



Richmond Hill Heritage Centre Advisory Committee

Minutes

HCAC#03-19

Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Hill David Dunlap Observatory

123A Hillview Avenue

Richmond Hill, Ontario

Committee Members Present: Weibo Cheng
Samir Dossal – arrived at 7:15 p.m.
Dan Kelly
Nancy Spinks
Councillor West
Jim Vollmershausen

Regrets: Tina D'Acunto
Karin Ash, Manager of Cultural Services

Staff Member Present:

M. MacKenzie, Heritage Services Coordinator

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order by: Jim Vollmershausen at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda be adopted as distributed.

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

HCAC#01-19 held on September 25, 2019.

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*.
- Councillor David West has reached out to Stephen Huycke, Director Legislative Services/City Clerk for a definition of pecuniary interest that might be relevant to citizen members of this committee. Stephen Huycke will forward this information to Nancy Spinks directly.

Museum Feasibility Study/Renovation Update:

- Maggie MacKenzie Reported that staff have been working with the consultant's exhibition design team to review recommendations for the exhibit that will be installed along with the renovations:
 - The preliminary plan has been presented to include:
 - Dining Room area – Changing Displays;
 - Front Hallway - Amos Wright;
 - Parlor - Yonge Street Development, Industry, Shops and Taverns, Transportation – A replica Radial Car is planned;
 - Discovery Room – Community Diversity , family life Community building, VIP profiles;
 - Reception Area – History timeline: Indigenous, Early Settlement, Village, Town, City;
 - Garden view Room – Becomes the Rose Room – History of the industry.
- Staff and consultants have been identifying artifacts, documents and photos to tell the story. Once the renovations are complete, the entire house will serve as an exhibit.
- The next meeting with the consultants will be December 5, 2019.

Potential Projects Update:

- Samir Dossal has connected Maggie MacKenzie with Ricky Veerappan, Superintendent with the York Regional Police to collaborate on a partnership for Black History Month in February 2020.
 - There is the opportunity to join the Heritage Week Open House on February 22, 2020.
- Tina D'Acunto has connected Maggie MacKenzie with Shannon Ulgiati the Indigenous Lead with the York Catholic School Board. Discussion begun on a possible student project however, the scope of a full exhibit may too large at this time.

Heritage Services Update – Maggie MacKenzie:

Programs and General Operations:

- Maggie MacKenzie, Heritage Services Coordinator, reviewed 2019 Fall successes with the committee:

- Adult craft programs full;
- Preschool programs full. Added new times/classes to accommodate wait lists;
- Children's/Teens weekly etiquette program strong numbers;
- Children's Holiday Programs down. Children found to be heavily involved and scheduled with extra-curricular activities and sports;
- Only one Burr House Program ran – Weaving;
- Fall Teas full with waitlist. Added second Victorian Christmas tea to accommodate the waitlist;
- DDO Tours sold out. Looking into a Seniors program for DDO which is not as expensive for Seniors;
- Seven Group bookings for the fall session.

Exhibits and Collection:

- Coming Up Roses – Was to run until December 7, but will continue until January.
- Richmond Hill Treasures – Discover Your Past – Design has been delayed and we will open in January.
- Yours to Discover from the Ontario Archives is also on hold until January.
- The designation Flyers project is now in edit/design stage. Maggie MacKenzie shared the design draft.

Coming Events:

- Victorian Christmas tea – December 7 and December 14
- Heritage week Open House February 22

Heritage Richmond Hill Update – Dan Kelly:

- Dan Kelly provided an update on Bill 108. Essentially nothing has moved forward on this. The process requires more discipline.
- A number of homes have been put on the register, with the focus on Yonge Street.
- Dan Kelly believes there needs to be a marketing campaign positioning the registry as a positive thing for residents/owners, which could increase their property values.
- Proposed the focus should be on sites/buildings which are post 1930's.
- Dan Kelly suggested building three dimensional maps that are interactive and can reveal the evolving history of a site over time. He discussed existing software that they can utilize for this project.

Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday January 22, 2020 7:00 p.m. Location McConaghy Centre Room 204

Adjournment:

Moved by: Jim Vollmershausen
That the meeting be adjourned.
Carried Unanimously
The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.