

Inventory & Research Working Group (IRWG)

Meeting Notes

November 22, 2021 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)
City of Hamilton WebEx Virtual Meeting

- Present:** Janice Brown (Chair); Rammy Saini (Secretary); Graham Carroll; Chuck Dimitry; Lyn Lunsted; Ann Gillespie
- Staff Present:** Chloe Richer (Cultural Heritage Planner); Julian Lee (Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner)
- Regrets:** Alissa Denham-Robinson; Jim Charlton; Brian Kowalesicz; Alissa Golden (Heritage Project Specialist); Amber Knowles (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 **223 Governor's Road, Dundas** be added to the Municipal Heritage Register (see Appendix "A" supporting documentation).
2. The Inventory & Research Working Group recommends that any alteration, new construction, or demolition of Part IV Designations under the *Ontario Heritage Act* prior to 2005 be required to apply for a Heritage Permit until such time as Cultural Heritage Planning staff review and update early designations to bring them in line with current provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

NOTES

1. **Chair's Remarks**
Janice welcomed all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
None.
3. **Review & Approval of Meeting Notes: September 27, 2021**
Approved with minor amendments (1 abstention, 5 approvals).
4. **Staff Presentation**
None.
5. **223 Governor's Road (Additional Information): Ann G.**
Ann's research and documentation on 223 Governor's Road, Dundas was updated and submitted to the IRWG for review and approval for moving forward with a recommendation.

After discussion, and consensus on the thoroughness of all collected materials, all members in attendance are recommending that 223 Governor's Road be added to the city's register (See Recommendation #1 above).

A discussion also ensued regarding when and by whom the owner of a property is contacted as they may have further knowledge regarding the heritage of a property and its building(s). Chloe informed the group that the procedure is that staff contact property owners with a standard Notice of Listing on the Municipal Heritage Register Letter and provide all existing research on the property to inform the owners why their property is being considered for the Municipal Heritage Register.

6. 10 Dartnall Road, Rymal Station Silo: Ann G. & Jim C.

An update was provided on the grain elevator at 10 Dartnall Road. Jim has taken several photographs of the grain elevator, which Ann has incorporated into a background documentation report. Ann and Graham will work together to complete supporting documentation for the IRWG's review and consideration in January.

Ann noted that the grain elevator might actually be located at 46 Dartnall Road (the property itself appears to be listed as 10 Dartnall), so there is some confusion over the exact address, which Cultural Heritage Planning Staff will confirm. It is located at the former Rymal Station. It was built in the late 1920s or early '30s according to the Rymal Station Heritage Facebook group. The three-joined silo appearance of 10 Dartnall's grain elevator makes it a rare and unique structure. Graham noted that its size may be due to it being a collection point, but silos at other rail stations do not appear to have the same triple-silo structure.

The grain elevator is currently on Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) property where the tracks have been removed for the Chippewa Rail Trail. At this point, the HCA is working with the Rymal Heritage Facebook group, but they do not have specific plans to conserve, maintain, or interpret the structure. Janice mentioned that there is potential for an interpretive plaque given its location on the trail.

7. Early Designations: Janice B.

The IRWG revisited the existing procedures for early designation (pre-2005) properties, many of which do not include listed heritage attributes that are now a requirement of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. These early designated properties have been on occasion interpreted by Cultural Heritage Planning staff when owners make requests for changes. The example Janice provided was of 51 Herkimer, which had windows changed without a heritage permit and are no longer sympathetic to its historical attributes (at no fault of the owner's and rather due to how early designations are handled).

Until heritage staff can find the best course of action to update early designations with heritage attributes, a temporary course of action is desired. Members discussed the merits of having these properties go through the Heritage Permit Review Sub-Committee rather than be at the discretion of staff interpretation to prevent unsympathetic alterations to attributes. The role of the Sub-Committee is to make a recommendation to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee who then make their recommendation to the Planning Committee and ultimately to Council. After much discussion, all IRWG members supported Janice's recommendation that any alternation, new construction, or demolition of Part IV Designations prior to 2005 should be required to apply for a heritage permit (see Recommendation #2 above and that attached photos of 51 Herkimer).

8. Places of Worship, Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave, Ward 1: Janice

The Beth Jacob Synagogue building is listed for sale at \$1. The synagogue has a dwindling congregation. The IRWG discussed whether the property should be considered for the city's Municipal Heritage Register to provide it with protection in the event of a sale. Chloe advised the group that the synagogue is already an inventoried property with a historical association. Janice is going to invite Alissa Golden to our January 24th meeting to update the working group on Places of Worship, Places of Education, and Built Heritage Inventories.

9. New Business:

Lyn updated the IRWG that the Woolen Mill at 1389 Progreston Road, Carlisle (Flamborough) has been designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Update from Chloe that the following properties have been added to the Municipal Heritage Register: 99 Creighton Road, and 537 King St East. As noted previously, 54-56 Hess St South 215 and 219 King Street West have also been added.

10. Meeting Adjourned: 7:39pm

11. Next Meeting: January 24, 2022 @ 6:00pm