



**Heritage Oshawa
Minutes**

**June 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room**

Present: Robert Bell
John O'Boyle
Sarah Smale
Diane Stephen, Chair
Councillor Lee
James Bountrogiannis

Absent: Nadim Lalani
Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society

Also Present: P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator
F. Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
H. Whilsmith, Planner A

Public Meeting

John O'Boyle, Chair called the meeting to order and advised that all members were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except Nadim Lalani and Jennifer Weymark who were absent.

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

Moved by Diane Stephen

That Report HTG-25-24 concerning the 2026 Heritage Oshawa Work Plan and Budget Submission be added to the Agenda.

(Requires 2/3 vote of members present)

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Robert Bell - HTG-25-21 - Pierre Van Bellenghem requesting removal of 853 Simcoe Street South as a 'Class B' property from Heritage Oshawa's Inventory

Robert Bell declared a conflict of pecuniary interest as he is a licensed relator that operates within the City of Oshawa and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

Robert Bell - HTG-25-19 - Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Report for the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge Working Group - May Report

Robert Bell declared a conflict of pecuniary interest as he owns stocks within the CPKC rail network (Canadian Pacific) and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

John O'Boyle - HTG-25-21 - Pierre Van Bellenghem requesting removal of 853 Simcoe Street South as a 'Class B' property from Heritage Oshawa's Inventory

John O'Boyle declared a conflict of pecuniary interest as he is a licensed relator that operates within the City of Oshawa and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

Presentations

None

Delegations

Diane Stephen assumed the Chair.

Moved by Diane Stephen

That the delegation of Pierre Van Belleghem be heard.

Carried

Pierre Van Belleghem - HTG-25-21

Pierre Van Belleghem provided a delegation to Heritage Oshawa concerning Report HTG-25-21 concerning a request to remove 853 Simcoe Street South as a 'Class B' property from Heritage Oshawa's Inventory.

The Committee questioned Pierre Van Belleghem.

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

HTG-25-21 - Pierre Van Bellinghem requesting removal of 853 Simcoe Street South as a 'Class B' property from Heritage Oshawa's Inventory

Robert Bell declared a conflict on this item. (Robert Bell declared a conflict of pecuniary interest as he is a licensed relator that operates within the City of Oshawa and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.)

John O'Boyle declared a conflict on this item. (John O'Boyle declared a conflict of pecuniary interest as he is a licensed relator that operates within the City of Oshawa and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.)

Moved by Sarah Smale

That based on Correspondence HTG-25-21 the property located at 853 Simcoe Street South be removed as a 'Class B' property from the Heritage Oshawa's Inventory.

Carried

John O'Boyle resumed the Chair.

Reports

HTG-25-16 - Information from City Council April 28, 2025

Moved by Robert Bell

That Report HTG-25-16 dated May 15, 2025 concerning Information from City Council from its meeting of April 28, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

HTG-25-17 - Heritage Oshawa Designated Properties Brochure Working Group

Moved by Diane Stephen

Whereas the current brochure should be updated with current data, and;

Whereas certain parts of the brochure be edited for relevance, and;

Therefore, be it resolved that based on Item HTG-25-17 dated May 15, 2025, being a report from the Heritage Oshawa Designated Properties Brochure Working Group Report for May 2025, the Working Group be directed to consult with City staff to update the brochure and that after consultation, the updated brochure be reprinted.

Carried

HTG-25-18 - Education and Working Group - May Report

Moved by Diane Stephen

Whereas the Education and Promotion Working Group has reviewed the previous list of events that Heritage Oshawa has participated in, and;

Whereas the Working Group has concluded that Canada Day and Convergence are the preferred events to take part in;

Therefore, be it resolved that based on Item HTG-25-18 dated May 15, 2025, being a report from the Education and Promotion Working Group Event for May 2025:

That City staff assist with any arrangements for Heritage Oshawa to participate in those two events.

Carried

HTG-25-19 - Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Report for the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge Working Group - May Report

Robert Bell declared a conflict on this item. (Robert Bell declared a conflict of pecuniary interest as he owns stocks within the CPKC rail network (Canadian Pacific) and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.)

Moved by Diane Stephen

That based on Item HTG-25-19 being a report from the Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Report for the Farewell Street Multi-use Bridge, for May 2025, the words "within East Whitby Township" be added to the plaque wording after the words "located outside of Oshawa" as set out section 5.6 of the draft report dated March 2025.

Carried

HTG-25-20 - Inventory and Design Working Group - May Report

Moved by Diane Stephen

Whereas Heritage Oshawa no longer classifies properties as either A or B in the evaluation of properties to be added to the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties, and;

Whereas there are references made to this previous classification system throughout the City of Oshawa website; and

Therefore, be it resolved that based on Item HTG-25-20 dated May 15, 2025, being a report from the Inventory and Designation Working Group for May 2025, the classification of all listings in the Inventory be moved to the "Notes" section of each listing within the Heritage Oshawa Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties, and that any reference to a property having an A or B classification of properties in the Inventory, be removed from the city of Oshawa website, except within the Inventory and any previously prepared research reports.

Carried

HTG-25-22 -2025 Budget and Work Plan - Quarter 2 Update

Moved by Robert Bell

That Report HTG-25-22 dated June 20, 2025 concerning the Q2 update of Heritage Oshawa's 2025 Budget and Work Plan be received for information.

Carried

HTG-25-23 - Update regarding the Designation of 357 Simcoe Street South

Moved by Robert Bell

That Report HTG-25-23 dated June 20, 2025 concerning an update on the designation of 357 Simcoe Street South be received for information.

Carried

HTG-25-24 - 2026 Budget and Work Plan

Moved by Robert Bell

That based on Report HTG-25-24, the 2025 Budget and Work Plan be submitted as the 2026 Budget and Work Plan with administrative changes as deemed necessary.

Carried

Items Introduced by Members

None

Adjournment

Moved by Diane Stephen

That the meeting adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Carried