

**BRANTFORD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012**  
**6:15 P.M. CHARLIE WARD ROOM**

Bradley Emsley in the Chair

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Brad Emsley, Wayne King, Michelle White, Cal Diegel, Jack Jackowetz, Darren McCormack, Leisah Marie Jansen, Beverly Garner, Sarah Clarke

**ABSENT:** Councillor Dave Wrobel

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Paula Whitlow, Lisa Woods, Rob Adlam, Councillor Dan McCreary, Cindy MacDonald-Krueger

**ALSO PRESENT:** Helen Borowicz, Planning Department  
Barb Day, Recording Secretary

**1. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Cal Diegel  
Seconded by Wayne King

**“THAT the agenda BE APPROVED.”**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A change was made to the minutes under **6.5 Big Tent continuation meeting held Tues. Sept. 25** to read *“If DPS goes forward, Brantford would be one of the first cities in the region to implement the system.”*

Moved by Jack Jackowetz  
Seconded by Darren McCormack

**“THAT the minutes of the Brantford Heritage Committee held on October 2, 2012 BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.”**

CARRIED

#### **4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### **5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **5.1 War of 1812**

Wayne King reported that due to popular demand, there was a second printing of the bicentennial map showing the Grand River area around Brantford. Also the Hamilton to Dover section of the rail trail will be officially designated and signage developed. The trail will now be named Brock's Walk. A film will be complete in the spring of 2013 and possibly premiered at the Sanderson Centre. Westfield Village has three new buildings on site and will recognize the refugees from southwestern Ontario. London will have a re-enactment of Procter's Retreat, and the tall ships will be in Hamilton. Zig Misiak is the author of a new book "Highlighting Native Nations War of 1812." Brad Emsley announced that there is an exhibition at Glenhyrst Art Gallery "War and Peace" that will be on exhibit until January 3, 2013.

##### **5.2 Downtown Action Committee**

Jack Jackowetz advised that reconstruction of Dalhousie and Colborne Streets will not start until 2015. The zoning in the downtown is outdated, and the Planning Department will be looking at this.

Funding has run out for the downtown grants program. The program was funded by Council in the past, and a source of funding has not yet been determined for the future.

##### **5.3 Cultural Advisory Committee**

Jack Jackowetz advised that the Joseph Brant monument plaque can be restored for a cost much lower than originally thought. The Public Arts Committee will make a recommendation shortly. The suggested plexi-glass cover will be problematic due to condensation. Nicole Drake will attend a January Heritage Committee meeting to discuss.

The Regional Tourism Organization has been divided into twelve regions, and Brantford has been paired with Hamilton and Halton to market the

region. In 2013, existing material will be put together to make this region a destination for culture and heritage.

There will be a Heritage Walk Program, resurrecting some of the walks that were created in the past. These will focus on neighbourhood sites, tying in local businesses. In Brantford, suggested walks include a monument tour, Brant Avenue and the downtown. The Victoria Heritage Neighbourhood Association is working with the Brantford Walks subcommittee to create a North Ward walk.

## **6. BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Proposed Renovation of 123 Brant Avenue by MMMC Architects**

Helen Borowicz advised that MMMC Architects purchased the adjoining property at 123 Brant Avenue and will complete interior renovations. A small addition at the back of the property will be removed. This will require Site Plan Control approval. It was questioned if access would be from Brant Avenue between 127 and 133 Brant Avenue. Helen advised that the access for 127 and 133 is from William Street, as there was already a driveway there. There is also a courtyard there that will not be changed.

Moved by Bev Garner  
Seconded by Leisah Marie Jansen

**“THAT the Heritage Committee has no concerns regarding the removal of the rear addition and request information on the replacement material for the roof.”**

CARRIED

The roof will be replaced and should complement the brickwork. *Helen will discuss this with Craig Newsome of MMMC Architects. Helen will also request that the committee have the opportunity to look at the fence.*

### **6.2 Victoria School Heritage Designation – Council resolution and discussion with Grand Erie School Board**

There was a resolution presented to Council on November 13<sup>th</sup> that was not approved requesting staff to consult with the Heritage Committee and the Grand Erie District School Board to designate Victoria School. The Heritage Committee approached the school board several times in the past to designate. There is a neighbourhood association, named the Victoria Neighbourhood Association, interested in having the school designated. The Ward 1 Councillors were not in favour of designation, as they stated it lowers property values. There was recently a positive article in the Hamilton Spectator regarding designated properties in Hamilton, and it was suggested

sending the article to the Councillors that were opposed. There is concern from the neighbourhood association about the property sitting vacant. The Heritage Committee could attempt again to discuss with the School Board. Old schools in other municipalities have been refurbished. This is a positive reuse of empty buildings and could also be brought to the attention of the councillors that were opposed to the designation.

Moved by Jack Jackowetz  
Seconded by Cal Diegel

**“THAT the Heritage Committee support designation of the Victoria School building and property.”**

CARRIED

*Helen Borowicz will add this item to the January agenda to discuss meeting with a representative from the school board.*

### **6.3 Greenwich Mohawk Brownfields sites - update**

It was noted that there are five interested bidders that will meet on site with staff from the Planning Department tomorrow, and the tender will close in December with demolition beginning in January. The plans illustrate the precautions that are to be taken to preserve the portico. It will be dismantled in January and moved to the City site on Grand River Avenue. The Timekeeper’s Building will be protected during demolition. Cole Engineering was retained for project management and is preparing all the information for the tenders. Jack Jackowetz expressed his opinion that it is a lot of effort and expense to save the portico that no longer connects to a building. Brad Emsley suggested it has significance and could be incorporated into something new.

Helen advised that the Heritage Committee would not be able to get back on the site to tour, as the structural condition of the buildings is a safety concern.

### **6.4 Victoria Park Streetscape Design RFP**

Helen Borowicz distributed documents and advised that Mark Gladysz of the Planning Department was preparing a tender for design work for Victoria Park. The walkways are not all the same size, and it was suggested incorporating colour, edging and design. The benches will be similar to Harmony Square to ensure consistency throughout the downtown. There is an opportunity to create small courtyards at the corners for seating. Certain work such as the walkways has to be done. Suggestions will go to the landscape architects to come up with plans. The Heritage Committee was invited to comment on features in the park,

including sidewalks, signage, kiosks and other improvements. A kiosk would provide directions and add heritage information. Darren McCormack suggested the public can find out information in an electronic format and a kiosk is not necessary. The Heritage Committee felt that the heritage design of Victoria Park should be preserved and the park should not be overdesigned. The park has functioned well for 150 years, and the committee felt only the lighting, benches and walkway should be improved. Time and effort should be spent on the tablet. It was expressed that the park can be intimidating at times and new designs should rectify this. The Heritage Committee advised interior walkways should not look like sidewalks, and it was suggested there should be a fence around the plaque. The committee would also like to see drawings of the proposed plans.

#### **6.5 Laurier University Carnegie Building Façade Grant Application**

Laurier has applied for a façade grant and has two designs in place for the designated Carnegie Building. They are leaning toward the more rounded design (Design B). The front stairs are original, and the ramps will be used for accessibility. The first design (Design A) would eliminate four on street parking spaces.

Moved by Bev Garner  
Seconded by Michelle White

**“THAT the Heritage Committee prefers Design A over Design B for the Laurier University Carnegie Building.”**

CARRIED  
Opposed by Cal Diegel

#### **6.6 Preparing a Heritage Register for Council’s consideration**

A report went to Committee of the Whole with a recommendation to make the entire city a demolition control area. The recommendation was approved, pending Council approval.

Helen Borowicz advised that a heritage register is required, and this Committee will look at the inventory and examples from other municipalities at the next meeting.

#### **6.7 Walk of Fame Subcommittee**

One volunteer, Tim Philp, submitted an application and was appointed. The monument will be completed soon, and the official opening will take place in the spring. The subcommittee will look at the criteria and research the next inductee. The public will have an opportunity to make suggestions for the

renaming of the monument at the opening.

**7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 8.1 The Identity Project – This is a community project to rebrand the City of Brantford Members are encouraged to complete the survey at the following website link <http://www.brantfordidentityproject.ca>
- 8.2 2013 Brantford Heritage Committee Meeting Schedule

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 9.1 The Mayor’s Annual Address, Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, 5:00 p.m. City Hall.
- 9.2 Generation Art is a limited edition product line, exclusive to EQ3, which incorporates nine original works developed by youth artists. All proceeds from Generation Art purchases will support the Michaele Jean Foundation’s initiatives to empower underprivileged youth, transform young lives and revitalize underserved communities across Canada.

**10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 15, 2013.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Darren McCormack  
Seconded by Jack Jackowetz

**“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Brad Emsley, Chair

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Helen Borowicz, Policy Planner