

Minutes of a Special meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held Monday, April 26, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Anthony Leardi – present part of meeting
Councillor Robert Bailey – present part of meeting
Councillor Gord Freeman
Councillor Carl Gibb
Councillor Paul Renaud
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT: Hilary Payne, CAO
David Mailloux, Clerk
Steve Brown, Chief Building Official
Armando DeLuca, Solicitor
Rev. John Burkhart, LACAC
Clemence Bell, LACAC
Floyd Bell, LACAC
Gord Zimmerman, LACAC
Ann McKerrow, LACAC
Russell Luxford, LACAC
John McDonald, LACAC
Carl Gibb, LACAC
Gord Freeman, LACAC
Bob Sutherland, LACAC

Council met with the owners of the former King's Navy Yard Restaurant building and the LACAC Committee.

The owners of and representatives for the King's Navy Yard Restaurant present were Mike Angileri, Isam Yaldo, Peter Olivito and Architect, Joe Toth.

An on site meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. followed by a meeting in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Angileri and partners explained that when they bought the building they hoped to keep it as original as possible however after evaluating the structure they asked their architect to design a building that was functional and to imitate the historical look without causing a hindrance or encumbrance on being able to use the building.

Mr. Toth stated that the intention is to have Commercial space at ground level with approximately 13 or 14 condo units on the upper levels. Underground parking will be pursued. Some of the materials may be used.

Drawings of the proposal were displayed. They will not be going any higher and it is the intention that the original design be maintained. The existing road will be used. There will be 15 feet from the west property line with 0 lot line to the north and on Dalhousie. (Councillor Bailey entered the meeting at this time). They are planning on re-using the cut stone lintels. The buildings to the south will have use of the present access road. When asked about the time frame the owner responded that after given the approval of the Town, demolition would start within 60 days. Four months after demolition, construction would start with a building period of 14 – 18 months.

Russ Luxford commended the owners for attempting to maintain a historical look. This building is key to Downtown Historical area. Joe Toth stated that he would be willing to come back with a computer generated presentation which would show colour, and interior and exterior details.

Steve Brown stated that in other areas of Ontario the existing facades have been saved.

Rev. Burkhart said that this building has been designated as a historical site through a process and that an equal process should take place to un-designate it. No matter how you look at it the building will not be the same. (Deputy Mayor Leardi entered the meeting at this time).

Armando Deluca advised that in 1977 a by-law was passed to authorize a Heritage Easement as part of the condition of funding from the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Heritage Easement is registered on title.

Councillor Freeman questioned if any government funding was available. Steve Brown responded that the Tax Relief By-law had been passed to lighten the tax burden on Designated properties.

Mayor Hurst explained that LACAC provides advice to the Council before Council makes a decision.

Members of LACAC indicated that they would like some time to consider the matter.

The second issue was the request from St. John the Baptist Church for a Building Permit for the restoration of the steeple and bell tower.

The LACAC Committee was generally in agreement with the proposal although there was some concern about the length of time that may be taken to complete the project.

Moved by P. Renaud, seconded by R. White that we receive the report from Steve Brown, dated April 23, 2004 and that we concur with Mr. Brown's recommendation to issue a permit to St. John the Baptist Church for the restoration of the steeple and bell tower.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. White, seconded by P. Renaud that the meeting adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK