



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#05-20

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

(Electronic Meeting 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, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Morteza Behrooz (Ward 2) Chair
Marj Andre (Richmond Hill Historical Society) Vice-Chair
Councillor West
Councillor Cilevitz
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)

Regrets:

James Counter (Ward 1)
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)

Staff members present via videoconference:

J. Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided opening remarks with respect to tonight's electronic Heritage Richmond Hill meeting

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: D. Dumais

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

a) Delegation by Matthew Somerville, Somerville Planning, regarding the Notice of Intent to Demolish 19 Aubrey Avenue - (refer to Item 5.1)

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#04-20 held July 7, 2020

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-20 held July 7, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

3.2 Extract - Council meeting C#35-20 held September 9, 2020

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the extract from Council meeting C#35-20 held September 9, 2020, regarding staff report SRPRS.20.107, 2020 Heritage Grant Application for 26 Gormley Court, be received.

Carried

4. Delegations

4.1 Matthew Somerville, Somerville Planning, regarding the Notice of Intent to Demolish 19 Aubrey Avenue - (refer to Item 5.1)

Matthew Somerville, Somerville Planning, heritage consultant for the owner of 19 Aubrey Avenue, addressed Heritage Richmond Hill regarding staff report SRPRS.20.139, Notice of Intent to Demolish 19 Aubrey Avenue. He advised that he was retained to prepare a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the property and went on site in June 2020 to

assess the building, advising that the structure had not been lived in for at least five years and was in a significant state of disrepair and he considered the dwelling unsafe. He advised that as indicated in the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment, the structure had no Physical/Design, Associative/Historical or Contextual Value as required under Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to be deemed worthy of designation. Mr. Somerville advised that he was in agreement with the information and recommendations in the staff report, and was in attendance to answer any questions from Committee members.

5. Scheduled Business

5.1 SRPRS 20.139 - Notice of Intent to Demolish 19 Aubrey Avenue - City File D12-07021

Committee members were in agreement with the information and recommendations contained in the staff report and inquired how and why the property located at 19 Aubrey Avenue was included in the City’s Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and Historical Importance when it had no heritage value. Joanne Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design, commented that the property in the past may have had historical context within Richmond Hill.

Moved by: Councillor West

Recommendation 1

- Approved at the
October 28, 2020
Council meeting

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That the property located at 19 Aubrey Avenue does not merit cultural heritage designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

b) That 19 Aubrey Avenue be removed from Richmond Hill’s Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and Historical Importance.

Carried

5.2 Designation Sub-Committee - Verbal Update

Dan Kelly advised that the Designation Sub-Committee’s focus was on refining the proposed new process for listing a heritage property as presented at the July meeting, and educating Committee members. He noted that they would be providing additional details on the new process for listing a heritage property to staff for their review, and would also be circulating a copy to the Richmond Hill Historical Society for their

comments in hopes of bringing forward recommendations to a future meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill for consideration.

D. Kelly addressed the subject of demolition by neglect of heritage buildings within Richmond Hill following up on a session held during the summer whereby four specific examples of heritage homes in the Village Core (33 Roseview Avenue, 34 Roseview Avenue, 115 Church Street South and 26 Church Street South) were intended to be demolished as a result of neglect by the owner, and for one of the properties, By-law staff having to be contacted. He inquired if there was a way of identifying within the inventory or through other means such as water and electricity records or assessment information, whether or not a building was vacant to allow for analysis by the Sub-Committee.

Committee members inquired if there was a recent precedent of the City intervening with a neglected heritage property and what the role of staff was in maintaining, monitoring, and enforcing municipal by-laws.

Joanne Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design, provided information related to each of the heritage properties identified by D. Kelly to update the Committee as to their status, and Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk, addressed what property specific information was available to the public and identified challenges in obtaining specific property records because of privacy legislation.

Committee members requested consideration of having staff from the Community Standards Division attend a future Heritage Richmond Hill meeting to present and address the concerns and questions of Heritage Richmond Hill members related to demolition by neglect.

Moved by: D. Kelly

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

Carried

6. Date of Next Meeting

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

7. Adjournment

Moved by: H. Lu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.