



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#01-20

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)

Regrets: Councillor Cilevitz
James Counter (Ward 1)
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)

Staff Members Present:

J. Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: B. DiMambro

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#08-19 held December 10, 2019

Joanne Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design, provided an update on the status of staff report SRPRS.19.199 and advised that a copy of Richmond Hill's Policy for the Acquisition and Use of Heritage Buildings was available to Committee for information.

General discussion ensued regarding the Policy for the Acquisition and Use of Heritage Buildings, whether the Policy would have been relevant to the former Jefferson Schoolhouse and recommendation d) from the December 10, 2019 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting. J. Leung reviewed the process required to demolish a heritage property, and highlighted Council's considerations when adding properties to the Richmond Hill Heritage Register.

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#08-19 held December 10, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

3.2 Extract - Council meeting C#44-19 held December 18, 2019

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the extract from Council meeting C#44-19 held December 18, 2019 regarding staff report SRPRS.19.186, Request to Amend Heritage Designating By-law 59-11 for 33 Roseview Avenue, be received.

Carried

3.3 Extract - Council meeting C#01-20 held January 22, 2020

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the extract from Council meeting C#01-20 held January 22, 2020 regarding staff report SRPRS.19.199, Demolition Request for 11575 Yonge Street, the former Jefferson Schoolhouse, be received.

Carried

4. Scheduled Business

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

Joanne Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design, provided an overview of the information and recommendations contained in staff report SRPRS.19.187 related to the update to the City's Heritage Register. She advised of staff's review of the list of properties identified in Appendix 'A' to the report, and noted that it was a housekeeping activity to update the City's Heritage Register to reflect an accurate listing of properties.

Chair Behrooz expressed concerns regarding the large number of properties being removed at one time from the Register. J. Leung confirmed that the properties identified were either not eligible for inclusion in the inventory in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, or the structures had already been demolished. She noted that while preparing the report, staff undertook a very careful review of the history of each of the properties before recommending their removal from the Register.

Dan Kelly, on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, advised they had reviewed the list of properties, indicated their preference to having the properties removed individually, and expressed concerns with the terminology used in the staff report.

Committee members further discussed the terminology used in the staff report, specifically the inconsistent use of the terms 'property' versus 'structure' in the descriptions, and the use of the phrase 'in-error'. Committee also discussed the recommendations and their relationship to the Strategic Plan, and whether the staff report could be revised to reflect more accurate terminology. Committee members supported the recommendations contained in the report, acknowledged staff's expertise, and were in agreement that they did not want to delay the update to the City's Heritage Register.

Moved by: D. Dumais

Recommendation 1

- Approved at the
February 26, 2020
Council meeting

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That the 114 properties as described in staff report SRPRS.19.187 and identified in Appendix 'A' to staff report SRPRS.19.187 be removed from the Heritage Register;

b) That the City Clerk notify the owners of the properties identified in Appendix 'A' to staff report SPRPRS.19.187 of their property's removal from the Richmond Hill Heritage Register.

Carried

4.2 Designation Sub-Committee - Verbal Update

Dan Kelly on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee advised that comments related to the City's Heritage Register had been previously expressed. D. Kelly also advised that due to the fundamental changes made to the legislation, the Sub-Committee would be working on presenting new procedures to improving designation of properties.

Moved by: J. Deveau

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

Carried

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: M. Andre

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.