

Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall- Report to administration concerning the “request to Council to approve ‘a notice of intent’ to repeal bylaw # 134-2006, de-designation of Locomotive #17”.

At a special Zoom meeting on Mon. March 29/2021 **Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall** met to respond to the request:

Does **Heritage Cornwall** support City Council’s motion to de-designate Locomotive #17, to facilitate its move to Smith Fall’s Railway Museum?

A discussion ensued and committee members voiced concerns about the drastic shape the Locomotive is in and how past Councils have dropped the ball, by avoiding to initiate necessary repair and maintenance, including removal of lead-based paint. HPC has watched the locomotive, a historical artifact and ‘a unique designated’ piece of equipment, waste away.

We have not been remiss over the last 8 years, to give advice. We formulated a plan to have the locomotive removed to a location outside of the city, to have the lead based paint removed safely, so that paint, specifically for our engine, could be re-applied.



WAY BACK WHEN... (Above)

CSR No. 17 as it appeared in service in 1965 approximately six years before the end of electric freight service on the line. The freight motor was built by Baldwin Westinghouse in 1930 for the Grand River Railway. It was acquired by CSR in November 1962 and operated until the end of service in October 1971. (D. N. Wilson Collection)

FROM THE BRS ARCHIVES (Below)

Ottawa Transportation Commission (OTC) No. 805 westbound at The Plaza in front of the National War Memorial with the Chateau Laurier Hotel (opened on June 12, 1912) in the background. The streetcar was built by the Ottawa Car Company in 1924-25 and operated until the end of service. Judging by the automobile, the photo is from the mid-1950s.

This photo indicates what Locomotive #17 would have looked like if proper attention had been given to its state of disrepair!

Terms of Reference for Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall

i) Statement of Recognition:

Our inheritance of architecture, cultural and natural landscapes is an important and irreplaceable asset and resource. The conservation of these resources is fundamental to creating community pride and identity, attracting new residents and tourism, all of which have important impact on our community. The conservation of our heritage, architecture and cultural/natural landscapes benefits both present and future generations

ii) Overview:

The Committee is an advisory Committee of the municipality. In general, the role of Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall is a dual responsibility:

- 1) To the City of Cornwall- to advise council on heritage issues as defined by the Ontario Heritage Act as noted above and other assigned duties as defined by the municipality.
- 2) To the citizens of Cornwall- to help ensure that plans for change and progress are developed in a manner that recognizes the historical continuity of the community.

Considering the above mentioned points in our Terms of Reference and our mandate to preserve and protect local historically significant property, Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall has UNANAMOUSLY determined NOT to support City Council's motion to de-designate Locomotive #17, in order to facilitate its move to Smith Falls Railway Museum.

Present: Author of Report-Chairperson: Debbie Ledoux

Vice-Chair: Ginette Guy

Secretary: Joan Gaudreau

Treasurer: Carole Libbey

Sophie Jean

Don Smith

Sean Lee

Aleida Sturkenboom