



Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: September 29, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Marsha Paley (Chair), Andy Lyster, Michael Vollmer, Len Collins, Robin Lloyd, Catherine Robb and Alan Harrington

2. Regrets:

Councillor Shawna Stolte, Alex Winiarski, Steve Allen and Jenna Dobson

3. Others Present:

Chloe Richer (Heritage Planner), Rachel Redshaw (Associate/Heritage Lead, Biglieri Group), Alex Walton (Planner, Biglieri Group) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve minutes from meeting held August 12, 2026

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held August 12, 2026 were approved as presented.

7. Delegation(s):

7.1 Jennifer Brooks and Ian Sinclair spoke to the project update on Bill 23 - Heritage Designation Shortlist, as it relates to 1454 Birch Ave. and support the consultant's findings that their property does not meet the criteria for designation.

- 7.2 Shannon Gillies spoke to the project update on Bill 23 - Heritage Designation Shortlist, as it relates to 1419 Ontario St. and asked that the committee does not recommend designation of this property.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Heritage Planner update

a. Project Update on Bill 23 – Heritage Designation Shortlist

- Chloe provided a brief overview of the project and introduced the consultants - Rachel Redshaw, Associate/Heritage Lead and Alex Walton, Planner from the Biglieri Group. Rachel and Alex shared their findings for the following five properties (Batch 1).
 - 1391 Ontario St. (The New George Allen House) - met four criteria (design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value) and is eligible for designation.
 - 1419 Ontario St. (The O'Brien-Connell House) - met four criteria (design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value) and is eligible for designation.
 - 2137 Lakeshore Rd. (The Sewage Pumping Station aka 2137 Junction St.) - met three criteria (design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value) and is eligible for designation.
 - 2187 Lakeshore Rd. (The Dalton-Bell House) - met five criteria (design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value) and is eligible for designation.
 - 1454 Birch Ave. (The Edwin Thorpe Retirement House) - met one criterion (contextual value) and is not eligible for designation.
 - Michael questioned why the property was not considered to have historical/associative value due to its association with the Thorpe family and their significant contribution to Burlington's reputation as the "Garden of Canada." The consultants responded that a direct association with the historical

significance is required, noting that the subject property served as a retirement home rather than the family's farm.

- Andy asked whether the delegates were aware of the Heritage Property Tax Rebate Program available for designated properties. Chloe confirmed that they had been advised of the program.
- **Motion** - Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee recommends that Council designate the following properties under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*:
 - 2137 Lakeshore Rd. (The Sewage Pumping Station aka 2137 Junction St.)
 - 2187 Lakeshore Rd. (The Dalton-Bell House)
 - 1391 Ontario St. (The New George Allen House)
 - 1419 Ontario St. (The O'Brien-Connell House).

CARRIED

- Chloe advised that the next steps include finalizing the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports (CHERs) for the Batch 1 properties and completing the draft CHERs for the Batch 2 properties in October and November. With respect to consultation with Heritage Burlington, staff are proposing a special meeting in November to consider the remaining five properties, subject to Committee approval.
- Members were in agreement with this. **Motion** - Approve a special Heritage Burlington meeting in November (date to be confirmed). **CARRIED**

9. Other Business:

- Chloe advised that Council approved the motion memorandum brought forward by Councillor Stolte regarding a potential Roseland Conservation District Study at their meeting held on September 29.
- Marsha advised that she would be attending the virtual meeting on Thursday evening regarding the Advisory Committee Review engagement and encouraged members to participate if they had not already attended one of the other sessions.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.