

**THE THIRD MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

Boardroom C-12
Tom Davies Square

Monday, March 9, 2009
Commencement: 5:00 p.m.
Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.

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Members Councillor Dutrisac, Councillor Landry-Altmann, J. Drago, A. Hawkins, J. Larcher-Lalande, M. Stefura, M. Ladyk, S. Prusila, A. Salach, S. Thompson

Staff P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community and Strategic Planning; J. Fortin, Curator Andersen Farm Museum; G. Mazza, Chief Building Inspector, J. Ferrigan, Senior Planner, K. Longston, Senior Planner, J. Lafantaisie, Recording Secretary

Others Two representatives from the Ward 4 CAN (Elm West-Donovan)

Item #1
Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Item #2
Confirmation of January 12, 2009 Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes

The Chair tabled a revised meeting agenda. The agenda had been revised to include two additional items under "Other Business", namely 164 MacKenzie Street and Ward 12 CAN (Uptown Chapter) Heritage Area.

Recommendation #2009-07

Prusila - Landry-Altmann: THAT the Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Meeting as revised be approved.

THAT the revised Agenda tabled by staff be approved.

CARRIED

Item #3
Long List of Potential Heritage Properties

Deferred to Item 4.

Item #4
Subcommittee Verbal Updates

Identify Subcommittee: The Subcommittee met on February 4 and March 6 to develop a process to evaluate the cultural heritage value of the properties included in the long list of potential heritage properties and initiate the evaluation process. The evaluation

model is based on a City of Kitchener precedent. The Subcommittee has reviewed the “integrity” of the buildings on the list, which has resulted in some changes to the list. The Subcommittee plans on holding a meeting with senior architects within the community to discuss the buildings on the list. A revised list will be brought back to the Committee for consideration. The intent is to bring a list of properties with sufficient information to Council for consideration for inclusion in the City’s register of heritage properties as listed buildings. It was noted that the St. David School was recently part of an Accommodation Review exercise. Concerns were raised that the murals depicting Canadian history within the School would be lost. The Ward Councillor and CAN are addressing this issue. The Committee agreed that St. David School should be added to the long list of potential cultural heritage resources. The Committee also agreed that the “St. Aloysius” school be included in the reference to 164 Mackenzie Street in the same list. It was noted that property owners and Council should be engaged on the development of the list, before bringing it to Council for consideration. It was felt that any public engagement should stress the benefits of listing and/or designation. It was noted that there is a sense of urgency to the finalization of the list. The Subcommittee was encouraged to expedite its work.

Protect Subcommittee: The Subcommittee met on February 25 to discuss the potential of creating a Heritage Property Tax Relief and Heritage Trust incentive programs for the City. The Subcommittee is currently researching Heritage Property Tax Relief programs in five other municipalities and will be engaging key City Staff regarding the Heritage Trust Program. The Subcommittee is meeting on March 25 to discuss the results of this work.

Promote Subcommittee: The Subcommittee met on February 26 to discuss the Committee’s communications strategy including logo, brand and website. The Subcommittee is meeting again in March to further discuss these items.

19 Regent Street: The Subcommittee met with representatives of Mine Mill Local 598 and the Sudbury Chapter of the Navy League of Canada on January 21 to present and discuss the draft Heritage Assessment Report for 19 Regent Street and the Richard Lake Campground. The draft Report recommends that the building at 19 Regent Street be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, and that the Campground be listed. The draft Report was well-received and the Navy League of Canada Sudbury Chapter Staff will be presenting the draft Report to the Ontario Division of the Navy League for consideration. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

3616 Errington Avenue: City Staff prepared a conceptual site plan for the preservation of the former convent through the partial

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Subcommittee Verbal
Updates Continued

acquisition of the land and building. This plan has been developed in consultation with Conseil staff. The Subcommittee met with members of the community interested in preserving the former convent on February 5 and toured the former convent with these stakeholders and Conseil Staff. It was noted that the building is in good condition. The Community Stakeholders would like to help preserve the former convent by raising funds for the acquisition of the land and adaptive re-use of the building. It was felt that the building could possibly be re-used as a tea room and museum, highlighting the heritage of the area. The building would be donated to the City to be held in trust as a community resource. Councillor Dutrisac and City Staff met with the community stakeholders on February 26 to review the conceptual site plan and options for moving forward. The Community Stakeholders will be meeting with representatives from the Northern Ontario Railway Museum and Heritage Centre and Ministry of Culture Staff to discuss potential funding opportunities. The Stakeholders would also like to better understand the potential cost of adaptively re-using the building. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

Water Tower Subcommittee: The Subcommittee met with the General Manager of Infrastructure Services and Engineering Staff on January 20, 2009 to discuss the Ash Street Water Tank. The landmark status of the tank was discussed, as was the cost to repaint the tank, estimated to be between \$1 and \$1.5 million dollars. The Subcommittee is bringing this item back to the Committee for further direction. The repainting costs were discussed. It was suggested that the tank could be painted for approximately \$120,000. It was noted that any estimate should address environmental and health and safety considerations involved in repainting the tank. It was agreed that a firm estimate would be required for the painting of the tank. It was suggested that other municipalities be canvassed for similar precedents. It was also suggested that the a competition be organized to solicit ideas/costs for repainting the tank. The Subcommittee will meet to further consider these ideas and options for best moving forward.

Item #5
January 14, 2009
Coalition for a Liveable
Sudbury Letter

The letter was presented by City Staff, who noted that Committee members could become a member of the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury as individuals. It was noted that the Coalition should be commended for their efforts. City Staff will prepare a letter for the Chair to this effect.

Item #6
2009 Strategic
Directions

Deferred

Recommendation #2009-08

Drago - Landry-Altman: THAT we proceed past 7:00 p.m.

Options for Homes at 164 MacKenzie Street

The Identification Subcommittee presented the results of their preliminary research into St. Louis de Gonzague and St. Aloysius. St. Louis de Gonzague was constructed in 1914 by Separate School Board. It was the “central” separate school to be constructed. It was built to alleviate overcrowding at the Brown School, which later became the D’Youville Orphanage. It was designed by Michael Gorman, an architect from Peterborough. St. Aloysius was constructed in 1923 by Separate School Board. It was built to alleviate overcrowding at St. Louis de Gonzague.

The proposed Options for Homes development at 164 Mackenzie Street was discussed, including concerns raised by local residents at the recent statutory public meeting, including the building footprint, building height, lack of greenspace and lack of parking. The Committee felt that the site represented a gateway into a historical area and that the cultural heritage value of St. Louis de Gonzague and St. Aloysius should have been considered as part of the land use planning approval process. City Staff indicated that the buildings are not included in the City’s register of heritage, which would require their consideration as part of that process. Staff further indicated that this proposal helps implement other key municipal objectives such as Downtown residential development, intensification and affordable housing. It was noted that the proponent was willing to review the proposed building design with local residents and is conserving the former St. Louis de Gonzague School. The Committee felt that the proponent could redesign the proposed building so that it better fits within the scale and character of the neighbourhood.

Recommendation #2009-09

Stefura - Drago: THAT the Municipal Heritage Committee supports the Options for Homes development on this site, having due regard for the context of this historic neighbourhood.

AND further that Council recognize the cultural heritage value of St. Aloysius and St. Louis de Gonzague at 164 MacKenzie Street for the following reasons:

- St. Louis de Gonzague is the first central separate school to be constructed by the Separate School Board in 1914 to alleviate overcrowding at the former Brown School/D’Youville Orphanage which was demolished.

Item #7
Other Business
Continued

- St. Aloysius was constructed in 1923 by the Separate School Board to alleviate overcrowding at St. Louis de Gonzague School.

AND further the Municipal Heritage Committee suggests that Council defer a decision with respect to the rezoning application to provide the Municipal Heritage Committee and the owner an opportunity to discuss the cultural heritage value of the site, the preservation of the schools and the design of the proposed residential building relative to the heritage value of the site.

Jane's Walk

K. Longston was seeking nominations from the Municipal Heritage Committee to lead Jane's Walk in the downtown core. It was suggested that the previously developed route by Rainbow Routes be used. K. Longston to provide J. Ferrigan with the contact information.

Ward 12 CAN

Councillor J. Landry-Altmann requested that the Committee engage the Ward 12 (Uptown Chapter) CAN to examine the heritage of the area, as previously discussed. The Committee agreed. The Councillor will coordinate a meeting with City Staff and the Ward 12 (Uptown Chapter) CAN.

Adjournment

Recommendation #2009-10

Ladyk - Salach: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.

Time: 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Joyce Lafantaisie, Secretary

Oryst Sawchuk, Chair