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Coming up at noon, it's this month's Heritage Guelph meeting. Stand by for coverage!



**MEETING PREVIEW: Heritage Guelph Meeting for November 4, 2024**

It's going to be a busy slate for the Heritage Guelph meeting this November with changes, plans, designations, and maybe even a hint of conflict (?). Yes, there are new designations and futur...

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Chair Epp calls the meeting to order.

Epp declares a conflict with the item 2.4 because it involves here employer. Other than that, no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof.

First item, Ontario Reformatory Heritage Conservation District - Release of Draft Plan and Guideline. Senior heritage planner Stephen Robinson will present.

Robinson says this is an announcement report. The draft guidelines were released as part of the Nov 13 meeting agenda. It's the statutory meeting for the draft, so it won't be approved at that meeting: <https://pub-guelph.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=9f61b829-9c3a-4f74-b9fo-dc1b749b1e38&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>

The Dec 2 meeting of the Heritage Guelph meeting will be the committee's turn to discuss the plan and guidelines.

Member Krucker asks why HG didn't get the draft? Robinson says the timing is crucial because council gets first crack at the draft, and the release of HG agenda for this meeting was a week before the council agenda. This was meant as a head's up.

Cllr Downer says that the final copy should come back to HG before it goes to council for final approval so they can get one last say. Krucker asks when the final version will be complete and Robinson says first-half of 2025. "We're getting very close."

Next, Advisory Committees of Council Framework Update. Dylan McMahon, Acting General Manager, Clerk's Office & Winnie Chan, Board and Committee Coordinator will present.

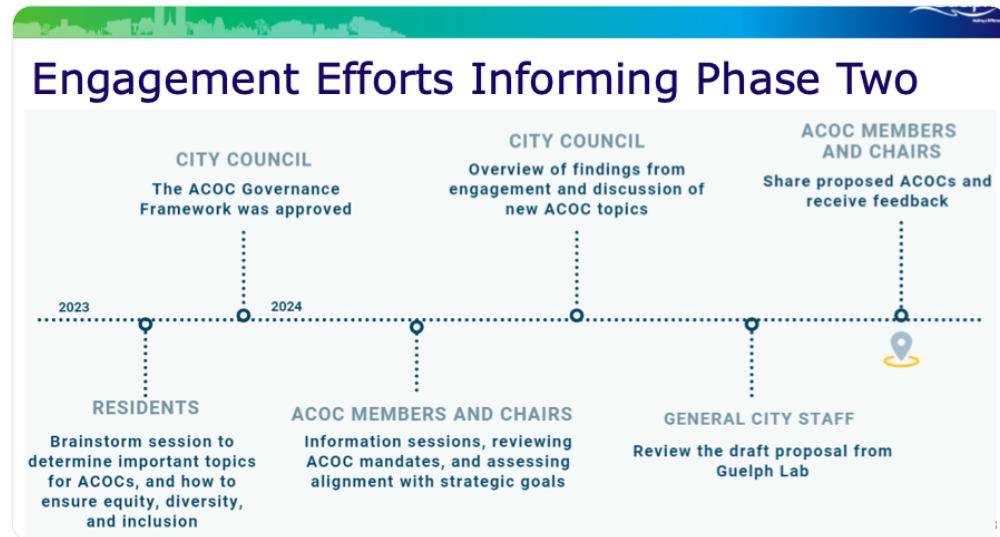
To RECAP:

- City Clerk's Office collaborate with the Guelph Lab, launched the Re-Designing ACOCs project in Jan 2023

- Phase 1: The Governance Framework was approved by the Council on November 23, 2023

- Phase 2: Reviewing current ACOCs against the Framework and allocated resources

Engagement through Phase 2 of this process:



Here's the proposed list of ACOCs, which is cut in half from 14...

Recommended ACOCs be maintained (with updated terms):

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (statutory)

- Heritage Advisory Committee (discretionary, but with statutory regulations once established)

(cont'd)

Recommended new/revised ACOCs:

- Planning, Environment and Water Advisory Committee (planning is a statutory component, environment and water are discretionary)

(cont'd)

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (there is statutory component regarding the Guelph Museum, arts and culture more broadly is discretionary)

- Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee (discretionary)

- Business Development Advisory Committee (discretionary)

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Recommended merged ACOCs:

- Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee (statutory)

Changes to HG:

- That Heritage Guelph be renamed Heritage Advisory Committee

- Continue to advise on matters related to architectural heritage as defined in the Ontario Heritage Act

- Contribute to two key pillars in the Strategic Plan "City Building" & "People and Economy" and...

-The terms of reference will be reviewed and updated for consistency with City policies and the Strategic Plan

McMahon says that the recommendation is that HG basically continue as is, but will in the future be called the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The full report will come to council for approval in March 2025.

McMahon asked about changes to the mandate. He says he doesn't think there is one aside from the fact that the original terms of reference were written before the City had a 4-year Strat. plan, now the terms will be reviewed every four years.

McMahon says ACOC are one way to engage with the public, and it's a work intensive way of doing engagement. The goal is to have these committees do high level strategic work and not micromanage.

Krucker says he would hate to see agendas get shorter, asks about the timelines for terms of reference review. McMahon this is the last touch point, if council approves in March then recruitment will begin. It's likely all committees will be deemed vacant, but HG might be exception

First meetings of the new committees may begin next summer. Each committee will then have an opportunity to look at their terms of reference at the beginning of every council term, and then review at the end.

Krucker asks if there will be a review of terms in Jan. McMahon says the terms will be re-written by staff and presented to council in March for approval, they're not coming back to committee.

Krucker wonders if they should pass a motion to have clerks bring the terms back to committee. Staff says that that they will be presenting the new terms in May/June once council approves them.

McMahon says they're eager to get the new approval in front of council, so if anyone has anything to add, now is the time. When they form the new committee, it's not like there will be an immediate review of terms. This is awkward because this is the first time.

Krucker asks if they will see the update terms before they go to council, and he understands that it will mostly be unchanged. McMahon says given the amount of engagement and the feedback, they're confident the terms will be palatable to the committee.

McMahon says the impression is that Heritage Guelph is working pretty well, and they don't need to mess with it.

Krucker asks if it's even possible to discuss the terms of reference even if there's just an issue with a couple of things. McMahon says the committee can put anything on the agenda, the clerks just think there isn't the time to do a full review of the terms before March.

Member Corman asks if they had ever discussed the terms before as part of this process? Planner Mallon says the last terms update was 2019/2020. McMahon says they've been talking terms through this process.

Corman says it's hard to have an informed discussion about the terms without seeing them. McMahon says the recommendation is to continue the mandate, which broadcasts the intention to not make major changes. If HG wants to see terms first, they can put that in the motion.

Corman says she wants to make sure that they see the document before it's finalised and would like that expressed in a motion. Epp asks if a draft could be provided to HG beforehand. McMahon says if they do it for one, they'll have to do it for all.

McMahon says when they go to council in March, they may recognise HG's desire to review their own terms and direct staff to do that consultation.

Krucker says that if this was the final touch point, then they should have seen some draft of the terms, and would like to support Corman in a motion to bring a draft of the terms before they go to council. Epp says based on McMahon's comments it would likely be done after.

Recommended Motion: That Heritage Guelph recommends to City Council the continuation of the Heritage Guelph mandate as the Heritage Advisory Committee. With the addition that terms come back to committee before council approval.

Corman/Krucker move and it's approved.

Krucker adds that he feels pretty strongly that the Environment pillar of Strat. plan should be represented in the terms, "The Greenest building is the one that's already built". It helps with the public perception, and seeing saving heritage as an environmental act.

Committee moves to add that environment recommendation and it's approved.

Next, Progress Update on 2024 Individual Designations. Mallon says this will brief since it's just meant to give HG a snap shot of the recommendations this year to date. Council has approve 11 this year so far, most ever.

This is the list here: <https://pub-guelph.escrimemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=53696>

There are about nine not designated from that list of 22 not including the two that are in the Downtown HCD area. That work will continue on into 2025, and staff are working on a bold strategy that will be presented in December's meeting.

Krucker asks about 35 Niska Rd. Mallon says its an environmentally sensitive area, so risks of redevelopment are not as severe. They are looking at though and talking with property owner.

Krucker asks if HG members will help draft priority lists for next year. Mallon says they're hoping to pivot to a strategy of working down the list of 150 properties they've identified and they will share that list with HG though they may not ask for Top 10.

Corman says she's heard from a lot of people that the designation of her house means it can't be renovated, and it's important that this perception is still out there. Need to communicate more that designation is not a bad thing.

Epp says maybe someone from the comms office can join them at a future meeting. Mallon agrees.

Member Caldwell, who works in real estate, says the perception is real and people worry designation means they can't update their bathroom. She agrees agents are misinformed, and has looked at doing something with realtors association.

Krucker wonders about forming a subcommittee to look at potential designations. Clerks say wait for the content in December, and then see what might work best to tackle the work presented. Krucker says that seems prudent.

Mallon says forming a subcommittee takes up a lot of staff time since they have to take place in the public forum and follow the same guidelines about agendas and reporting. Also been addressing designation as a whole committee, so not needing subcommittee.

Krucker says he takes the point, but he wonders if some work might be better broken so one agenda doesn't get overwhelmed. He will table this for today. Clerks say that there may be other tools within their ability to create agenda efficiencies.

Next, Appointment of a member of Heritage Guelph to delegate at the November 13, 2024 Council Planning Meeting. This person will speak to the heritage designation of the old greenhouse on campus.

David Cameletti volunteers.

Recommended Motion: That Heritage Guelph appoints D.C. to delegate on behalf of the committee on the "37 Christie Lane: Notice of Intention to Designate" at the November 13, 2024 Council Planning meeting approved.

Next, 99 Maltby: Heritage Attributes and Designation Recommendation has been deferred to next month.

This is do to ongoing conversations with the property owner, and Epp says that she hopes they're beneficial.

Next, 328-332 Woolwich: Heritage Attributes and Designation Recommendation. These are the row houses that came to committee's attention last month.

Mallon notes that the original front doors on one of the units were removed in the last few weeks, but this still it meets five out of the nine criteria for a Part IV heritage designation under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

Krucker asks protecting the streetscape as an attribute. Mallon says he could add that though believes it's unlikely that someone would try and move the building.

Recommendation to approve the designation with the addition of location approved.

Next, 136 Glasgow St: Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report. This is the first round for this designation. This is the residence of Thomas Gowdy, a Guelph businessman who's old ironworks on Suffolk was designated last year.

According to the report it's a "blend of an Italianate Villa with Second Empire attributes, made particularly striking by its usage of its blend of stone and red clay brick sourced from a

manufacturer north of Glen Williams.”

Gowdy was also a mayor of Guelph as well as being a successful businessman and industrialist. The home meets six of the nine criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

Cameletti asks if there's been any contact with the owner. Mallon says that's the next order of business.

Recommended Motion:

That the comments provided by Heritage Guelph members on the '136 Glasgow St: Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report' be provided to staff and Council for their consideration is approved.

Last item: 59 Green St: Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report. By request of the property owner, this designation is presented as an example of “mid-19th century three bay, hipped-roof Georgian limestone house, replete with Neo- Classical refinements.”

The home also has a connection to “both the history of the Chalmer’s Presbyterian Church in Guelph, and the legacy of the Thurnell family, who were early and integral members of Guelph during its formative years.” It was built in early 1850s, but exact date is hard to find.

The home covers four of the nine criteria outlined in Ontario Regulation 9/06



For the record, the Chalmers Church is presently Royal City Mission. The Green Street home was the manse for Chalmers, the residence for the church's reverend.

Mallon notes that the owners of the building of British, so they have a different attitude about protecting heritage. Krucker suggests engaging them about how to sell the benefits of the designation.

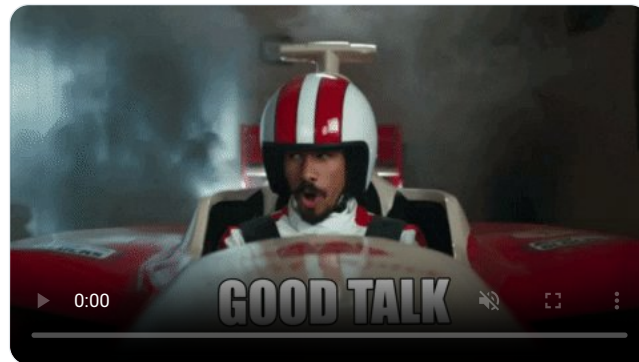
Recommended Motion:

That the comments provided by Heritage Guelph members on the '59 Green Street St: Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report' be provided to staff and Council for their consideration is approved.

Announcements?

-Mallon says 2025 meeting schedule will come in Dec, and perhaps HG might want to switch day and time.

That's a wrap!



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