

Inventory & Research Working Group

Meeting Notes

Monday, September 28, 2020 (6 p.m.)
City of Hamilton - Virtual Meeting via Webex

Present: Janice Brown (Chair); Ann Gillespie, Secretary; Alissa Denham-Robinson; Graham Carroll; Lyn Lusted; Rammy Saini; Carol Priamo
Regrets: Joachim Brower; Brian Kowalesicz; Jim Charlton; Chuck Dimitry
Also Present: Miranda Brunton and David Addington (City of Hamilton, Cultural Heritage Planners); Alissa Golden (Heritage Project Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: See Separate Sheet. RE: Register Beasley Heritage Project, dated September 28, 2020.

1. Chair's Remarks:

Janice indicated that Joachim was unable to join the meeting due to the absence of an Internet connection at home and that she would keep the meeting to a 2-hour limit.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Notes and Recommendations, 24 August 2020 (moved by Graham and seconded by Rammy).

4. Register Beasley Heritage Project (presentation by Carol Priamo, Project Director, with comments from Alissa Golden)

Carol explained that part of the Beasley Neighbourhood had been recently inventoried as part of the Downtown Built Heritage Inventory pilot project but that this only encompassed buildings south of Cannon Street. The area to the north includes the many historic commercial properties on James Street North. Concerned with impending changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108), she felt a sense of urgency in recommending properties for listing on the Heritage Register in the area to the north of Cannon. In consultation with Alissa Golden, (Central), 72 commercial buildings on the east side (Beasley) and on the west side (Central) of James Street North have been evaluated, including a Built Heritage Inventory Form, a Preliminary Evaluation and an updated photo:

Carol was commended for her excellent work evaluating the James Street North properties in the defined area. The following recommendation was made (moved

by Graham and seconded by Alissa D-R):

That the I & R WG endorse the first batch of recommendations from the Register Beasley Heritage Project, as presented; and,

That the I & R WG advise the HMHC to recommend to Council that the properties of cultural heritage value or interest on James Street North located in the James Street North cultural heritage landscape and the historic neighbourhoods of Beasley and Central, as identified in the attached list presented by the Register Beasley Heritage Project, be added to the Municipal Heritage Register.

Alissa advised that the Heritage Resource Mapping has now been updated for the 72 properties with photos and dates of construction and that letters will be sent to the owners of the affected properties. Carol and her volunteers will continue with the documentation and evaluation of residential properties in the Beasley Neighbourhood, following the current practice adopted for inventorying properties in the City of Hamilton under the direction of Alissa Golden.

The above recommendation and supporting documentation will be included as an addendum to the notes to be presented to the HMHC for approval at its next meeting, October 29, 2020.

5. Places of Education Update

Janice commented that she and other members involved with this inventory work have been hindered by the lack of access to the HWDSB Educational Archives, the Local History and Archives section of the Hamilton Public Library, and other local archival facilities. Progress has nevertheless been made in certain wards and will continue or be resumed as archival facilities are opened to the public.

6. Places of Worship Update

It was agreed that special meetings should be held to assess the Built Heritage Inventory and Preliminary Evaluation forms completed by members working on this project. The I & R WG has already partially completed a review of the properties assigned to Jim in Ward 4, to be completed at the first scheduled special meeting. Next to be reviewed are the pre-1967 Places of Worship in Dundas assigned to Ann.

7. I & R Working Group Work Plan 2020 – Discussion

- Places of Education: See item 5.
- Places of Worship Evaluation Plan: See item 6.

- Register Beasley Heritage Project (2020): See item 4.
- Waterdown Built Heritage Inventory: Alissa G. to provide an update at the next I & R WG meeting.
- Ancaster Heritage Project: Janice to provide an update at the next I & R WG meeting.

8. Other Business

- *Cataract Power Company*, Victoria Avenue North – heritage sign (Jim)
Deferred to the next meeting attended by Jim.
- *62 Concession Road 6, East Flamborough* – house and barn
For background see item 7 of I & R WG meeting notes from 24 August 2020. Miranda will assist Lyn in completing a Preliminary Evaluation for a recommendation to add this property to the Heritage Register, to be presented at the next I & R WG meeting.
- *Juravinski Hospital, 711 Concession Street* – Mount Hamilton Hospital
Graham expressed concern about the future of the original Mount Hamilton Hospital, which now forms part of the Juravinski Hospital building complex. This was based on a recent newspaper article, which stated that the E, M, and F wings, as well as other older parts of the hospital will be replaced by a modern tower (*The Hamilton Spectator*, 6 September 2020). The Mount Hamilton Hospital, located at the corner of Upper Sherman and Concession Streets, opened in 1917 to help care for veterans of the First World War. Overlooking the mountain brow, it now stands to the rear of the Juravinski Hospital, which replaced the former Henderson General Hospital and opened in 2010.
(<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/share/hamiltons-hospital-history>)
Although there is no imminent threat of demolition, it was agreed that research for listing the original building on the Heritage Register could be started. Graham volunteered to take on this project and contact the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society for more information.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Next meeting: Monday 26 October 2020 (by Webex, at 6 p.m.)