

Inventory & Research IRWG (IRWG)

Meeting Notes

January 23, 2023 (6:00pm-8:00pm)
City of Hamilton WebEx Virtual Meeting

Present: Janice Brown (Chair); Graham Carroll; Alissa Denham-Robinson; Lyn Lunsted; Dr. Sarah Sheehan; Julia Renaud

Staff Present: Alissa Golden (Project Lead, Cultural Heritage);
Emily Bent (Cultural Heritage Planner),
Meg Oldfield (Heritage Intern)

Regrets: Brian Kowalesicz; Raminder Saini; Chuck Dimitry; Ann Gillespie
Ken Coit (Manager, Heritage and Urban Design);
Lisa Christie (Cultural Heritage Planner)
Chloe Richer (Cultural Heritage Planner);

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

N/a

NOTES

1. Chair's Remarks

Welcome to all.
Memoriam to Jim Charlton

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Notes

November 28, 2022 (as amended) - Approved by consensus with the following edit
Page 5 – Edit * should say Cooper Construction. Meeting notes to be revised to say “W. Cooper Construction – Builder”

4. Updates

A. Updated Markson Slides – Dr. Sarah Sheehan – Jerome Markson in Hamilton, Preliminary Research – Private Residences

For information only – the following updates have been provided:

1. 3 more slides, with the 3 additional properties identified and one summary slide
2. Subtitle updated to include the Cline Ave. institutional commission
3. 8 Mayfair Pl. – edited for privacy of current resident
4. Clarified re: alterations to 538 Scenic Dr. (plus new photo)

B. Update: 3 Main Street, Dundas (Osler Block / Former Dundas Masonic Hall)

For information only – an report update was provided to include comparative examples of architectural sheet-metalwork in Ontario, 1870 to 1890.

5. For Discussion – 90 Winston Avenue and 128 Cline Avenue South – Reconsideration to add Markson properties.

These properties have been added to the Inventory. Working Group to consider if these properties should be added to the Register. Most are stable as a residential use. Item to be carried forward for discussion at our next meeting.

6. For Discussion – Bill 23 (Alissa Golden)

- a) The presentation included a preliminary conversation and overview of Bill 23 and the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act and the municipal heritage planning process.
- b) A complete Staff Report will be coming forward at HMHC's February 2023 meeting including a proposed strategy for heritage planning moving forward. Alissa G. presented a draft proposal for feedback and comment.
- c) The following items were noted:
 - i. 2345 listed properties are on currently on the Municipal Register, 166 of these properties are on Designation Work Plan.
 - ii. On January 1, 2025 all properties must be designated or they will be removed from the Register (A new 2-year expiry).
 - iii. These properties can not be placed back on the Register for 5 years (A new 5-year restriction) and these properties will lose their 60 day interim protection from demolition. The Register is no longer a key heritage planning tool for conservation.
 - iv. Staff will need to look at those 166 properties on the Work Plan and prioritize designations. Currently 60 properties have been identified for designation as high-priority for work to be completed before Jan. 1, 2023.
 - v. Staff must look at new process related to a "Prescribed Event". Listing is now required prior to a "prescribed event".
 - vi. There are now new thresholds for determining heritage value or interest. Min. 2 criteria for Part IV designation and Min. 1 criteria for listing.
 - vii. Cultural Heritage Landscape – properties that collectively have value – no longer a long-term interim control tool. Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD) are one method of conservation and may need to be used.

- d) The role of the I&R WG will change with Bill 23, but could include the following:
 - i. Focus on assisting with property research for designations.
 - ii. Re-start Inventory Projects - There is still great value in the Inventory Work (Places of Worship and Places of Education projects can be reinstated)
 - iii. Pro-actively research properties on a Candidates list. There is value in looking at future candidates in other areas
- e) The Inventory will remain a heritage planning tool – to remain as-is
- f) Heritage Mapping will remain as-is.
- g) The City will now have to track a 2-year expiry and 5 year – Status will need to be tracked and updated on Mapping.

7. Preliminary Inventory & Research – 876 Main Street East (Jim Charlton’s Property)

Janice to work with Julia R. to review this property.

Alissa G. has some preliminary photos and resources from Jim Charlton. Alissa G. to forward to Janice and Julia for reference.

8. New Business:

a. **ACO Bill 23**

Janice attended a ACO Provincial Meeting and noted the following highlights:

- iv. Heritage Day Feb 21st – A meeting has been scheduled at Queens Park. ACO to meet with members of Provincial Parliament.
- v. A slide presentation prepared by Dan Schneider describes the key items to be asked:
 - 1. Step up and advise Municipalities on how to navigate these changes;
 - 2. Where is the tool kit? Existing documents are no longer useful
 - 3. Where is the money? Municipalities need resources. Heritage Planners can’t do it all

b. **Doors Open Hamilton 2023**

The event will be taking place on May 6th & 7th, 2023. More details to follow.

9. Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Next Meeting: Monday February 26, 2023 (6pm - 8pm)