



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#06-19

Tuesday, October 15, 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
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)

Regrets: James Counter (Ward 1)
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)

Staff Members Present:

N. Kalyvas, Director, Facility Design, Construction and Maintenance
J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
A. Foran, Legislative and Projects Advisor

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: B. DiMambro

a) 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#05-19 held September 10, 2019

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill HRH#05-19 held September 10, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

3.2 Extract - Council meeting C#30-19 held July 9, 2019

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the extract from Council Meeting C#30-19 held July 9, 2019 regarding staff report SRPRS.19.113 be received.

Carried

4. Scheduled Business

4.1 SRPRS.19.167 - Heritage Permit Application for 123 Hillview Drive, David Dunlap Observatory and Administration Building

Councillor Cilevitz thanked staff and the consultants for their work on the David Dunlap Observatory and Administration Building Conservation Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

Recommendation 1

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That the Heritage Permit Application to preserve, rehabilitate and restore all major envelope components related to the Observatory and Administration Buildings as described in the David Dunlap Observatory & Administration Building Conservation Plan, prepared by +VG Architects and dated September 12, 2019, be approved.

Carried

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4.2 SRPRS.19.162 Request to Amend Heritage Designating By-law 87-17, 13200 Yonge Street - City File Number D12-07518

J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design, informed Committee that the Regional Municipality of York required a portion of the lands to be conveyed to them for road widening. She explained that this portion was unnecessary to the heritage protection applied to the property and would therefore be removed from the legal description in the Designating By-law.

Moved by: D. Dumais

Recommendation 2

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

- a) That the Clerk provide the owner of the designated property, described in municipal By-law 87-17, written notice of the proposed amendment to correct the legal description of the said property in accordance with section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;**
- b) That, pending no objection from the owner during the 30 day post-notification period, the Amending By-law substantially in the form as set out in Appendix A to SRPRS.19.162 be adopted by Council;**
- c) That the Clerk:**
 - i. provide a copy of the Amending By-law to the Ontario Heritage Trust;**
 - ii. cause the Amending By-law to be registered against the property; and**
 - iii. update the Municipal Heritage Register, in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.**

Carried

4.3 Wooden Plaque - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design, provided Committee with a verbal update regarding plaques for the Gormley Heritage District. She advised that funding was available to provide bronze plaques to the District, and informed the Committee of discussions with Communications staff regarding a commemorative event to be held in early 2020 where homeowners would be presented with the plaques. J. Leung discussed

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the possibility of providing the wooden plaques to homeowners now, or providing them at the proposed event.

Committee members discussed the potential of having two events, one in 2019 and a second one in 2020, and noted their desire to align the 2020 event with the *Doors Open Richmond Hill* event in the spring. Committee members enquired as to the availability of wooden plaques and if the neighbourhood had a preference as to which plaques they wanted to receive and when.

Staff advised that wooden plaques would take two to three weeks to become available and that correspondence had been sent to homeowners to determine which properties had plaques, and which homeowners would be interested in the program. J. Leung added that further action would follow once staff received responses from the homeowners.

Moved by: D. Kelly

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design regarding plaques for the Gormley District, be received.

Carried

4.4 Unilock Noise Barrier Fence - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided a verbal update to the Committee regarding the Unilock noise barrier fence. She advised that the province had instructed Unilock to install a new noise barrier fence and noted the new fence would replace and run adjacent to the existing fence at 37 Gormley Road East. P. Vega also advised that the cultural heritage assessment performed on the project required a wooden fence.

J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design, added that Unilock were in agreement with the cultural heritage assessment.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding the Unilock Noise Barrier Fence, be received.

Carried

4.5 40 Frank Endean Design Approach - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design, provided Committee with a verbal update regarding the design approach for 40 Frank Endean Road. She advised of a proposal for an addition to the existing heritage property, and informed Committee that they had the opportunity to comment on the design approach.

Staff noted that a majority of mature trees and existing heritage elements of the home would be maintained, and added that the guiding principles of the design was to construct a complementary addition that did not dominate the existing building.

General discussion ensued regarding the design proposal and connection of the addition to the existing home; compared the contrast in designs to the Royal Ontario Museum; and enquired as to the owners' desire to maintain the heritage attributes of the home.

Staff explained that the owners approached the Committee for input and were attracted to the heritage features of the home and treed property, and noted that the current trend in heritage preservation was that new construction reflected the current time period.

Moved by: B. DiMambro

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, regarding 40 Frank Endean Design Approach, be received.

Carried

4.6 Inventory Listing Discussion - Verbal Update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

J. Leung, Manager, Urban Design, provided Committee with a verbal update regarding the City's Heritage Inventory Listing.

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, regarding the City's Heritage Inventory Listing, be received.

Carried

4.7 Designation Sub-Committee - Verbal Update

D. Kelly provided the Committee with a verbal update from the Designation Sub-Committee. He advised that the Sub-Committee had circulated the proposed changes from Bill 108 to discuss the opportunities, and explained the Sub-Committee had enquired about the heritage value of 48 and 64 Trench Street. D. Kelly concluded the update by providing an overview of the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Yonge Street and emphasized the importance of the intersection as a gateway to the Village of Richmond Hill.

Committee members extended their thanks to D. Kelly for the Designation Sub-Committee update and expressed their agreement that the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Yonge Street was a gateway to the Village of Richmond Hill. Councillor Cilevitz advised that a new zoning by-law for the Downtown Local Centre would be discussed at the Council Public Meeting on October 16, 2019, and encouraged members of the Committee to attend.

Staff advised that future design changes to the intersection would take into consideration sightlines of the churches and transportation, and noted that a cursory review of the two properties on Trench Street had been conducted and did not merit heritage designation.

Moved by: D. Kelly

a) That the verbal update by D. Kelly, on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, be received.

Carried

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.