



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#04-20

Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

**(Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the
Municipal Act, 2001)**

An Electronic Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1 via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

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

Regrets:

James Counter (Ward 1)
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)

Also in attendance via videoconference:

Councilor Muench

Staff members present via videoconference:

J. Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
I. James, Senior Urban Designer

Staff members present in Committee Room 1:

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and provided opening remarks with respect to tonight's electronic Heritage Richmond Hill meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

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#03-20 held June 9, 2020

Moved by: D. Kelly

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#03-20 held June 9, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Scheduled Business

5.1 SRPRS.20.107 - 2020 Heritage Grant Application - 26 Gormley Court

Committee members inquired about why the heritage grant application for 26 Gormley Court was not included with the applications brought forward as part of staff report SRPRS.20.055, 2020 Heritage Grant Applications for 6 Properties, which was considered at the May 12, 2020 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting. Staff confirmed that as detailed in staff report SRPRS.20.055, two applicants were unable to obtain second quotes for their projects at that time due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, and that once they obtained the second quote, an additional staff report would be brought forward specific to their grant application.

Clarification was requested regarding the recommended amount of the heritage grant for 26 Gormley Court and the amount of money available in the City's Heritage Grant Account. Staff explained the process used for

the Heritage Grant Program whereby if one of the previously approved heritage restoration projects failed to be completed, there would be sufficient funds available to allow the City to provide the maximum grant amount for this particular project.

Moved by: D. Dumais

Recommendation 1

- Approved at the
September 9, 2020
Council meeting

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That a Heritage Grant of \$3,517, to a potential maximum of \$5,000, be approved towards the cost of replacing windows in the *Ontario Heritage Act Part V* designated structure located at 26 Gormley Court, as outlined in staff report SRPRS.20.107.

Carried

5.2 Designation Sub-Committee - Presentation regarding Analytical Framework and an Introduction to a Part of that Framework - Key Aspects of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*

Dan Kelly provided introductory remarks regarding the mandate and framework that the Designation Sub-Committee was working within to provide context to the presentation, and noted that one of their goals was to educate and put forward ideas to the Committee for discussion and possible recommendations to Council.

D. Kelly, on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, made a presentation regarding an analytical framework and key aspects of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*. He reviewed the mandate of Heritage Richmond Hill as an advisory committee to Council, and their key responsibilities which included: Identifying Cultural Heritage Properties, Involving the Community and Developing Partnerships, Educating and Informing the Community, Ensuring Financial Accountability, and Assessing Other Legislation Affecting Cultural Heritage Properties.

D. Kelly identified questions to consider when looking at a heritage property in the municipality including: should the property be included in the Heritage Register, how should the property be treated, and what should be its conservation strategy; and noted fundamental principles to consider when looking to answer these questions as follows:

- Accountability and Transparency
- Identification and Evaluation

- Continuing Care
- Impact Assessment
- Use and Reuse

He addressed the impact and ramifications of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* on the strategies used to protect cultural heritage and highlighted eight areas of change that the Designation Sub-Committee identified:

1. Further Provincial Direction
2. "Listing" on the Register
3. Designation By-laws
4. Timelines for Designation under Part IV
5. Streamlined Appeals
6. Complete applications
7. Demolition
8. Provide enhanced Ministry guidance on cultural heritage landscapes

D. Kelly addressed the impact of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* on the listing of a heritage property on the Register and how that related to the principles of Accountability and Transparency, and Identification and Evaluation. He explained the process of listing a property before the new legislation versus after, and reviewed what the Designation Sub-Committee was proposing for a new process that would include new forms and steps, and screening by filtering in coordination with the Sub-Committee and heritage stakeholders. D. Kelly noted that the Designation Sub-Committee hoped to bring forward recommendations in the future to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee regarding the proposed new process for further discussion, evaluation and potential recommendations.

D. Kelly concluded the presentation by summarizing the importance of reviewing the listing process and how best to go forward with recommendations from the Committee regarding various topics.

Chair Behrooz thanked Dan Kelly, Doris Dumais and Al Itwar, the members of the Designation Sub-Committee, for their efforts in putting together the information for the presentation.

Clarification was requested of staff regarding the efforts and proposals made by the Designation Sub-Committee regarding the impact of the new legislation and the listing of a heritage property, and whether it was within their boundaries and/or Terms of Reference. In response, staff provided background information on the mandate and function of the Designation Sub-Committee during past terms and the process that was used to list a property, adding that with new membership that brings different backgrounds and perspectives, the process could be developed by the Sub-Committee to look at new ways to list properties and provide that feedback to staff who would then write the recommendations report. The Designation Sub-Committee noted the discussions that were held at the Sub-Committee level to ensure they stayed within the scope of the Committee and reiterated that their focus was on the change in legislation and how they could assist staff with issues like the listing of properties.

Committee members inquired about what guidelines exist within the *Ontario Heritage Act* to name a built asset as being of heritage value, and who can add a property to the list. Staff referred the Committee to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Ontario Regulation 9/06, which identifies the Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, and advised of the process to add a property to the list.

Moved by: D. Kelly

- a) That the discussion material, including the supplemental materials, distributed at the June 9, 2020 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting regarding changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* and impact on the municipality, be received;
- b) That the presentation by the Designation Sub-Committee regarding an Analytical Framework and an Introduction to a Part of that Framework - Key Aspects of *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, be received.

Carried

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Cilevitz announced that Isa James, Senior Urban Designer, was retiring and that this evening was her last Heritage Richmond Hill meeting. Councillor Cilevitz acknowledged Isa for her service to the City of Richmond Hill and its residents, and for all that she taught her and the Heritage Richmond Hill

Committee over the years. Councillor Cilevitz, on behalf of Ward 5 and Richmond Hill residents, extended thanks to Isa and wished her all the best in her retirement.

Joanne Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design, highlighted some of the important work that Isa was involved with during her time at the City in various roles, including the completion of the application to have the Richmond Hill David Dunlap Observatory designated as a national historic site, and wished her well in her retirement.

Chair Behrooz, on behalf of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee, thanked Isa and acknowledged what he learned from her over the years, and wished her all the best in her retirement.

Isa thanked everyone for the well wishes and expressed her appreciation for the great experience of being able to work with the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee over the years.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

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