



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#05-19

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Committee Room 1

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

Committee Members Present: Morteza Behrooz (Ward 2) Chair
Marj Andre (Richmond Hill Historical Society) Vice-Chair
Councillor West
Councillor Cilevitz
James Counter (Ward 1)
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)

Regrets: Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)

Staff Members Present:

J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design
A. Mandatori, Manager, Facility Engineering Services
I. James, Senior Urban Designer
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
J. Dickie, Urban Design Intern
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

Chris Hall and Pietro Frenguelli, +VG Architects The Ventin Group Ltd., were also in attendance at the invitation of the Committee.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by members of the Committee under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-19 held July 9, 2019

Moved by: D. Kelly

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-19 held July 9, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

4. Scheduled Business

4.1 David Dunlap Observatory (DDO) recognized as a National Historic Site - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, shared with Committee that in August 2019, the David Dunlap Observatory (DDO) was declared a National Historic Site. She provided background information on the DDO including the property, buildings and landscape; and advised that +VG Architects The Ventin Group Ltd. was retained by the City of Richmond Hill to complete the repair, restoration and conservation of the Administration Building and Observatory. J. Leung introduced Chris Hall and Pietro Frenguelli from +VG Architects The Ventin Group Ltd. who were in attendance to make a presentation for the Committee regarding the restoration and conservation of the Administration Building and Observatory.

Members of Heritage Richmond Hill extended their thanks and congratulated staff and everyone involved in having the DDO declared as a National Historic Site.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, regarding the David Dunlap Observatory (DDO) being recognized as a National Historic Site, be received.

Carried

4.2 Heritage Permit - Repair Maintenance Work at the DDO - Presentation by +VG Architects The Ventin Group Ltd.

Chris Hall and Pietro Frenguelli, +VG Architects The Ventin Group Ltd., made a presentation regarding the David Dunlap Observatory envelope restoration and conservation. They provided an overview of the project mandate and summarized the restoration and conservation work at the Administration Building and Observatory including drainage and servicing work; landscape and tree replacement; wood windows and doors; metal roofing and flashing; masonry and concrete surfaces; metal restoration (windows, doors, balustrades, catwalks, etc.); and Dome restoration. C. Hall and P. Frenguelli reviewed the class “A” estimate that was provided by an independent cost consultant/quantity surveyor; anticipated project schedule; and site access, logistics and impact on building services.

General discussion ensued regarding the type of paint to be used when refinishing the metal surfaces within the Dome; costs associated with replacing the copper and the visual differences with the new copper to be installed; premium cost for winter work if the project schedule were to be delayed; start date for the project and anticipated duration; current programming at the DDO and impact the work would have on the user groups; budgeted amount for the project; additional components to the project that could be considered in another phase; techniques to be used for the restoration; how the drainage and servicing work would be conducted; and the status of the tender to be issued in January/February 2020.

Staff advised that a report would be brought forward to a future Heritage Richmond Hill meeting regarding the Heritage Permit Application for the site for consideration by the Committee before going forward to Council for approval, and that they were looking into grant opportunities for the project.

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the presentation by Chris Hall and Pietro Frenguelli, +VG Architects The Ventin Group Ltd., regarding the Heritage Permit, Repair Maintenance Work at the DDO, be received.

Carried

4.3 SRPRS.19.142 - Removal of 10014 Yonge Street from Heritage Register - City File D12-13003

Committee members addressed the historical background of the property and how it had been included on the Heritage Register; inquired whether the landowner had submitted any applications to the City for the property; discussed the opportunity for something more favourable to the character of the area to be built on the property; and noted that they were in agreement with the staff recommendations to remove the property located at 10014 Yonge Street from the Heritage Register.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Recommendation 1

- To be considered at the October 16, 2019 Council meeting

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That the property located at 10014 Yonge Street does not merit cultural heritage designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

b) That 10014 Yonge Street be removed from the Municipal Heritage Register.

Carried

4.4 35 Wright Street - Verbal Update Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, provided Committee with a verbal update regarding 35 Wright Street. She reviewed the site location, noting that it was part of the Downtown Local Centre, and discussed details of the revised development concept that was submitted for the property which contemplated the integration of an entry area within the proposed apartment building utilizing the original building materials of the existing dwelling. J. Leung highlighted the architectural value of the dwelling located at 35 Wright Street, and advised that staff was working closely

with the owner to preserve the property while meeting the requirements of the Official Plan for the proposed development.

Councillor West referred members of the committee to the staff report that was brought forward to the September 4th Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted for 35 Wright Street, to view the proposed development concept and how it would incorporate the existing dwelling.

General discussion ensued regarding the types of securities in place for Richmond Hill to ensure that the proposed development concept would be completed for 35 Wright Street as submitted in the application; and the pros and cons of preserving dwellings that have heritage value, whether on the existing property or relocating, as done in other municipalities such as the City of Markham.

Moved by: M. Andre

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, regarding 35 Wright Street, be received.

Carried

4.5 Heritage Plaque request from Gormley Residents - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided an update to the Committee regarding the Heritage Plaque request from Gormley residents. She advised that the residents were very proud and excited to be receiving wooden plaques in recognition of their heritage homes, and were inquiring when they would be receiving them.

Committee members inquired if the presentation of the wooden plaques to the Gormley residents could be done as a ceremony, and discussed whether the presentation of the plaques could be done as part of a future Heritage Richmond Hill meeting at an offsite location.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the verbal update by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding the heritage plaque request from Gormley residents, be received.

Carried

4.6 Designation Sub-Committee Verbal Update

Chair Behrooz advised that going forward, a verbal update by the Designation Sub-Committee would be a standing item on the Heritage Richmond Hill agenda to allow the members of the Sub-Committee (Dan Kelly, Doris Dumais and Al Itwar) to provide updates and recommendations for consideration as required.

D. Kelly acknowledged that the impact of Bill 108 on the *Ontario Heritage Act* raised a number of issues and questions which members of the Designation Sub-Committee would meet to organize their thoughts and create action items.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.