

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

LUNENBURG TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen Ernst, Chair
Councillor Jenni Birtles
Faune Creaser
Nathalie Irving
Patricia MacDonald
Oliver Osmond
Mayor Matt Risser (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Elsworthy, EVOQ Strategies
Chrystal Fuller, Brighter Community Planning & Consulting
Arthur MacDonald, Heritage Manager
Heather McCallum, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Katie Ollman, Brighter Community Planning & Consulting
Christophe Rivet, EVOQ Strategies

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A round of introductions

2. Acknowledgement of Mi'kma'ki the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People

The Chair spoke of Lunenburg's location on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

3. Agenda

Motion: moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Heritage Advisory Committee November 29, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion: moved and seconded to approve the November 29, 2021 meeting minutes.
Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes/Unfinished Business - Nil

6. New Business

a. 2022 Heritage Recognition Awards – Verbal update

The Heritage Manager reported that nominations are now open with a closing date of March 28, 2022. Committee members are welcome to submit nominations.

He reviewed the criteria and categories – available on the Town website here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/heritage-recognition-awards.html>

b. Brighter Community Presentation – HCD Plan and By-law Review

Ms. Fuller introduced the Brighter Community/EVOQ team and noted that they have been in Lunenburg this week doing field work for their built form analysis. They will meet with the HAC again when the Background Study is completed and when the draft Plan and Bylaw documents are ready for review.

Mr. Rivet and Mr. Elsworthy reviewed their presentation (Schedule “A”).

Ms. Fuller noted that they will share the table of contents for the Background Study in advance to outline the scope.

7. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:12 p.m.

Heather McCallum, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Heritage Conservation Plan and Bylaw

March 2nd, 2022

Outline

- Context of the work: team, heritage policy
- Methodology
- Boundaries: HCD and ACA
- Broad themes
- Project specific questions: timeline, public participation
- Next steps

Context - Team

Brighter Community Planning and Consulting

- Chrystal Fuller
- Katie Ollman

EVOQ Strategies

- Christophe Rivet
- Mark Elsworthy
- Valentina Samoylenko

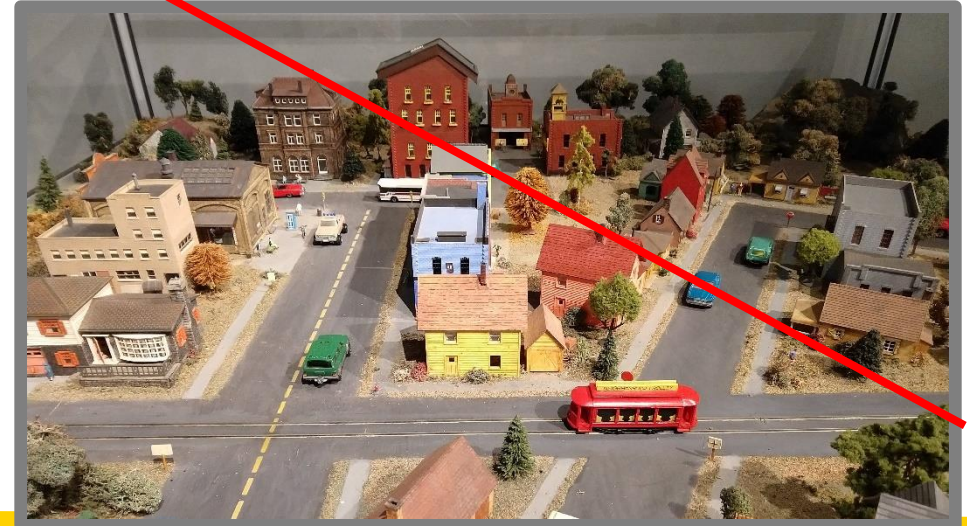
Context – Heritage policy

	World Heritage	National Historic Site	Heritage Conservation District
Designation	International	Federal (supported by provincial legislation)	Provincial / Municipal
Protective Legislation	Provincial	Provincial	Provincial Heritage Property Act Municipal HCD Bylaw
Policies	HCD Plan and Bylaw	HCD Plan and Bylaw* *for federal funding S&Gs	HCD Plan and Bylaw
What do they value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings or structures and their settings based upon their historic or architectural value; • The service infrastructure upon the heritage value of the district • Settings • Continuing vernacular architectural style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour • Large scale of waterfront buildings • Buildings based on historical or architectural value • Open spaces • Settings • Lot sizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings or structures and their settings based upon their historic or architectural value; • The service infrastructure upon the heritage value of the district • Settings • Lot sizes • Original elements • Trees, monuments, and urban furniture and elements
Gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function • Shape of grid pattern • Social and economic purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function • Shape of grid pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function • Visual character and views

Context – Heritage Policy

Goal of the Background Study and By-Law:

- To update the Heritage conservation By-laws, and bring them in line with the direction from the CCP;
- To foster change that reflects conservation practices and principles – **NOT** to put a dome over Old Town or live in a mythical community.



Context – Heritage Policy

- The HCD Area should reflect a clear narrative about Lunenburg Old Town;
- Boundaries need to be clear and justified;
- Many of the ingredients for the background study are already there, but there are some gaps:
 - The built form analysis is key to bolstering the background study, and the refining/development of policies and guidelines;
 - The notion of contributing and non-contributing properties may be explored.

Methodology

The methodology applied to develop the background study follows a standard of:

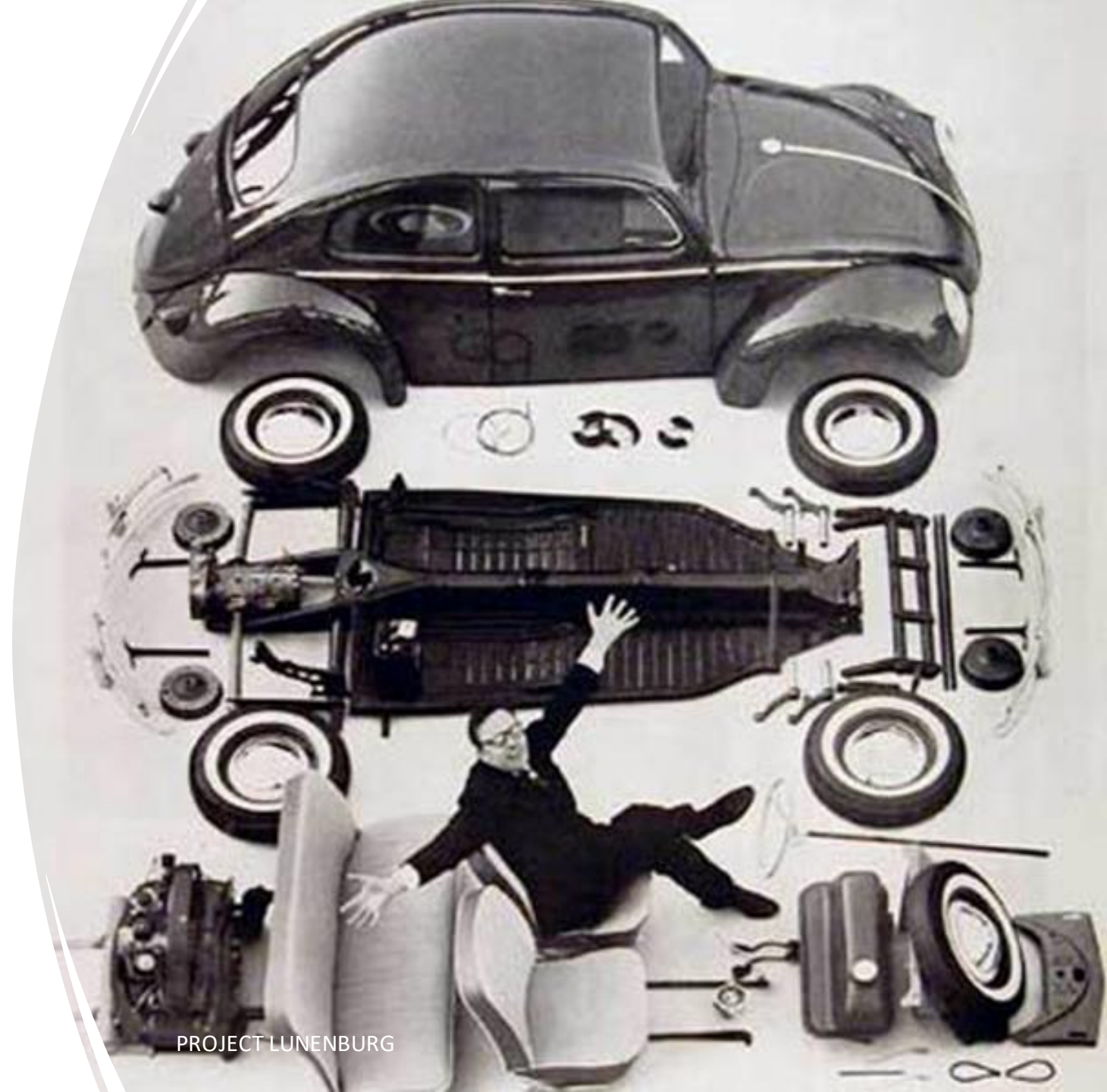
- Identifying the properties and the story that ties them together;
- Identifying the boundary to define the HCD;
- Identifying the context (social, economic, environmental, cultural) that might affect the proposed HCD;
- The relationship with the other planning tools;

Since this is an update, we are building upon the existing tools to assess the gaps, improvements, and strong points – objective is to ensure they are **efficient and relevant** for the Town in achieving the conservation of heritage and providing for its residents.

Research and fieldwork

The whole is greater than the sum of all parts

- Lunenburg Old Town's story is that of a planned town, with different urban components within clear boundaries
- Its built-form and landscape reflect the history and evolution of that whole



Those parts
reflect diverse
programs, uses
and stories





Neighbourhood



Civic Core



Main Streets



Working Waterfront



Surrounding Buffer

- They can set the stage for distinct approaches for policies and guidelines.
- All of the parts are important to the whole, yet each character area faces distinct realities and pressures.





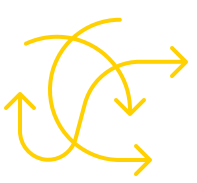
Boundaries

The issue of boundaries is critical:

- Multiple types of tools – HCD, Municipal Heritage Properties and ACA
- Boundaries should be tied to purpose and to tools
- Current boundaries – HCD, NHS, ACA, Municipal Heritage Properties, WHS – aim to streamline where there's a shared objective
- Character areas help define boundaries

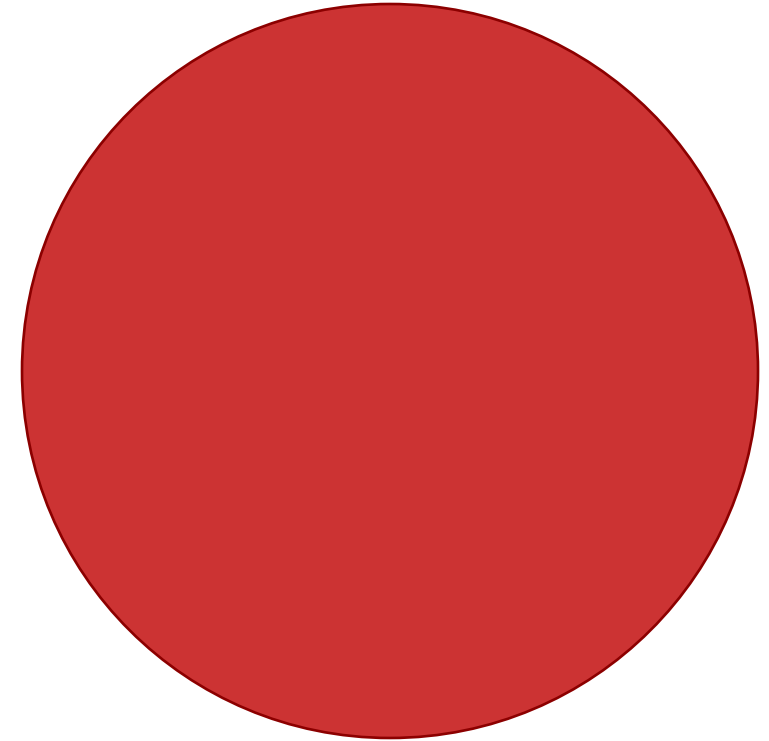
ACA and boundaries





Broad themes

- Climate change
- Boundaries have limits (Architectural Control Areas)
- Addressing a diversity of needs and pressures
- This work is one of many components of the overall CCP
- Materials, authenticity, styles, rehabilitation, restoration
- Built form and land form



Project specific questions

- Public participation
- Approval process
- Timelines
- Other issues to be aware of