

MEETING NOTES
POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP

Monday March 15, 2021

3:30 pm

City of Hamilton Web Ex Virtual Meeting

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

Regrets: K.Stacey

Also Present: A. Golden
Hannah Kosziwka

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

None

(c) REVIEW OF PAST MEETING NOTES

Notes of January 25, 2021

Approved

(d) C.H.I.A. – Revised Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for 115-117 George Street & 220-222 Main Street West, by Goldsmith Borgal & Company Ltd. Architects, dated February 9, 2021

This CHIA was previously discussed on October 19, 2020. In reviewing the revised CHIA, the group feels that their comments were not all addressed and the recommendations remain the same.

Working Group Members noted the following regarding the CHIA:

- In general, the working group was pleased with the additions to the CHIA with regards to the George Street addresses.

Individual comments:

220 Main St. W.

- C. Dimitry felt that there are at least 3 attributes for 220 Main St. W. which should be noted in the Reg. 9/06 criteria – Queen Anne style, the turrets and the brickwork
 - He would like the new design to have more actual brick rather than a representation and more of a heritage look
- C. Priamo asked if they have already applied for re-zoning for the higher number of stories. She does not approve of tearing the building down

222 Main St. W.

- C. Dimitri – would like to keep this building
- C. Priamo – feels that the 9/06 assessment in the CHIA is not accurate, and should be as follows:
 - 1 i) – should be a Yes
 - 1 ii) – it does have craftsmanship
 - 2 i) yes it has a theme – its historical development
 - 2 ii) Yes – if the building comes down then there is nothing left to help describe the neighbourhood
 - 3 i) Yes it is important in defining the character of the neighbourhood
 - 3 ii) Yes, it is linked to its surroundings
- B. Janssen feels that they have missed the mark and could do a lot more to recognize the heritage and history, if the building is demolished.

Overall comments:

The Working Group hoped for more features to be saved from 222 Main St. W. If possible they would prefer that the building be saved and a structure be built above it. They would prefer that more of the red brick be incorporated into the design. They do not agree with the Ref.. 9/06 criteria as written in the CHIA.

It is recognized that the setback of the Main Street buildings could be an issue in the design but it is an integral part of the original structure and would have contributed to the character of the neighbourhood.

Recommendations regarding the CHIA for 115-117 George St. & 220-222 Main St. W.

- That the CHIA be received and that the questions and issues noted by the working group be addressed in a resubmission of the CHIA.
- In addition, while 115-117 George Street are Registered, they recommend referring these buildings, as well as Arlo House at 206 Main St. W. to the Inventory and Research Working Group as possible candidates for Designation.

(e) OTHER BUSINESS

- R. McKee confirmed that the Cross of Lorraine is included in the designation of the Long & Bisby building.
- He also questioned if it is better to designate a building (Auchmar Gatehose) before or after moving it to another location.
- W. Rosart asked if information can be sent out to the group earlier. This will be discussed at the next meeting and potential timelines developed. However it all depends on when staff get the information and how urgent it is.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

The Policy & Design Working Group Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m..

Next meeting date: To be determined