



## Heritage Richmond Hill

### Minutes

HRH#08-19

Tuesday, December 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 Cilevitz  
James Counter (Ward 1)  
Helen Lu (Ward 3)  
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)  
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)  
Al Itwar (Member at Large)

Regrets: Councillor West  
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)  
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)  
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)

Staff Members Present:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

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

- a) Item 4.1 - deferred to the January 21, 2020 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting
- b) Item 4.5 - to be considered under Item 4.2

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#07-19 held November 12, 2019**

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#07-19 held November 12, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

**3.2 Extracts - Council meeting C#41-19 held November 20, 2019**

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the extracts from Council meeting C#41-19 held November 20, 2019 regarding staff report SRPRS.19.167 and staff report SRPRS.19.162 be received.

Carried

**4. Scheduled Business**

**4.1 SRPRS.19.187 - Update to the City's Heritage Register**

Deferred to the January 21, 2020 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting.

**4.2 SRPRS.19.199 - Demolition Request for 11575 Yonge Street - the former Jefferson Schoolhouse - City File D12-07486**

P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided an overview of the information and recommendations contained in staff report SRPRS.19.199 related to the Demolition Request for 11575 Yonge Street, the former Jefferson Schoolhouse. She reviewed the history of the property including applications submitted to date; current use of the structure; and demolition application and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment submitted in October 2019.

Committee members discussed their support of the staff report recommendations, and advised of their concerns with the information and evaluations contained in the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by MW Hall Corporation for 11575 Yonge Street. Committee

members acknowledged the historical value and context of the Jefferson Schoolhouse, and expressed concern over the condition of the structure and what the municipality was able to do to maintain and protect it. P. Vega advised of the processes and mechanisms in place to protect heritage properties, and noted that the property owner had applied in the past for heritage grants. D. Kelly provided Committee with supplemental information related to the Jefferson Schoolhouse to support its value and historical significance in the community.

General discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of purchasing the Jefferson Schoolhouse or relocating it to another site. Committee members did not support the relocation of the Jefferson Schoolhouse as it would take away from the historical context of the building if it were to be moved from its original location, and were in agreement that the Jefferson Schoolhouse added character and enhanced the streetscape and surrounding development.

Moved by: M. Andre

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPRS.19.199 regarding the demolition request for 11575 Yonge Street, the former Jefferson Schoolhouse, be received;
- b) That the application to demolish the heritage designated former Jefferson Schoolhouse, located at 11575 Yonge Street, be denied;
- c) That the City Clerk provide notice of its decision to the owner, to the Ontario Heritage Trust, and be published in a local newspaper.

**An Amendment was:**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the following clause d) be added to the motion:

- d) That the Manager of Real Estate be directed to contact the landowner to begin discussions to investigate the feasibility of purchasing the former Jefferson Schoolhouse located at 11575 Yonge Street.

Motion to Amend Carried Unanimously

**Main Motion as Amended:**

Moved by: M. Andre

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPRS.19.199 regarding the demolition request for 11575 Yonge Street, the former Jefferson Schoolhouse, be received;
- b) That the application to demolish the heritage designated former Jefferson Schoolhouse, located at 11575 Yonge Street, be denied;
- c) That the City Clerk provide notice of its decision to the owner, to the Ontario Heritage Trust, and be published in a local newspaper;
- d) That the Manager of Real Estate be directed to contact the landowner to begin discussions to investigate the feasibility of purchasing the former Jefferson Schoolhouse located at 11575 Yonge Street.

**An Amendment was:**

Moved by: D. Kelly

That the following clause e) be added to the motion:

- e) That the supplemental information provided by D. Kelly, on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, regarding the former Jefferson Schoolhouse located at 11575 Yonge Street, be received.

Motion to Amend Carried Unanimously

**Main Motion as amended:**

Moved by: M. Andre

**Recommendation 1**

**That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:**

- a) That staff report SRPRS.19.199 regarding the demolition request for 11575 Yonge Street, the former Jefferson Schoolhouse, be received;**
- b) That the application to demolish the heritage designated former Jefferson Schoolhouse, located at 11575 Yonge Street, be denied;**
- c) That the City Clerk provide notice of its decision to the owner, to the Ontario Heritage Trust, and be published in a local newspaper;**

- To be considered at the February 12, 2020 Council Meeting (deferred from the January 22, 2020 Council Meeting)

**d) That the Manager of Real Estate be directed to contact the landowner to begin discussions to investigate the feasibility of purchasing the former Jefferson Schoolhouse located at 11575 Yonge Street;**

**e) That the supplemental information provided by D. Kelly, on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, regarding the former Jefferson Schoolhouse located at 11575 Yonge Street, be received.**

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

**4.2.1 Correspondence from John Martin, 593 North Lake Road, dated December 6, 2019, regarding the Demolition Request for 11575 Yonge Street (the former Jefferson Schoolhouse) - (refer to Item 4.2)**

Moved by: M. Andre

a) That the correspondence from John Martin, 593 North Lake Road, dated December 6, 2019, regarding the Demolition Request for 11575 Yonge Street (the former Jefferson Schoolhouse), be received.

Carried Unanimously

**4.3 Proposed 2020 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule**

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the proposed 2020 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting schedule be approved as follows:

Tuesday, January 21

Tuesday, February 11

Tuesday, March 10

Tuesday, April 21

Tuesday, May 12

Tuesday, June 9

Tuesday, July 7

Tuesday, September 15

Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, November 10

Tuesday, December 8

Carried

**4.4 Designation Sub-Committee - Verbal Update**

D. Kelly on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, advised that they had no significant updates to report at this time. The Designation Sub-Committee noted that they had been working through a number of matters and discussing them with staff. Members of Heritage Richmond Hill acknowledged and thanked the Designation Sub-Committee for their work and efforts to date.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the verbal update from the Designation Sub-Committee be received.

Carried

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by: J. Counter

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

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