



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#03-19

Tuesday, June 11, 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
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)

Regrets: James Counter (Ward 1)
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)

Staff Members Present:

P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
G. Collier, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
A. Foran, Legislative and Projects Advisor

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: D. DiMambro

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following addition:

a) Chair Update - Item 4.6

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#02-19 held May 7, 2019

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-19 held May 7, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

4. Scheduled Business

4.1 SRPRS.19.113 - Removal of 880 19th Avenue from the Municipal Heritage Register - City File Number D12-14005

Committee members enquired about mechanisms in place to prevent alterations to a property that would result in the loss of cultural value, and whether a property could maintain cultural heritage value through other features. Staff advised that there was not a policy in place for the municipality to prevent changes to a property unless the property had been designated, or if a site plan application had been submitted allowing for staff comments and feedback.

General discussion ensued regarding the distance and visibility of the structure located at 880 19th Avenue from the road, and how the property does not have contextual value due to its location at the rear of the treed lot.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Recommendation 1

- Approved at
the July 9, 2019
Council meeting

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That the property located at 880 19th Avenue does not merit cultural heritage designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

b) That 880 19th Avenue be removed from the Municipal Heritage Register.

Carried

4.2 Property Designation Process - Overview by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided an overview of the designation process for properties listed on the City's Inventory of Cultural Heritage Resources and the designation process for non-listed properties. She reviewed the four scenarios that initiate the designation process: Heritage Richmond Hill incentive, owner incentive, demolition application, and development application. P. Vega noted that the City conducted three to five Cultural Heritage Assessments (CHA's) each year for listed properties that had been identified by the Designation Sub-Committee, and explained that if a property had not been listed, owner incentive was the only option that would lead to designation.

Committee members discussed alterations to listed properties, the definition of a structure, and the completeness of the Inventory of Buildings of Architectural Historical Importance and how often it was updated.

General discussion ensued regarding the process of designating a heritage district within the municipality, the different programs in place within Richmond Hill to acknowledge and recognize heritage homes, and ways of educating residents about the heritage programs and incentives.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the overview by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding the Property Designation Process, be received with thanks.

Carried

4.3 Role of the Heritage Richmond Hill Designation Sub-Committee and Appointment of Sub-Committee Members - Overview by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided an overview of the role of the Heritage Richmond Hill Designation Sub-Committee, noting that the

Sub-Committee works with staff to identify three to five properties annually to be assessed. She reviewed the process followed by staff to narrow down potential properties to a shortlist for the Designation Sub-Committee to discuss and make recommendations on.

Committee members requested clarification on the anticipated time commitment of the Designation Sub-Committee members once appointed.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- a) That the overview by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding the Role of the Heritage Richmond Hill Designation Sub-Committee, be received;
- b) That Dan Kelly, Doris Dumais and Al Itwar be appointed to the Heritage Richmond Hill Designation Sub-Committee for the 2018 to 2022 Term of Office.

Carried

4.4 City of Richmond Hill's Heritage Plaque Program - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided an overview of the City of Richmond Hill's plaque program and the criteria for receiving a wooden plaque and a bronze plaque.

Committee members discussed the merits of historical properties having plaques on display, expressed an interest in reaching out to heritage property owners who do not yet have a plaque, and discussed ways of raising public awareness of the plaque program.

Moved by: H. Lu

- a) That the verbal update by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding the City of Richmond Hill's Heritage Plaque Program, be received;
- b) That staff and the Designation Sub-Committee report back to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee with recommendations on how best to implement and raise awareness of the City of Richmond Hill's heritage plaque program.

Carried

4.5 Community Heritage Ontario Spring 2019 Newsletter

Committee members discussed the 2019 Ontario Heritage Conference that was held May 30 to June 1, 2019 and whether there were funds available for Heritage Richmond Hill Committee members to attend in the future.

Committee members advised of their interest in collaborating with next year's Conference host, the City of Markham, to explore the possibility of hosting some of the Conference events in Richmond Hill.

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the Community Heritage Ontario Spring 2019 newsletter be received for information.

Carried

4.6 Chair Update

M. Behrooz, Chair, Heritage Richmond Hill Committee, provided an update related to email correspondence, advised of communications between himself and members of Council, and reviewed the role of Heritage Richmond Hill as an Advisory Committee to Council.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the update from M. Behrooz, Chair, Heritage Richmond Hill Committee, be received;

b) That future agendas of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee include Council extracts related to the Committee's recommendations.

Carried

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.