

Inventory & Research Working Group

Meeting Notes

Monday August 26th, 2019 (6:00 pm)

Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

- Present:** Janice Brown (Chair), Ann Gillespie (Secretary), Alissa Denham-Robinson, Charles (Chuck) Dimitry, Graham Carroll, Lyn Lunsted, and Jim Charlton (NOTE: Janice, Alissa, Chuck, Graham, and Lyn are current members of the HMHC.)
- Regrets:** Brian Kowalewicz, Wilf Arndt
- Also present:** Alissa Golden (City of Hamilton - Heritage Project Specialist)
David Addington (City of Hamilton - Cultural Heritage Planner)

RECOMMENDATION

The Inventory and Research Working Group recommends the following:

That the Ontario Heritage Association (OHA) designated Georgian stone residence, known as the Marr-Philippo House, at 398 Wilson Street East be added to the *Endangered Buildings and Landscapes* list in the RED category.

Post Meeting Note - this item was addressed at our September 19th, 2019 HMHC Meeting and that no further action is required.

1) Chair's Remarks

Janice welcomed all present. Attending for the first time was Lyn Lunsted, a volunteer Archivist at the Flamborough Archives and new member of the HMHC.

2) Declarations of Interest

Alissa Denham-Robinson stated that she has a professional conflict with Item 6 – Proposed Condominium Development at 398 - 406 Wilson Street East, Ancaster.

3) Approval of the Meeting Notes for July 22, 2019 Meeting

There were no comments and members approved, by general consensus the Meeting Notes for July 22, 2019.

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4) Staff Presentation (Alissa Golden)

i. Places of Worship – Review and Prioritization

Alissa G. provided a high-level PowerPoint Presentation describing the City of Hamilton's Heritage Inventories and Strategies. This includes:

- Archaeology Management Plan
- Built Heritage Inventory – Downtown, Durand, & Waterdown
- Places of Worship Inventory
- Places of Education
- Cultural Heritage Landscape Inventory & Management Plan

All wards for Places of Worship have been assigned and most have been returned to Alissa G who is currently reviewing with I/RWG members their Built Heritage Inventory forms and Preliminary Evaluations. These meetings will help to determine which ones should be listed on the Heritage Register and or identified as candidates for OHA designation.

ii. Places of Education Inventory

Originally initiated in the fall of 2015, with a draft project outline and a worksheet, created by Ron Sinclair, work started in 2016. Alissa G created a database to document the information. Work was suspended in 2018 to focus on Places of Worship.

5) Updates and Discussion

i. Places of Worship

- Alissa G. has prepared a "Screening Progress Summary, August 2019" by community (Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook and Stoney Creek) and old City wards (1 to 8). Of these 13 communities/ wards, only 4 have recommendations ready for consideration by the I & R Working Group.
- Alissa D-R indicated that she, along with the former Heritage Planning staff have had some preliminary talks with the National Trust for Canada and Faith & the Common Good about jointly hosting a workshop to engage with members of congregations and their communities to discuss the issues facing Places of Worship today and educate on available heritage resources. Alissa D-R and staff have also reached out to the Hamilton-Burlington Society of Architects and other community stakeholders to gauge their interest in participating.
- Janice added that St. Paul's Presbyterian Church has developed a 50-year plan for its dwindling congregation. She also suggested one-on-one consultations with select congregations to identify their specific issues and challenges.

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- It was agreed that we should wrap up the Places of Worship Inventory before returning to the Places of Education Inventory work. Each member is to report back at the next meeting on the status of their inventory and evaluation forms with respect to both the pre-1968 (if not already submitted) and post-1967 buildings.
- There was some discussion about the final form of the updated Places of Worship Inventory – should it be made available in both a digital and print format? Should it include more photos, based perhaps on the architectural/historical significance of a particular building? Further discussion is needed to answer these and other questions.

ii. Places of Education Inventory

Members were updated on the status of work completed for each of the 13 wards. It was generally agreed by those present who had worked on this Inventory, that the scope of the work was very extensive, especially as a project for volunteers.

Ward 2, 3, 8, 9&10 (Volunteers needed)

- Ward 1 – Ann; preliminary evaluations ready for review with Alissa G
- Ward 4 – Jim; preliminary evaluations ready for review with Alissa G
- Ward 5 – Brian; unsure as absent from meeting?
- Ward 6&7 – Graham; preliminary evaluations ready for review with Alissa G
- Ward 9&10 – Kathy W; preliminary evaluations incomplete
- Ward 12 & 13 – Ron; preliminary evaluations ready for review with Alissa G
- Ward 14 & 15 – Wilf and Lyn; preliminary evaluations ready for review with Alissa Golden

6) New Business: Proposed Condominium Development at 398–406 Wilson Street, Ancaster

- There was a Formal Consultation meeting regarding a potential new residential building at the corner of Wilson Street East and Academy Street.
- The subject property includes two *listed* properties, 400 and 406 Wilson Street (both are now demolished), and a designated (part IV) property at 398 Wilson Street (the Marr-Philippo house, By-law 78-87)
- Concern was expressed that the proposal may involve the relocation of the Marr-Philippo house. From a heritage conservation perspective, members concurred that the building should be treated with more respect and sensitively incorporated *in situ* into the new development, where it would maintain its streetscape presence.

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- As an immediate action, it was recommended that the *designated* Marr-Philippo House at 398 Wilson Street East be added to the *Endangered Buildings and Landscapes* list in the RED category (properties where there is a perceived imminent threat to heritage resources through demolition, neglect, vacancy, alterations, and/or redevelopment).

7) Adjournment and Next Meeting

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 23rd, 2019, 6 p.m; same location.