

Minutes of Brampton Heritage Board Resources Sub-committee – May 11, 2010

Present: Douglas McLeod Helen Warner Ken Wilde
Lynda Voegtle Jim Leonard (staff)

Brampton Heritage Board

Date: May 18, 2010

Business:

1. The committee discussed the city-owned farmhouse on Kennedy Road South
2. In the aftermath of the fire which destroyed the Graham-Rutledge House, 7715 Kennedy Rd. S., the Resources Sub-committee expressed its profound regret over the loss of this heritage gem. Evidently asbestos contaminates the building remains so it is unlikely that materials can be salvaged.

The Sub-committee recommends that the Brampton Heritage Board continue with its designation plans for the property and encourages that every effort be made to have the house rebuilt or replicated on the site, since this property is of significant value in the historical development of Peel County.

3. Jim Leonard reported on the status of vacant heritage properties program. He indicated that the draft of heritage amendments for inclusion in the Property Standards By-law are circulating for comment.

The Official Plan amendment requiring owners to undertake a “heritage resource protection plan” when submitting planning applications on lands with heritage resources, is also moving forward. The required statutory public meeting has been scheduled for early June.

4. Jim Leonard reported that the draft designation report on Camp Naivelt is complete and being circulated for sign offs.

The scope of the Naivelt designation will include a surviving portion of iron railway track, originally from the abandoned Guelph Radial Railway line. Jim showed photographs of remarkable remains he has discovered.

Helen mentioned that a shed or station from the rail line may survive in Churchville. Permission for Jim and Antonietta to photo document the structure are in the works.

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5. Ken Wilde showed photographs of the Heritage Board tour of Camp Naivelt and proposed the possibility that a heritage grant be offered to assist with the cost of building a fence on the west property line of the Camp, facing the swimming pool in Eldorado Park.
6. Jim Leonard reported that he has been requested to evaluate the heritage value of a row of mature oak trees at Sanford Cresc. and Horwood Drive in Brampton. City Arborist, Gary Linton, thinks these trees may have once bordered a farm lane when the property was owned by the McClure family. The trees have been surveyed and photographed and some mapping research has been completed. Ken Wilde offered to assist with the research. Jim indicated that old aerial photos, and family records from the McClure family would be very helpful.
7. A suggestion was made that there be a photo survey of mature trees in the Churchville Heritage District.
8. Jim Leonard presented an update of the plans for Alderlea, summarizing information reported earlier in the week at the Work Plan Sub-Committee. Discussions focused on future partnering with Peel Heritage Complex, the addition of a conservatory, possible period room restorations, landscaping, replication of the wrap-around verandahs and restoration of the belvedere.
9. Lynda Voegtle reported details of the 50 year celebrations for Bramalea which will take place in June, 2010 at different recreation centres in Bramalea and that Regional Councillor Gael Miles will set up a meeting with Jim Leonard, Antonietta Minichillo and Lynda for further discussion on possible temporary signage or mock-up plaques to mark key Bramalea sites. As a result of a meeting she has already attended, Lynda said that heritage markers may be proposed for many buildings that were associated with the history of the development. The Resources Sub-committee suggested that the following properties be considered for marking:
 - Simmons Factory – 15 Bramalea Rd (listed)
 - 2 Balmoral Court at Dixie – first Condo in Ontario (listing report drafted)
 - Bank of Montreal (listed)
 - Dorset Drive Public School
 - Aloma Public School
 - H-section – first zero lot line development (listing report drafted)
 - Bramalea Secondary School

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- 1300 Steeles Ave. E. – Original Bramalea Consolidated Office (listed)
- Victoria Pk. Arena – First indoor arena
- Locate the offices for the first doctor, lawyer, optometrist and dentist
- The first police station, fire station, post office, banks
- Bramalea Guardian Building
- Bramalea Civic Centre
- “Bramalea Woods” sign
- Chinguacousy Park Tea House and Barn (listing report drafted)
- Northern Telecom
- Wooden statue “Kwakiutl” which is now in the Chinguacousy Park Greenhouse
- Ford Motor Company Plant (listed)
- Bacardi factory
- Avondale Plaza
- The first model homes and the first house inhabited which were all on Autumn Blvd.

There was discussion that many of these properties should be evaluated for possible listing in the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Resources.

The Sub-committee also cited prominent Bramalea residents:

Andy Donato, Toronto Sun cartoonist

Alan Thicke and his brother Todd, who lived on Crescent Hill

Andy Bathgate (pro hockey player)

Next Meeting: June 1, 2010