

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Built Heritage Experts Panel

September 30, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Virtual

Present: Glenn Barnes, Chairperson
Dawn Boutilier, Planner
Rachel Fitkowski, Landscape Architect
Mark Whalen, Architecture

Regrets: Bruce Blackwood, Contractor
Garnet Kindervater, Contractor

Staff: Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Ann Marie Cashin, Heritage and Urban Planner
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Recommendation

Moved By Mark Whalen

Seconded By Dawn Boutilier

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of Minutes - August 19, 2020

Recommendation

Moved By Rachel Fitkowski

Seconded By Dawn Boutillier

That the minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2020 Heritage Financial Incentives Program

The Panel discussed Staff's recommendation on the awarding of the Heritage Financial Incentives Program. As the Panel's recommendation requires Council approval, the list will be published following Council's consideration.

Recommendation

Moved By Mark Whalen

Seconded By Dawn Boutillier

That Council approve the list of 2020 heritage grants recipients and recommends staff make modest adjustments to ensure the total amount does not exceed budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

6.1 50 Bonaventure Avenue, Heritage Designation

Cindy and John Purtill were invited to the meeting and proceeded to outline their intent to designate their building and add a café establishment to their existing bed and breakfast.

The Panel was informed the City received an application to designate the building at 50 Bonaventure Avenue as a Heritage Building. The subject property is located within Heritage Area 2, is designated Residential Downtown under the St. John's Municipal Plan and is zoned Residential Medium Density (R2). Should Council designate the building as a Heritage Building, discretionary uses in the R2 Zone include Heritage Use.

The staff review, including the Designation Criteria review, has not been completed to date and therefore this application is presented to the Built Heritage Experts Panel (BHEP) as an Information Note. Following staff review, a Decision Note regarding the application will be sent to the BHEP for an e-vote.

Background information submitted by the applicant included in the agenda. Should Council decide to proceed with designating the building, the applicants will apply for a Heritage Use under the R2 Zone. The subject property is currently a Bed & Breakfast and the applicant would like to offer High Tea at the property. Under the St. John's Development Regulations, this would be considered a café/Eating Establishment which is not permitted under the R2 Zone. If the building is designated, Council could consider the café as a discretionary Heritage Use. The applicants would like to include an area in the café which describes the history of the building.

The Panel discussed the matter with agreement that once staff conducts its review, it will be forwarded to the Panel for an e-vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

This being the last meeting for a number of members on the Panel whose terms have expired, appreciation was expressed for their unwavering support and valuable contribution to heritage within the City. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

GLENN BARNES, CHAIR