

MEETING NOTES

POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP

Monday, February 13, 2023

2:30 pm

City of Hamilton Webex Virtual Meeting

Attendees: A. Denham-Robinson, L. Lunsted, R. McKee, C. Priamo, J. Renaud, W. Rosart

Regrets: C. Dimitry

Also Present: C. Richer

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, for 537-563 King Street East, Hamilton

c) REVIEW OF PAST MEETING NOTES

January 23, 2023 - Approved

d) C.H.I.A – 17 King Street East, Stoney Creek, Revised September 30, 2022, and Proposed Design Guidelines for New Construction 13 – 25 King Street East, Stoney Creek, November 9, 2022 - both documents by Stantec Consulting Limited.

The proposed development for a new, multi-storey mixed-use building includes all properties at 13- 25 King Street East. 17 King Street East and 23-25 King Street East are Inventoried properties and the development would require the buildings to be demolished.

The Working Group Comments:

- The Proposed Design Guidelines reference the Region of Waterloo's Practical Conservation Guide on Infill: New Construction in Heritage Neighbourhoods. While it may have relevance, the Working Group would like to see more analysis based on relevant City of Hamilton guidelines and policies.
- The Working Group is not in favour of the proposed design and feels it does not fit into the surrounding Old Town Stoney Creek Cultural Heritage Landscape.

- The Working Group recommends incorporation of a podium to mitigate the impact from the street level.

The Working Group does not need to see this C.H.I.A. again.

e) C.H.I.A. – 537-563 King Street East, Hamilton by A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., revised October 2022

The proposal is for an 8-storey multi-residential building with 118 condominium units and underground parking. 537 King Street East is a Registered property, and 555-557 are Inventoried Properties.

Working Group Comments:

- The Working Group likes the proposed design and appreciates the way the materials and colour choices reflect those of neighbouring properties.
- The full scope of the repairs to the Registered property should be fully documented.
- Given the length of time it will take to start this project, are there any plans for interim use of 537 King Street East? Occupancy would mitigate any issues such as vandalism and damage which often occur in vacant buildings.
- Given the proximity of 537 King Street East to the new construction, what steps will be taken to ensure there is no damage from vibration impacts?

The Working Group does not need to see this CHIA again.

f) C.H.I.A. – 45 Main Street East, Hamilton (John Sopinka Courthouse) by a+LiNK Architecture Inc. Revised February 6, 2023

In support of a Heritage Permit application to install interior security measures in the former postal lobby area's marble flooring.

Working Group Comments:

- The proposal does not seem to have changed from the original version.
- Some members of the Working Group were part of a tour of the courthouse and felt that the proposed security equipment would take up significant space in the lobby. They also felt that similar equipment must have been installed in other heritage buildings with marble floors and suggested that the conservator visit other installations.
- It was not evident where the accessible entrance would be.
- There is no mention of what will happen to the two heritage tables currently in the lobby.

- Photographs should be taken of the existing lobby and areas where alterations are proposed, in order to document the existing heritage features.

The Working Group does not need to see the document again.

d) Scoped C.H.I.A. – 221 & 223 Charlton Avenue East and 200 Forest Avenue, Hamilton, by WSP, Revised October 2022.

- In support of a Site Plan Control application to construct a new three storey, 17 unit multiple dwelling on the same lot as an existing four storey, 51 unit multiple dwelling for a total of 68 residential dwelling units on site. This revised report finalized colours and construction materials of the new building. It was distributed to the Working Group for information only.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Next meeting date: March 20, 2023