Flamborough meets the criteria specified in *Ontario Regulation 9/06* including, but not limited to:

Historical Associations

The first owners of the property are associated with the establishment and early development of Progreston. James Kievel first purchased the lot in 1855 and quickly built a saw mill with a waterwheel at the foot fall of the Twelve Mile Creek, multiple other mill related buildings and a log house. Freeman Green, son of ‘Billy Green the Scout’, and his wife Harriet Ann Howard purchased 10 acres from James Kievel in 1869. The 10 acres included the former owner’s four room log house and building that previously served as a grist mill. Freeman and Harriet started a woolen mill in the former grist mill building; The Progrestion Woolen Mill became an important pillar in the local economy as the mill processed wool from local farmers and employed local knitters. In addition to processing wool, the mill also produced yarn and blankets. Operation of the mill was passed

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through the Green family until it burnt down in 1911. Although the mill was not rebuilt, the Green family started a small wood working business that also served the local community. In 1982, the property was sold out of the Green family. In addition to the brief history above, the property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the community through additional research.

Physical and Architectural Design

Of the heritage resources on the property, the house is an interesting example of historic preservation through the incorporation of an existing building into a new build. In the early 1870s, the Green's added significant additions to the original four room log cabin. As the house stands today, it is a representative example of a vernacular residence influenced by the Gothic Revival style. The two-storey house is clad in board and batten finish with high peaked gables over all the second floor windows. Notable features on the primary (east) façade include the bay windows flanking the central entrance porch, the roof of the porch with decorative barge board, and the windows on the second floor with rounded heads and are set within high gables.

Contextual Value

The property is important in supporting the historic character of the area and maintaining the historic fabric of the Carlisle area and is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. Additionally, the property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the community through additional research.

(ii) Ancaster High School Building and Lands – Discussion

In July 2018, Council passed a motion directing staff to start the process of designating the campus of Ancaster High School as a site of Historical Significance; staff are currently working the property through the designation process.

9. Next Meeting: Monday October 28th, 2019, 6 p.m., same location

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Janice Brown, Chair, I & R Working Group