Township of Selwyn Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Electronic Participation by Committee Members and Staff

Present: Stephen Gavard

Anita Locke, Councillor James (Jim) Forrester

Grant Murphy

Robert Lamarre, Manager of Building and Planning

Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chair Stephen Gavard called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes

Resolution No. 2021-002 - Minutes - Regular Meeting

Anita Locke – Grant Murphy –

That the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2020 be approved.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021-003 – Minutes – Special Meeting

Grant Murphy – James Forrester –

That the minutes of the special meeting of January 13, 2021 be approved.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021-004 - Agenda

Anita Locke – Grant Murphy –

That the agenda be amended so that Question Period directly follows New or Unfinished Business.

Carried.

4. Deputations/Presentations

President of the Lakefield Historical Society Michael Chappell made a presentation to the Committee regarding 44 Bridge Street. Mr. Chappell spoke of the historical significance of the subject property and requested that the Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Selwyn to seek heritage designation for the property.

5. New or Unfinished Business

Robert Lamarre reviewed his report to the Committee pertaining to 44 Bridge Street. He provided summary of events regarding the demolition permit issued for the subject property. Mr. Lamarre noted that 44 Bridge Street has not been designated and is currently not included in the Township's Heritage Register. Mr. Lamarre outlined his legislative requirements as the Township's Chief Building Official, especially in the context of properties that are not designated. Mr. Lamarre provided the Committee with three options to form the basis of a recommendation to Township Council.

In summary:

- 1. status quo do nothing.
- 2. work with land owner to explore options to retain the existing structure either in its current location or relocating the structure off site.
- request that Council engage a third party to prepare a Municipal Heritage
 Brief for the purposes of evaluating the heritage features of 44 Bridge Street
 in order to make an informed recommendation to Council on the merits of
 possibly designating the property for inclusion on the Municipal Heritage
 Registry.

Committee members asked a number of questions regarding the property and options for moving forward.

Resolution No. 2021-005 – 44 Bridge Street

Grant Murphy – James Forrester –

That Township Council be advised that the Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) considers the property at 44 Bridge Street to be worthy of consideration for designation, subject to completion of the required Heritage Designation Brief, and requesting that Council confirm that it would consider the matter upon receiving a final recommendation from the Committee subsequent to the completion of the Brief and evaluation thereof by the MHC; and

That the MHC move forward with the engagement of the Heritage Planner to complete the Heritage Designation Brief as soon as possible.

Carried.

6. Question Period

The Committee entertained questions from the public from 6:15 PM to 6:38 PM

7. Correspondence

 CHO Newsletter (Fall 2020) and the Ontario Heritage Trust Newsletter (November 2020) was distributed to Committee members for information.

Carried.

8. Next Meeting – February 25, 2021 at 5PM

9. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021-006 - Adjournment

Anita Locke – James Forrester – That the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM

Carried.