

## Inventory & Research Working Group (IRWG)

### Meeting Notes

January 24, 2022 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)  
City of Hamilton WebEx Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Janice Brown (Chair); Rammy Saini (Secretary); Alissa Denham-Robinson; Ann Gillespie; Chuck Dimitry; Jim Charlton; Lyn Lunsted; Brian Kowalesicz; Graham Carroll; Dr. Sarah Sheehan (non-member)

**Staff Present:** Amber Knowles (Cultural Heritage Planner); Alissa Golden (Heritage Project Specialist); James Croft (Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner); Natalie Majda (Assistant Heritage Project Specialist)

**Regrets:** Stacey Kursikowski (Cultural Heritage Planner); Chole Richer (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 **2 Dartnall Road (Binbrook Feed Station)** be added to the Municipal Heritage Register and to the staff work plan for heritage designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a low priority. (See attached for supporting documentation.)
2. The Inventory & Research Working Group recommends that **10 Dartnall Road (Ancaster Co-Op)** be added to the Municipal Heritage Register. (See attached for supporting documentation.)

### NOTES

#### 1. Chair's Remarks

Janice welcomed all present, including the two new interns joining heritage staff and Dr. Sarah Sheehan who is interested in heritage work, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 3. Review & Approval of Meeting Notes: November 22, 2021

Approved by general consensus (moved by Ann, seconded by Jim).

#### **4. Staff Presentation: Inventory Updates (Alissa G.)**

IRWG members were provided with an overall update on the Built Heritage Inventory Strategy. A PDF of the presentation was shared with members during the meeting. This process is designed to screen, be proactive at identifying heritage properties, have a consistent database of information, and support community engagement and education. Changes to the process include having to give formal notice to owners when a property is listed on the Register and addressing any objections that arise, which is occurring right now with the recently completed Waterdown Inventory.

Staff are currently supporting the following IRWG-led projects: Places of Worship Inventory Review and the Places of Education Inventory (on hold until the POW Review is complete). Staff are also supporting community inventories in the Beasley Neighbourhood and Greensville Historic Settlement Area. These projects are at various stages of completion. The next phase of City-led work will be Downtown Dundas, to begin later this year. The Dundas project will involve close coordination with the Dundas Museum and Archives. The Heritage Intern (Natalie) will be assisting with the background research and the development of a draft Historic Context Statement for the project. An Advisory Group has been proposed and will be contacted once the Waterdown Inventory wraps up.

#### **5. 2 Dartnall Road: Binbrook Feed Station & 10 Dartnall Road (Graham)**

Note: Due to a change in circumstances, supporting documentation for the above properties was completed by Graham alone. Please see IRWG meeting notes for November and September for previous discussions of 10 Dartnall Road.

Graham provided a brief update and overview on the Binbrook feed silos at 2 Dartnall Road (also listed as 46 Dartnall Road). He has found that the silos were built in 1943. Graham also brought the Ancaster Co-Op grain elevators at 10 Dartnall Road just north of the triple silos at 2 Dartnall to members' attention. Although less is known about this wooden grain elevator, it was built after the three concrete silos and physically it is taller of the two.

IRWG members are recommending that 2 Dartnall Road be placed on the Municipal Heritage Register and staff's designation workplan with low priority (see recommendation #1 above). IRWG members are also recommending that 10 Dartnall Road be added to the Register (see recommendation #2 above).

#### **6. New Business**

##### **A) 1107 Main Street West, Grace Lutheran Church Discussion: Amber, Lyn, Chuck**

IRWG members reviewed the heritage evaluation from the November 2021 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) on Grace Lutheran Church, 1107 Main Street West, and were provided with an update. There is an ongoing discussion with the developer who plans to construct a 15-storey building on the property. A CHIA from January 2020 was revised in 2021 with the latest CHIA coming after the original author retired. Despite feedback on how the development plans need to better incorporate the church to preserve its historical attributes, the recent CHIA recognizes that 1107 Main Street West meets 5 of the Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria and that it is impossible to keep the church in place and do a redevelopment of the property. The previous CHIA had noted that the building met all 9/06 criteria.

After a long discussion, IRWG members also reviewed a Built Heritage Inventory Form and a summary document on how the property meets the criteria of regulation 9/06. IRWG

members are now recommending that 1107 Main Street West be added to the Municipal Heritage Register and staff's work plan for heritage designation. This recommendation was approved by all members during the meeting and sent to the Heritage Committee's February Meeting separately as an emergency recommendation in hopes of obtaining greater protection on 1107 Main Street West should a demolition permit be acquired.

**B) Announcement on recommendation cut-off for 2022: Alissa D-R**

Alissa brought to IRWG members' attention that May 2022 is the cut-off date for all recommendations to be made to council before their change-over. Due to the upcoming elections, the Municipal Heritage Committee won't meet after May until the new council is assembled. The IRWG can continue their work and meet as per usual, however no HMHC meetings will take place until council is re-instated later in the year.

**C) Community Announcement: Janice**

Janice announced that the Architectural Conservancy Ontario (ACO) will soon be going live with short 5-6 minute videos on why the ACO and heritage is important. The videos will honour those who have come together to protect and preserve heritage properties in Hamilton and its amalgamated city. Stay tuned!

**7. Meeting Adjourned:** 8:02PM

**8. Next Meeting:** February 28, 2022 (6:00-8:00PM WebEx Online)