

Inventory & Research Working Group (IRWG)

Meeting Notes

Monday, September 27, 2021 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)
City of Hamilton WebEx Virtual Meeting

Present: Janice Brown (Chair); Rammy Saini (Secretary); Alissa Robinson; Lyn Lunsted; Ann Gillespie; Jim Charlton

Staff Present: Amber Knowles (Cultural Heritage Planner); Julian Lee (Cultural Heritage Planning Student, Waterloo)

Regrets: Chuck Dimitry; Brian Kowalesicz; Graham Carroll;
Alissa Golden (Heritage Project Specialist); Chloe Richer (Cultural Heritage Planner); Stacey Kursikowski (Cultural Heritage Planner)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THE INVENTORY & RESEARCH WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TO THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE:

1. The Inventory & Research Working Group recommends that **250 Charlton Avenue West**, the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association (HAAA) Grounds, be added to the Municipal Heritage Register.

NOTES

1. Chair's Remarks

Janice welcomed all present. She notified the IRWG that Dr. Peter Boris Dent has passed away and that his obituary will be in the Hamilton Spectator tomorrow. Janice also notified the IRWG that Ann Gillespie has given her resignation from this group, but will be involved in the Dundas Built Heritage Inventory that is scheduled to begin soon.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Review & Approval of Meeting Notes: August 23, 2021

Approved by general consensus with minor corrections: the numbering of recommendations and the notes need to be addressed, and there is a typo on the word "recommendation" on the first page.

4. Staff Presentation: CHER HAAA Grounds (Amber Knowles)

Amber Knowles provided an overview of the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) on the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association (HAAA) Grounds, located at 250 Charlton Avenue West, to gather comments from staff and IRWG members.

The report was recently submitted to the city for a future redesign of the grounds. There has been some public engagement already on a development for a renewal plan as some of the amenities are at the end of their life. As can be seen from page 22 onwards, the Cultural Heritage Evaluation shows that 250 Charlton Avenue West meets most of the requirements of Ontario Regulation 9/06. At this time, the plan is to keep the fieldhouse intact. Amber notes that the CHER is meant to inform the redesign to ensure that all heritage attributes are both respected and maintained.

IRWG members were pleased with the thoroughness of the report. Members did note that the report mentions not being able to access the city directories due to the pandemic (see page 4), however, the directories are publicly available online.

After discussion, IRWG members are also recommending that 250 Charlton Avenue West be added to the city's register. Members agreed that the property has a rich history, and its status as a landmark is even recognized in the report. (See Recommendation #1 above).

5. 223 Governor's Road Preliminary Research & Inventory (Ann Gillespie)

Ann has conducted preliminary research on 223 Governor's Road that she presented to the IRWG. Topographically, there is a pathway between 99 Creighton Road (Blackadar Continuing Care Center) and 223 Governor's Road. The pathway appears to be a remnant of a roadway and wonders if the two properties were at one point linked, especially as there is no fence demarcating the property.

Preliminary research suggests that the building itself has historical value. According to research done for the 1994 LACAC, the back portion of the building was built in 1865; Ann has not yet found documentation to substantiate this note. The building is an Italianate house with two window bays, and a central doorway framed by transom and sidelights. There is a porch over the front entrance that is supported by two Corinthian columns, the detailing of which is identical to the porch on the back. Ann has found two other examples of Italianate style at 192 Governor's Road, and 209 Governor's Road (a listed property on the heritage map). Ann plans to complete her research on 223 Governor's Road and sent through at the next meeting so members can consider adding the property to the city's heritage register.

Ann also provided a brief update on 99 Creighton: she added that a photo previously not included in her report on 99 Creighton has now been sent to Chloe.

6. New Business

Ann Gillespie provided a brief overview on a Concrete Silo at 10 Dartnall Road, East Hamilton Mountain. She will not be taking this property on as a research project, but hopes other IRWG members will conduct research on the property in order to help preserve the silo by having it added to the city's register. Jim Charlton has offered to take some photos. Further information on the silo can be viewed at the following links:

- Rymal Station Heritage Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rymalstationheritage/>
- "Flashbacks: Lonely silos on Hamilton's east Mountain is where past and present meet," *Hamilton Spectator* (July 6, 2020): <https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/opinion/2020/07/06/lonely-silos-on-hamiltons-east-mountain-is-where-past-and-present-meet.html>

7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:53pm (Due to technical difficulties we had 2 versions of Janice on the WebEx platform, but only 1 voice after resolving the echo due to 2 iterations. We decided this was as good a time as any to adjourn!)
8. **Next Meeting:** November 22, 2021 (6:00-8:00pm – WebEx Online)