



AGENDA

Council -Special Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, December 21, 2023
Municipal Office

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. STAFF REPORTS

- 3.1. Campbell House Timeline / Recap / Reconsideration
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4. NEW BUSINESS

5. CLOSED SESSION

- 5.1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual including employees

6. RISE AND REPORT

7. ADJOURNMENT



Council Staff Report

To: Mayor Ferguson and Council
Subject: Campbell House Timeline / Recap
Meeting: Council - 14 Dec 2023
Department: Clerks
Staff Contact: Janet Denkers, Clerk Administrator

Recommendation:

That this report be received and filed for information on the events leading to the discussion on the Campbell House; and that Council discuss the Motion to Reconsider as made at the November 30th special session of Council.

Background:

The Campbell House status was first brought to the Council in 2021 when the appointed SCRCA Council member reported from a Board meeting that the site was scheduled for demolition. A chronological timeline is attached for information.

The November 30, 2023 Motion of Council was:

Moved by Craig Sanders that the previous motion to deny the issuance of a demolition permit (September 28 meeting) be reconsidered at the December 14th meeting to discuss the financial aspects associated with the Campbell House including the Friends of Campbell House plan. Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Comments:

At the November 30, 2023 special session of Council, a motion to reconsider the motion made in September, in response to the request from the SCRCA to permit a demolition permit be taken was made.

Financial Considerations:

The 2024 budget has allocated costs for legal and otherwise to uphold Council's intent to reject demolition of the Campbell House as the motion stands.

It is undetermined on the financial contributions from the Friends of Campbell House.

ATTACHMENTS:

[AWC House Timeline](#)

AWC House Timeline

- September 2021, SCRCA Board of Directors approved a staff recommendation to remove the building due to safety concerns (heritage designation not known at this time)
 - Original anticipated budget \$16,700
- Following the September meeting, a group of community members expressed disapproval with removal of the building. The Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston sent correspondence requesting the Authority reconsider the decision.
- November 2021, SCRCA Board of Directors postponed the removal of the Campbell House until May 1, 2022 in order to allow the community group to fundraise and for staff to investigate further options
- December 15, 2021, SCRCA received correspondence from the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston that by-law number 17 from 1991 designates the building as being of historical value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act (current SCRCA staff were unaware of the designation and had not found the building on the Provincial Register during previous searches)
- February 9, 2022, Authority staff met on site with building department staff from Lambton County to inspect the building. County staff provided communication with information/requirements for retaining the building.
- February 23, 2022, a roofer contracted by “Friends of Campbell Park” completed repairs to patch holes in the roof
- On April 20, 2022, Thor Dingman, an Ontario Registered Designer (PreservationWorks Consultant) visited the site at the request of “Friends of Campbell Park” (report followed, didn’t provide structural assessment)
- On May 12, 2022, Ken Phillips (Authority GM) attended Brooke-Alvinston Council meeting to answer questions regarding the Campbell house
- In October, 2022, VDP Engineering provided a Structural Condition Assessment for the AW Campbell house
- Staff preliminary estimate to build replica for exterior viewing only (more than \$500,000), full restoration would be far more costly
- June 2023, no funding raised to date, SCRCA Board of Directors approve recommendation to apply to the Council of Brooke-Alvinston for a demolition permit
- August 2023, staff from the Lambton County Cultural Services Division visited the Campbell House and provided guidance on contents and architectural components of the House that could be preserved at the Lambton County Heritage museum. Additional assistance was offered in developing a strategy to recognize the property donation and the history of the house/family.
- September 7, 2023, SCRCA forwarded a letter to the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston to request a demolition permit for the Campbell House.
- September 28, 2023, Brooke-Alvinston Council denied demolition permit request
- October, 2023, SCRCA Board of Directors give staff direction to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal