

MEETING NOTES
POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP

Monday January 20, 2020

3:00 pm

Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

Attendees: W. Rosart, A. Denham- Robinson, L. Lunsted, B. Janssen, C. Priamo

Regrets: K.Stacey, R. McKee, C. Dimitry

Also Present: D. Addington, L. Oversby

THE POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP NOTES FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alissa Denham-Robinson

(c) REVIEW OF PAST MEETING NOTES

December 18, 2019:

Correction of first initial in W. Rosart's name required. Notes approved as amended. (Rosart / Janssen)

(d) C.H.I.A. – 383 Hughson Street:

Discussion was held regarding the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) received for this property.

C. Priamo had several comments regarding the items in section 6.1 "Evaluation according to Ont. Reg. 09/06"

- The title of the regulation should be spelled out
- 1. Design or physical value:
 - o 1.a) – she felt that the building **is** a representative and early example of a particular style and construction method. (pre-confederation stone schoolhouse). The original structure has been heavily modified on the inside but not on the outside.
- 2. Historical or associative:

- 2.a) The rationale for this point should be amended to include wording to the effect that 'this is a pre-confederation school and is the only surviving building of it's type in the area'
- 2.b) The building was a school first and it does have information contributing to an understanding of a community
- 3. Contextual value:
 - 3.c) Yes it **is** a landmark

There was further discussion regarding the north wall of the original building. It is currently an exterior wall although it is somewhat hidden due to the proximity of the rectory building. The plans call for this wall to become an interior wall but it does not seem that it will be a 'feature wall'. The Working Group wondered if something could be done to feature the wall somehow, perhaps using it in an atrium setting.

Recommendations regarding the CHIA for 383 Hughson Street:

The Policy and Design Working Group are generally satisfied with the recommendations with the following provisos:

- The original building is listed on the Heritage Inventory. We support the demolition of the later additions and associated building
- The Working Group recommend that minor revisions are made to the report incorporating the above comments
- The Working Group recommends commemoration of the building's history in the form of a historical plaque or marker both inside and outside the building and also recommend a Salvage Report
- A copy of the meeting notes will be sent to the Inventory & Research Working Group

(e) OTHER BUSINESS

Hanrahan's Hotel – It was reported that the property owner is now working with a local third-party arts and culture firm in restoring the former Hamilton Strip into a "Drake" style hotel above with a ground floor café and community space for the arts. It was reported that this restoration effort is believed to be currently underway and they are working closely with City staff on the abatement and restoration process.

C. Priamo was on the Policy & Design Group when the original documentation was submitted and said that it was originally hoped that the building could be integrated but if it could not, then it was ok not to do so. Moving forward, the recommendations should be more detailed in the Working Group's meeting notes.

(f) NEW BUSINESS

An overview of the timeline and process for the agenda and meeting notes was provided by staff.

- The Chair sends out the agenda by the Friday before the meeting. Any documentation to be reviewed will be advised by staff prior to that time so that it can be added to the Agenda
- Meeting Notes are to be sent to staff as soon as possible. They will review the notes and send them back to the Chair and the Secretary.
- The Chair will send out the meeting notes prior to the meeting.
- The Meeting Notes will be approved at the next Policy & Design meeting.
- The approved notes will be sent to Loren Kolar for inclusion on the agenda of the next Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting

(g) ADJOURNMENT

The Policy & Design Working Group Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting date: Monday February 24th, 2020 3:00 pm
(Postponed one week due to Family Day).
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