



Corporation of the City of Kingston

Heritage Properties Working Group

Briefing Notes

Members Present: Don Taylor
Ed Grenda
Helen Finley
Ryan Leary (staff)
Greg Newman (staff)

Regrets Sherman Hill
Bob Cardwell

Date October 10, 2017

Time 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Location Lake View Room, City Hall, 216 Ontario Street, Kingston

Contact Ryan Leary, Senior Planner, Heritage
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Notes:

87-89 Mowat Street

- Ryan presented this property as a project for the Working Group to review. It is currently listed on the Register and noted in Dr. McKendry's Portsmouth Village's Heritage inventory.
- Don offered to review and prepare a draft statement of cultural heritage value.

Update on Kingston Penitentiary (KP) / Portsmouth Olympic Harbour (POH) project

- Ryan provided a short overview of Andre Scheinman's initial assessment of the draft designating by-law.
- Greg spoke to the intangible heritage value and characteristics of the property and questioned how to define it. This includes the stories of Ernest Hemmingway and Charles Dickens attending the site and writing articles about it.

- A discussion around the possible use of Part V (heritage district) of the Ontario Heritage Act as a means of conserving the tangible and intangible heritage value of the property.
- Don asked about the inclusion of the 1933 “folly” tower in the designation. Andre’s report notes the walls as an important feature.
- Helen suggested we focus our tour on the lesser-known and less-spectacular features. Helen also asked if we should be looking at the future development potential of the site as well as other lands in the area.
- Greg noted that a review of the “description” part of the draft by-law was necessary in order to stream-line this detailed by-law. Greg asked about the importance of the “Greek Cross” pattern of the main cell block and south workshop buildings. Ed noted that in Dr. McKendry’s history, the cross pattern of the main cell block was part of the “architecture of surveillance” that was extremely important in the design of the building.
- Ed also noted that the Pen was used for the Kingston Road Runners 5 km race.

Miscellaneous

- Ryan requested a review/assessment of the heritage value of the stone building at 810 Middle Road. It was suggested that Bob would be the most knowledgeable person regarding this property. Ryan to contact Bob.
- Ryan noted that the property at 169 Union Street (former Queen’s University day care) was being removed from the Queen’s heritage agreement and needed a new Part IV by-law. Ed offered to put a statement of cultural heritage value together for this property.

Exterior Finishes Booklet

- Helen and Don presented their recent draft text for the booklet. Helen noted that she did not want the pictures to overwhelm the text, but noted some pictures were important. A number of addresses were suggested that provided grand examples of certain aspects of the text, including architectural detailing, cladding, and roofing.
- Ryan to arrange a meeting with Communications when list of addresses for pictures was complete.
- Helen to provide a digital copy of the draft text for circulation to Planning and Communications departments.

New Designations

- Don noted a recent site meeting with two property owners who did not, until recently, know that they were designated under the Heritage Act. Don suggested that we need to do a better job reaching out to new owners.
- Helen noted that we should be sending letters to owner annually to let them know to contact heritage staff regarding alterations and to advertise the grant program.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 30, 2017, 8 am, Kingston Penitentiary/ Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Building



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<i>Guests</i>	Councillor Schell Andre Scheinman James Cox (Canada Lands Corp.) Ashley Maloney (Correctional Service Canada)
<i>Date</i>	October 30, 2017
<i>Time</i>	8:00am – 2:30pm
<i>Location</i>	Tour of Kingston Penitentiary, 560 King Street West Lobby Lounge, Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Building, 53 Yonge Street
<i>Contact</i>	Ryan Leary, Senior Planner, Heritage rleary@cityofkingston.ca

Notes:

Tour of Kingston Penitentiary

- The group met in the North Lodge and toured the site, including the interiors of the north lodge, women's prison, dining hall, main cell block, hospital, east workshop, south workshop,

mason's shed and west workshop buildings. A visual assessment of the exterior of the buildings was also conducted.

Discussion on Heritage Value of Kingston Penitentiary

- Andre started the discussion noting a number of format changes to the draft designating by-law, as well as including a description of the cultural heritage landscape value associated with the property.
- Andre also noted the 1895 Adams plan and 1919 Bishop air photo and the difference between the current location of the walls and scale of south wing of south workshop, and its importance in clearly defining the heritage value of the site.
- Helen questioned what to do with buildings that have exceptional interiors but compromised exteriors.
- Jennifer questioned how we are going to reflect the open space (including the First People's space) and continual use as a prison, in the designating by-law. She also asked how this designation was going to relate to the future heritage district for Portsmouth Village. She further noted that any excavation on the property in the future would require an archaeological assessment.
- Sherman asked if it made sense to protect this site under Part V of the Heritage Act, as a heritage conservation district. He noted that a district would better reflect the community feel/use of the site as well as the feeling of containment associated with the site.
- Councillor Stroud asked about the difference between a Part IV and V designation, including appeal rights for the owner(s). To which Ryan noted that interior features cannot be included in a Part V designation.
- Jennifer and Sherman noted that the stories associated with the Pen should be captured and shared, including those who experienced life in the prison. Ed noted that a lady at Queen's has been actively collecting stories of Kingston Pen. He will provide contact information for this person.
- Greg suggested that we compile all of our photographs in order to review each building and their respective attributes at the next Heritage Properties Working Group meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 1 pm, Loyalist Room, City Hall