

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

Regrets: C. Priamo, K. Stacey

Also Present: D. Addington
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

A. Denham-Robinson stated that her office is working on the building being discussed in the C.H.I.A.

(c) REVIEW OF PAST MEETING NOTES

Notes of December 7, 2020:

Approved by general consensus with minor edits.

(d) C.H.I.A. – 1 property: Chedoke Browlands / Long & Bisby Building

An overview of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) was given by Cultural Heritage Planner, David Addington. It was noted that Council approved the Notice of Intent to Designate in February and the NOID has been issued. The property owner has noted to staff that not all of the windows are intact or present, and that a portion of the rear addition had been previously been removed due to fire damage.

The Long & Bisby building was built in 1920 as a nurses residence for staff working at the Mountain Sanatorium. It is the only building from that institution still standing.

Overview Proposed development:

- Building 630 residential units, a mix of townhouses and multi-unit residential buildings.
- The townhouses are proposed to be 2-3 storeys, the multi-unit residential buildings will range in height with 4, 5, and 8 storey buildings being proposed.
- The development will be built in phases.
- Approximately 9 acres of land near Chedoke Creek will remain as open space and ownership will be transferred to the City.
- The Long & Busby building will be retained, initially as the office for the developer and later potentially converted for amenity or office use.
- A tree preservation plan has been submitted with the development application.

Working Group Members noted the following regarding the CHIA:

- In general, the working group were pleased that the Long & Bisby building is being retained and recommended that a Conservation plan be completed for the building. A. Denham-Robinson noted that the a plan for the ongoing monitoring and securing of the building must be included.
- C. Dimitry wondered if there were more heritage features inside the Long & Bisby building which have not been identified as being worth retaining such as the fireplace surround and ceiling the nurses lounge.
- R. McKee felt it was not clear what was happening to the Cross of Lorraine, and more information was needed as to how it was going to be dealt with and a plan for its restoration should be provided. Was it going to be restored and was it going to be lit? Was there a plan to remove trees so that the Cross was more visible?
- R. McKee suggested that the Hamilton Mountain Historical Society may be interested in preserving the Cross and may be able to help with funds and restoration plans.
- L. Lunsted said that the plans include blasting near the Long & Bisby building for construction of underground parking, and there was potential for damage to the building. It is agreed that an engineer should report on the potential blasting impacts on the Long & Bisby building and referenced in the CHIA. We would like to see regular reporting and ongoing monitoring of the building when this is happening.
- B. Janssen would like to see more detail on the park lands and hopes that as many trees as possible will be retained. It was noted that landscape components were removed from the designation By-law at Planning Committee.
- The CHIA reports that the landscape has been significantly altered over time so there is no significant impact with any changes, however, the P&D Working group is not in agreement with this statement.

Recommendations regarding the CHIA for Chedoke Browlands/Long & Bisby

- That the CHIA be received and that the questions and issues noted by the working group be addressed in a resubmission of the CHIA.

(e) OTHER BUSINESS

- R. McKee had various questions about the potential timing of a designation of the Auchmar Gatehouse and how a designation by-law would apply to the property should the gatehouse be moved.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

The Policy & Design Working Group Meeting adjourned at 10.00 am.

Next meeting date: To be determined