



**Heritage Oshawa Special Meeting
Minutes**

**August 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room**

Present: Diane Stephen, Chair
Patty Davis, Vice Chair
Robert Bell
James Bountrogiannis
Nadim Lalani
John O'Boyle
Sarah Smale
Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society
Councillor Lee

Also Present: K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
F. Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
C. Leherbauer, Senior Planner

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was for Heritage Oshawa to consider the proposed demolition of 291 Thornton Road North.

Diane Stephen called the meeting to order and advised that all members of the Committee were in attendance in the Committee Room except Nadim Lalani and Jennifer Weymark who participated electronically.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

Additional Agenda Items

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

Planning Services - Proposed Demolition of 291 Thornton Road North

Connor Leherbauer, Senior Planner provided a presentation concerning the proposed demolition of 291 Thornton Road North.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Robert Bell

That Heritage Oshawa recommend to the Economic and Development Services Committee:

Whereas farmer, gardener, fruit grower, and beekeeper Isaac French bought 39 acres of Lot 16, Concession 2, East Whitby Township, in 1856; and,

Whereas his descendants lived on the property until 1928; and,

Whereas the house was possibly built by 1861 and later bricked, 291 Thornton Road North represents a traditional form of the mid nineteenth century Gothic Revival style as it appeared in Ontario; and,

Whereas the unusual linking of the dwelling to its rear extension, may indicate the use of the extension as a separate dwelling unit; and,

Whereas this residential relic brings a sense of history to a streetscape that has evolved over the centuries from a rural to urban setting; and,

Whereas it still features a large lot with mature landscaping, possibly including some of the fruit trees cultivated by Isaac French;

Therefore Heritage Oshawa recommends the placement of 291 Thornton Road North on the Municipal Heritage Register as a designated property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by John O'Boyle

That the meeting adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Motion Carried