

# MEETING NOTES

## POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP

Monday May 5, 2025

3:00 pm

City of Hamilton Web Ex Virtual Meeting

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Attendees: A. Denham- Robinson, L. Lunsted, A. Douglas

Regrets: K. McLaughlin

Also Present: M. Barras, L. Christie, S. Dickenson, J. Kelemen, M. Oldfield,

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### 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

None

#### c) REVIEW OF PAST MEETING NOTES

April 7, 2025 -Approved

#### d) Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment for Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion Area, prepared by ASI, dated May 2017.

Submitted in support of an Urban Official Plan Amendment and Rural Official Plan Amendment. The purpose of the application is to facilitate the inclusion of the subject lands in the City's urban boundary.

Working Group Comments:

- This proposal is very high level and without further details there is really not much that the Working Group can comment on
- At some point we would suggest that the developer liaise with the Glanbrook Heritage Society

#### e) Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, Schedule 7 of the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*

"Schedule 7 of the proposed *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*, proposes legislative amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) to update

enforcement and compliance with respect to the protection of artifacts and archaeological sites.

Working Group Comments:

Comments provided by staff were similar to comments and questions from the Working Group:

- There needs to be more recognition and involvement from First Nations groups
- Exemptions can be made regarding archaeological studies, with the exception of burial and significant archaeological sites, but if you don't do the studies, how do you know if there are things such as burial sites in the area
- Changes to the Heritage Act would change some standards and expand authorities and provide timelines for prosecution, which we felt was a good thing.
- There does not seem to be much regard for the authority of municipalities, and it gives the Provincial Government large authority to enforce economic zones.
- The act seems very vague so we cannot provide meaningful comments

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

**Next meeting date: June 2, 2025**