

Old Mill HCD Subcommittee Minutes

March 31, 2021

Zoom

Subcommittee Members: Jim Garbutt, Athol Hart, Ian McKechnie, Rob Macklem

Staff: Emily Turner

Regrets: Bill Bateman

The Subcommittee provided an update on the inventorying work currently ongoing in the HCD.

Emily and Ian are almost done the inventorying of their area. They are aiming to finish either tomorrow or next week and have Russell Street East and Lindsay Street South to finish.

Rob and Bill have completed their section. Rob has provided their photos to Emily and will bring their inventory sheets to the Heritage Committee meeting on April 8.

Jim and Athol are about halfway done the inventory of their area. Jim is going to complete the photos this week or next and they are going to finalize the inventory sheets. They need more inventory sheets which Emily will get to Jim next week. They should be done in the next couple of weeks.

The teams have been speaking to people in the area while they have been out inventorying properties and providing more information on the study. In general, most of their interactions have been positive and many people are supportive of the project. There have been a few negative reactions from individuals. Many people have provided information about the area and are willing to discuss the history of the area. Emily will reach out to these individuals.

Athol suggested that the Committee be provided with a form of identification when they are out in the community that says they are on the Heritage Committee and are undertaking City work. Emily will look into getting something for the Committee members.

Emily showed the subcommittee the current GIS map of the area which she will be adding the data to as it is received.

Pictures for viewsapes have not yet been taken. The subcommittee will take pictures as they complete their inventory areas.

Emily outlined the next steps for the study:

- Once the data collection is complete, Emily will enter the data into the City's GIS system and work with GIS staff to create maps for analysis

- The subcommittee will receive copies of these maps and will work together to analyze them and identify patterns of development which will inform the study
- Emily is aiming to have another public meeting likely in early May when it is safe to do so, depending on the COVID-19 situation. She will work with City staff who are in charge of pandemic safety to set it up

The subcommittee had received some questions as to why the other side of the river was not included as part of the study area. The subcommittee discussed the potential for this area as a future HCD study. Athol suggested that the information gleaned from the inventory currently being undertaken will be able to inform the Committee's interest in designating the Scugog River and as a link between this HCD study and one on the other side of the river.

The subcommittee will reconvene when the inventories are done

Action Items

- Finish inventories (All)
- Reach out to individuals who have expressed interest in providing information to the study (Emily)
- Data entry and maps (Emily)
- Organize public meeting (Emily)