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HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

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Members Present

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (**CHAIR**)
Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 6
Elaine Eigl (Citizen Member)
Mohammad Haque (Citizen Member)
James Holmes (Citizen Member)
Bernie Hu (Citizen Member)
Craig Lawrence (Citizen Member)
Rick Mateljan (Citizen Member)
Gay Peppin (Citizen Member)
James Tovey (Citizen Member) (**VICE-CHAIR**)
Matthew Wilkinson (Citizen Member)

Members Absent

Michael Spaziani (Citizen Member)

Staff Present

Mark Warrack, Senior Heritage Coordinator Community Services
Paula Wubbenhorst, Heritage Coordinator, Community Services
Evelyn Eichenbaum, Legislative Coordinator, Clerk's Office
Laura Piette, Director, Planning Development & Business
Services, Community Services

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CALL TO ORDER

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OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:08 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

A Fernando Moraes, Project Manager, Facilities & Property Management Division, and Paul Cravit, CS&P Architects Inc.

Fernando Moraes introduced Paul Cravit of CS&P Architects Inc. to present an overview of the conceptual plan for Civic Square redevelopment. Mr. Cravit noted that this current plan grew out of a citizen-developed vision of a place-making concept. Mr. Cravit provided historical background to the Civic Centre indicating that it was based on a concept that related to a raised farmstead on an agrarian landscape. In subsequent years, the facility became more like a centre hall plan with rooms off to the side (like the Jubilee Garden).

Current challenges include connecting Civic Square to Library Square. The building being raised creates some accessibility issues and there are some residual spaces which need to be better utilized. There is a desire to make the road more people friendly with less traffic. Food is also a key element for public spaces.

The proposed design concept includes changes to both the Civic Square and the Library Square and an effort to link the squares together by redesigning City Centre Drive, removing sections of existing walls on the south edge of Civic Square and improving grade transitions from Civic Square to City Centre Drive. The Civic Square modifications include: an enlarged skating rink; a modified central entry to the Civic Centre; a small sculpture garden on the east side; the creation of storage areas for activities; improvements to the amphitheatre; and a water feature in the summer. A future phase is scheduled to include an expanded art gallery. The Library Square modifications include: a larger lawn area; a market garden area with a permanent open-sided roof structure; a permanent stage along Burnhamthorpe Road; a library pavilion; and a media wall that is digital on one side and green on the other side.

In response to a question, Mr. Cravit indicated that a fountain may be placed in the raised gardens or in the sculpture park but there are no plans for a memorial. Matthew Wilkinson noted that Mississauga is the largest city in Canada without a municipal cenotaph and this reduces the potential for Remembrance Day ceremonies. In addressing projection of voices in the amphitheatre, Mr. Cravit noted that a sound consultant is working with the architects and making recommendations regarding amplified sound and some type of cover over the amphitheatre.

Councillor Parrish expressed concern over whether changes to the cafeteria would be accommodated within this project. Mr. Cravit advised that a small food service may be placed in what is currently the Conservatory, but it will not be a full cafeteria. A future expanded art gallery may include a larger café. Laura Piette, Director, Planning

Development & Business Services, Community Services, explained that the food component is not included in this project is due to the quick deadline for this funding program. She indicated that there are plans to have food available on the square.

Other aspects of the project addressed were the difficulty of trees thriving in planters; the need to mitigate traffic noise in the amphitheatre; the narrowing of, and raising of the grade of City Centre Drive to increase accessibility; the marketplace being covered by a structure similar to a pergola; the water feature involving a skim surface to increase access and speed up draining; and the incorporation of bike racks in the square.

In response to an inquiry, Mark Warrack indicated that the proposed “softening” of the edges of the architecture do not affect the site as a cultural landscape and therefore do not pose any concern from a heritage aspect.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Jim Tovey noted that on page 1 of the minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 2009, under Presentation B, the first sentence should be amended to refer to selected heritage sites in “Mississauga” and not “Port Credit”.

Adopted as Amended (Jim Tovey)
MG.07

2. Civic Square Redevelopment Project

Memorandum from Fernando Moraes, Project Manager, Facilities & Property Management Division, dated July 22, 2009 with respect to redevelopment of the Mississauga Civic Square.

Recommendation:

1. That the memorandum dated July 22, 2009 from Fernando Moraes, Project Manager, Facilities and Property Management, concerning the redevelopment of the Mississauga Civic Square, be received for information.
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee supports in principle the Civic Square redevelopment project conceptual design, as presented at the July 28, 2009 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting.

Supported (Craig Lawrence)
See Recommendation HAC-0053-2009
CS.08.CIV

3. Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places Canada

Corporate Report dated July 17, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places Canada.

Mark Warrack noted that this document is a guideline and not a policy. Mr. Warrack is glad to see this is a federal resource, which can be utilized across the country. Copies of the document are available from the federal government.

Recommendation:

That the City of Mississauga adopt the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada as a tool for the staff of Community Services to provide guiding principles for decision-making when planning and intervening in the conservation of heritage resources.

Approved (Elaine Eigl)
CS.08.STA

4. Request to alter a Heritage Designated Property, 47 John Street South Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District, Ward 1

Corporate Report dated July 17, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to a request to remove and rebuild a deck at the rear of the residential structure, property located at 47 John Street South, in Ward 1.

Recommendation:

That the request to remove and rebuild a deck at the rear of the residential structure, 47 John Street South, listed as a Complimentary property, within the Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District, as described in the report from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated July 17, 2009, be approved.

Approved (Matthew Wilkinson)
CS.08.John Street South (47) W1

5. 2010 Annual Peel Municipal Heritage Advisory Committees

Memorandum from Mark Warrack, Senior Heritage Coordinator, dated July 28, 2009 with respect to Mississauga hosting the 2010 Annual Peel Municipal Heritage Advisory Committees meeting.

Mark Warrack explained that it is Mississauga's turn to host this meeting in 2010. It was suggested that the meeting be scheduled for late spring. Potential locations suggested included the barn or a large rented tent at Riverwood as it is a beautiful site with natural heritage.

Committee members should contact Mark Warrack if they have any additional suggestions for this meeting.

Recommendation:

That Heritage and Planning staff, Community Services, be directed to report back to the Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to potential timing and location for Mississauga to host the 2010 Annual Peel Municipal Heritage Advisory Committees meeting.

Approved (Jim Holmes)

MG.07

6. Status of Outstanding Issues from Heritage Advisory Committee

Chart as at July 28, 2009 identifying the status of the outstanding issues from the Heritage Advisory Committee.

In discussing the Asquith House, Councillor Carlson asked at what point can the City decide to take action on an insecure building that poses a safety hazard. Mark Warrack responded that the City can only take action if the situation poses a risk on public property. In that case, the owner can be enforced to enclose the property and keep it safe. Mr. Warrack went on to explain that there have been difficulties in reaching the owner of the house. By-law officers do keep an eye on the property. The owner is making arrangements for a heritage impact statement.

Councillor Parrish noted that the Sandford Farms walls have been taken down. Mark Warrack explained that additional refurbishing will be done when the park is developed.

Received (Councillor Parrish)

MG.07

7. Status of Subcommittees/Ad Hoc Committees – Report from Chairs

7.1 Heritage Designation Subcommittee - Nil

7.2 Public Awareness Subcommittee

Jim Tovey noted the Canada Day launch of videos relating to Mississauga heritage sites on the You Tube website.

7.3 Heritage Tree Subcommittee

Gay Peppin indicated that the subcommittee is still working on a draft of a heritage tree by-law.

Received (Jim Tovey)

MG.07

8. Items for Information

- 8.1 Communiqué titled Heritage Canada Foundation Releases 2009 Top Ten Endangered Places and Worst Losses List dated July 7, 2009.
- 8.2 Article titled East Gwillimbury Demolition Meets the Judge, by Jim Sullivan, Sharon, Ontario.
- 8.3 Article titled New Support for Strong Heritage Conservation Districts, by Paula Wubbenhorst.

Received (Jim Holmes)

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9. Heritage Advisory Committee Strategic Priorities

Mark Warrack facilitated a discussion to review the committee's current strategic priorities as they relate to the priorities dated March 29, 2008. Priorities were reviewed with a view to what can be accomplished within the balance of this committee's term.

Some highlights of the discussion include: researching resource material to be prepared for Doors Open and possibly Jane's Walk; committee members making presentations to Council on select topics; how to formalize a process for a Linear Heritage Park; preparing an annual review of accomplishments; continued promotion and education surrounding heritage; and involvement in local heritage events for 2010.

Through this discussion, Councillor Carlson suggested that the committee review its mandate prior to next term to see if any changes are recommended.

Mark Warrack will revise the list of top priorities according to the July 28, 2009 discussion and will forward it for adoption, along with the committee's vision, at the September meeting.

In recapping the discussion, Mr. Warrack confirmed that committee members' top priorities are:

- supporting a Linear Heritage Park
- reviewing the Heritage Advisory Committee's mandate
- public programming – specifically expanding the frequency of and audience for print publication
- working in conjunction with other heritage groups
- engaging and educating developers before they develop concepts

Councillor Carlson noted that he was pleased with the work done in recent years, especially the more holistic approach to the work being done.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Speaker Series

Matthew Wilkinson advised that the next speaker in the Events That Shaped Mississauga Speaker Series at the Noel Ryan Auditorium on September 22, 2009 is Ron Duquette, the former advertising director of S. B. McLaughlin Associates.

Doors Open 2009

Matthew Wilkinson indicated that they are looking for three volunteers to man Erin Mills Public School for the event. Those interested in helping out should contact Mr. Wilkinson directly.

Lakeshore Corridor Study

Jim Tovey advised that the Lakeshore Corridor Study is underway. Some university students are also undertaking a similar study. Mr. Tovey will work with Mark Warrack on preparing a draft memo to Sharon Mittman, Planning and Building, for consideration at the next meeting.

Russell Langmaid Public School

Councillor Carlson inquired about the merit of listing the Russell Langmaid Public School on the City's inventory. As the property may be sold, staff could investigate the feasibility of listing the school on the City's inventory.

Recommendation:

That Heritage and Planning staff, Community Services, be directed to investigate whether the Russell Langmaid Public School property located at 170 Church Street, Mississauga, merits listing on the Heritage Register.

Approved (Craig Lawrence)

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ADJOURNMENT – 11:43 a.m.