Listed Properties Subcommittee Minutes

January 23, 2024

Subcommittee Members: Ian McKechnie, Skip McCormack, Julia Hartman

Staff: Emily Turner

Absent: Athol Hart, Tyler Richards, Jon Pitcher

Emily provided an overview of work to date on designations and upcoming designations for 2024 that were already in progress. She let the subcommittee know about the ongoing conversations with the Anglican Diocese regarding the designation of their properties. The Diocese would like to participate in the process and work with their individual parishes and City staff. She also let the subcommittee know she had reached out to the Trans Canada Trail group regarding Doube's Trestle Bridge.

The subcommittee had reviewed the list of listed properties and each identified some properties that were a priority. Ian, Julia and Skip provided their top priority properties. There was general agreement with regard to prioritizing commercial properties, churches, and former schools as well as some other unique or landmark properties.

The subcommittee discussed the designations of residential properties. As Council has generally not been supportive of designating residential properties without the owner being on board, the subcommittee has decided that, in 2024, a letter will be sent out to the owners of residential listed properties to invite them to work with staff on the designations. Properties where the owner is supportive and engaged will be prioritized as they will have the most chance of being successful.

The subcommittee began by reviewing the number of properties that staff felt could reasonably be designated per year. Emily said this was about 10 to 15 properties. The Committee decided it would identify properties for 2023 and then see how it went before deciding on a game plan for 2024.

Action Items:

- Assist with research (All)
- Prepare heritage evaluation reports (Emily)
- Reach out to listed property owners for residential properties (Emily)

Next Meeting: TBD