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Coming up at noon, it's the first Heritage Guelph meeting of 2025! What controversies await? Here:



MEETING PREVIEW: Heritage Guelph Meeting for January 13, 2025

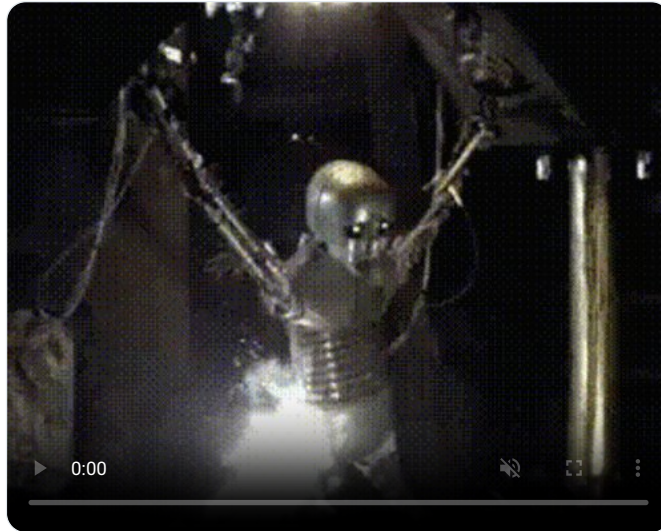
Heritage Guelph gets back to work promising a busy 2025 after what was definitely a very busy 2024! No major heritage designations this week, or any complicated fights about demolitions at this mee...

<https://guelphpolitico.ca/2025/01/03/meeting-preview-heritage-guelph-meeting-for-janu...>

Apparently there are some "technical difficulties" in the meeting room, so stand by...



Update: Technical difficulties persist...



So members online are talking about getting an email link from the City for a different meeting/platform. Joey from the clerks office says they're updating the public link too and once they're ready we can all move to that new link...



23 minutes...



As we're approaching the 30-minute mark, part 4.4 (c) of the Procedural Bylaw seems relevant...

4.4 Quorum and Commencement of Meetings

- a) Unless there is a quorum present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting of the Council or committee, the Council or committee shall stand adjourned until the next meeting date.
- b) As soon as there is a quorum present, the Mayor or chair shall call the members to order. In the absence of the Mayor or chair, the Clerk shall call the members to order and the Council shall choose a chair from the members present and that person shall preside over the meeting or until the arrival of the Mayor or chair.
- c) If at any time during a meeting quorum is lost, the meeting shall automatically be recessed until a quorum is re-established. If the loss of a quorum continues for thirty minutes, the meeting shall stand adjourned either until the next regular meeting or until a special meeting is called to deal with the matters remaining from the adjourned meeting. This clause shall also apply if quorum is lost during an electronic meeting because of technology issues.

Okay, the link has been changed to a Teams meeting on the amended agenda: <https://pub-guelph.escrimeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=aba3a754-885a-4c48-88dd-d2777549c360&Agenda=Merged&lang=English>

They've also changed rooms at city hall.

We're still waiting for people to sign in, including the chair. Reminder: This meeting was supposed to begin 45 minutes ago and features two items deferred from the Dec meeting for time.

Epp asks to move up 2.4 since that is a presentation from someone outside the committee, and Epp and the Vice-chair have a hard out at 2 pm. Planner Mallon says that staffer isn't available yet, so they can defer to next meeting if necessary.

At 12:46 pm, Chair Epp calls the meeting to order.

Epp declares a conflict of interest for 2.3 given that the topic of the U of G will come up, because that's her employer.

First item is 785 York Road – Amended Heritage Impact Assessment (Powerhouse, Chimney, Service Tunnel and Cannery Storage). This was deferred from the December meeting.

Senior planner Robinson says the purpose to intro Infrastructure Ontario's intention to demolish certain buildings on the OR Lands. Robinson says IO thinks this is necessary to eliminate certain enviro/health risks on the site. The Cannery is a new addition to the demo proposal.

Robinson also notes that Part IV can't come into force so long as the ONgov owns the property, which it still does in the case of the OR Lands. All IO work is subject to minister's consent though, but the HIA identifies 5 options incl. retention, moving and nothing.

One of the 5 is to retain a portion, of the buildings, IO has already ruled out doing nothing. Relocating? Not viable. But retain is challenging and expensive, and IO thinks they're

untenable. Robinson says detailed structure investigation not done in Dec, but...

...IO has followed up since then and now the discussion is to give committee an opportunity to pass a motion about their opinion. The demo permit would have to go through City process like anyone else tho no demo permit app has been received yet.

IO has reviewed City's request for possible retention, and they say all foundations have to be removed for remediation and you can't keep a wall with the foundation. Health & safety being prioritised but they will be looking at potential salvage.

Recommendations from staff:

Recommendation

1. That Heritage Guelph receives (for comment) the draft Heritage Impact Assessment as Amended for the Powerhouse/Chimney/Service Tunnel and Cannery Storage at 785 York Road (prepared for Infrastructure Ontario by Stevens Burgess Architects Ltd. and dated September 16, 2024); and
2. That Heritage Guelph supports the staff recommendation that Infrastructure Ontario carry out the necessary detailed structural investigations to determine the feasibility of retaining the Powerhouse Chimney and/or a portion/wall of the Powerhouse.

Robinson is asked about the schedule and he says that he doesn't know if there is one, but IO is looking to get something done in short order and this is a bit of unfinished business before finalising the minister's report.

Why were these listen and not designated? Robinson says that if nothing else it was important for these assets to be identified, and the heritage designations will not be in effect till the ONgov sells.

Member Krucker asks about salvage and commemoration, b/c they just went thru this at U of G. How do they manage that, b/c that was not clear with the conservatory issue?

Robinson says that IO is working on mitigation efforts *if* they decide to proceed with the demo, and that report will be made public, but really all the city can do is provide *friendly* advice, and the advice here is salvage. They're not protected, Listed =/= registered.

Member Corman asks if the advise from the City could be preserve the buildings due to their significance? It didn't seem like it was impossible to save them. Robinson says the committee can provide whatever commentary they think is appropriate but...

...IO is making it pretty clear in their report that cleaning the site means tearing down the buildings.

Krucker has prepared a motion saying that he can't reach the same conclusions as staff, they're measuring liability but the first responsibility of the committee is to preserve heritage value. They have a duty to protect the buildings, which IO says they're in fair condition.

Motion: Ask council to weigh in to designate the powerhouse and the chimney et al, and ask for more detailed structural analysis from IO. This should be about doing what committee does which is determine they meet heritage designation standards.

Here's the motion:

Item 2.1

785 York Road - Amended Heritage Impact Assessment (Powerhouse, Chimney, Service Tunnel and Cannery Storage)

Motion:

1. That Heritage Guelph receives (for comment) the draft Heritage Impact Assessment as Amended for the Powerhouse/Chimney/Service Tunnel and Cannery Storage at 785 York Road.
2. That Heritage Guelph recommends that Infrastructure Ontario carry out the necessary detailed structural investigations to determine both the practicality and feasibility of retaining the Powerhouse, Chimney, Service Tunnel, and Cannery Storage, in full, during environmental remediation.
3. That Heritage Guelph advises Council to initiate Part IV designations for the Powerhouse, Chimney, Service Tunnel, Cannery Storage, Chapel Building, Wood Kiln Building, Planning Mill and Stores, and Woolen Mill Building, in order to clearly determine which heritage resources merit protection. (The original inclusion of these as listed and not Part IV designation preceded the changes introduced by Bill 23-Nov 2022)

Robinson says the list of buildings in motion go beyond what's in the IO report and that council has already directed staff to look at these as part of the HCD and are already identified as heritage attributes.

Krucker says he would to separate out the other buildings, but Part IV is important to put a stamp on their desire to protect these buildings. Mallon says that it may be a moot point, they're already doing work thru HCD and more work could take time from other files.

Krucker proposes something simpler: Saying no to demo, and waiting for full structural and environmental protection. Wordsmithing in progress.



Motion moved and approved.

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2. That Heritage Guelph recommends that Infrastructure Ontario preserves these buildings and carry out the necessary detailed structural investigations to determine both the practicality and feasibility of retaining the Powerhouse, Chimney, Service Tunnel, and Cannery Storage, in full, during environmental remediation.

Next, 2025 Heritage Guelph Meeting Schedule.

Regular Meetings	Agenda Posting Date	Revised Agenda Posting Date
January 13 – Hybrid Meeting	January 3	January 10
February 3 – Hybrid Meeting	January 24	January 31
March 3 – Hybrid Meeting	February 21	February 28
April 7 – Hybrid Meeting	March 28	April 4
May 5 – Hybrid Meeting	April 25	March 2
June 2 – Hybrid Meeting	May 23	May 30
July 7 – Hybrid Meeting	June 27	July 4
August 11 – Hybrid Meeting	August 1	August 8
September 8 – Hybrid Meeting	August 29	September 5
October 6 – Hybrid Meeting	September 26	October 3
November 3 – Hybrid Meeting	October 24	October 31
December 1 – Hybrid Meeting	November 21	November 28

Also, it seems like the staff member to present 2.4 item is unavailable due to personal reasons, so that will be a deferral.

Time Change alert! It seems like HG wants to change the meeting day to the first Thursday of the month while keeping the 12-2 timeline.

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Item 2.2

2025 Heritage Guelph Meeting Schedule

Motion:

That Heritage Guelph hold its meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

Question: Would the new sked start in February?

Answer: Yes, Feb 6 would be the first Thursday meeting.

Motion moved and approved!

Item 2.2

2025 Heritage Guelph Meeting Schedule

Motion:

That Heritage Guelph hold its meetings on the first Thursday of each month from 12-2pm

Next, VC Carroll takes over as committee tackles 2.3 - 2025 Part IV Designation Strategy.

Mallon says they've done 23 designation since 2023 & are looking to do 50 in 2025. To get it done, they're going to bring draft directly to HG removing 2 reports getting it done 1 meet not 2.

Priorities:

-Risk

-With the boundaries of the downtown HCD now established, they will look at the immediate area outside the boundaries

-They will try and reduce the amount of research

-With increased volume, they'll use consent agenda format like council meetings.

Mallon says he doesn't want HG members to think they can't comment on consent agenda, those items can still be pulled, but if there are proposed edits, members can send edits in advance, which will be included in amended agenda report.

He says losing the list is like being on a sinking ship and their just looking for people to throw into any lifeboat and save who (what) they can. 50 designations in 1 year is about the same amount as last 20 years. It will be a slog, he says.

Corman says she likes the idea of getting stuff in advance and coming into the meeting ready. There's an expectation that the committee has read the material in advance anyway, and while the presentation is nice to hear the history, they need to be speedy.

Krucker asks about impact of delegates on consent agenda. Clerk says if a delegate signs up for a consent item, the item in question is automatically taken out.

Corman asks if there will be an updated list of priority projects. Mallon says they're looking to be flexible, and when they published a list last time there was a "panic" among property owners that they want to avoid. Having said that, these will not be unfamiliar properties.

Krucker asks about conversations with property owners, and identifying attributes. Mallon says most owners appreciate having clarity about protecting certain attributes and not every square foot. Many help craft the attribution list with additional details.

Krucker asks if the committee can be made aware of any friction with owners, b/c they don't want their to be friction so let's create more channels of info. Mallon says sometimes the attributes are negotiated to secure owner's support. Willing to lose a window to avoid appeal.

Carroll asks if there were some proposed motions for this item. Krucker says he has some, but has Q about public outreach. A letter is going to go out for heritage week, will HG see that. Mallon says yes, at the next meeting.

A list of the heritage register properties is being updated now, and it will have hyperlinks to designation reports. Stay tuned for that.

Original staff recommendation:

That Heritage Guelph supports the 2025 Part IV Designation strategy.

Approved!

Krucker notes that there many buildings on the U of G property that are listed and given what happened with the conservatory, they've shown that they're willing to circumvent the city's process (so to speak). He's preposing 5...

That Heritage Guelph recommend Council direct Heritage Staff to initiate Part IV designations for 476 Gordon Street (J.D. MacLachlan Building), 99 Trent Lane (Day Hall), 250 Arboretum Road (O.A.C. Centennial Arboretum Centre), 390 Gordon Street (War Memorial Hall), and 480 Gordon Street (McLaughlin Library).



In Progress Files (19)	Not Initiated (9)	Dropped from Consideration (2)	Status Unknown (Properties identified in 2023/24 by HG members) (22)
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Krucker also see this as a test run for council: Are they willing to designate other high priority buildings on campus and if not, cool, HG has a lot of other work to do!

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Carroll suggests pulling the full table so that the whole committee can have time to workshop it. Mallon says they can also make this an item on an upcoming meeting.

Mallon notes that "these are politically sensitive properties as we have learned." Krucker asks about having a workshop to go through the criteria to understand definitions. There's new training coming in April with ACOC changes.

Carroll recommends deferring the table to the next meeting, unless everyone is ready to proceed now. Krucker says he's okay with next meeting, but wants to see it come back sooner rather than later. Clerks notes there's no seconder RN so Krucker can find time w/staff.

Member Caldwell says it makes sense to wait b/c today was "just weird". Wants time to run through it and not feel rushed. Carroll suggests a system for bring properties forward in future meetings.

So we're at 2 pm and Carroll looks to a motion to extend. Clerks says we can have a quick motion to defer 2.4 and then can adjourn.

Motion to defer 2.4 Macdonell and Allan Structures Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Allan's Bridge Preferred Solution is approved.

Epp returns with a last word: It's impressive how much work has gotten done in the last few years. Notes appreciation for Cllr Downer's participation as an ex-officio member last few years too.

Robinson says staff will be presenting 17 heritage plaques in February during Heritage Week. Also, there's a special meeting of HG at end of Jan about OR Lands plans and guidelines.



Meeting adjourned!



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