



## Heritage Richmond Hill

### Minutes

HRH#06-20

Tuesday, November 10, 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, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1 via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Morteza Behrooz (Ward 2) Chair  
Councillor West  
James Counter (Ward 1)  
Helen Lu (Ward 3)  
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)  
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5)  
Al Itwar (Member at Large)

Regrets:

Marj Andre (Richmond Hill Historical Society) Vice-Chair  
Councillor Cilevitz  
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)  
Anthony Yeung (Education Community)  
Joseph Deveau (Richmond Hill Public Library)

Staff member present via videoconference:

J. Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design

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 7:07 p.m. and provided opening remarks with respect to tonight's electronic Heritage Richmond Hill meeting.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: A. Itwar

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

a) Delegation by Enzo Loccisano, ARCH.DWG Inc., regarding the Heritage Permit Application for 158 Gormley Road West - (refer to Item 5.2)

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#05-20 held October 6, 2020**

Moved by: A. Itwar

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-20 held October 6, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

**3.2 Extract - Council meeting C#44-20 held October 28, 2020**

Moved by: B. DiMambro

a) That the extract from Council meeting C#44-20 held October 28, 2020 regarding staff report SRPRS.20.139, Notice of Intent to Demolish 19 Aubrey Avenue, be received.

Carried

**4. Delegations**

**4.1 Enzo Loccisano, ARCH.DWG Inc., regarding the Heritage Permit Application for 158 Gormley Road West - (refer to Item 5.2)**

Enzo Loccisano, ARCH.DWG Inc., on behalf of the property owner of 158 Gormley Road West, addressed Heritage Richmond Hill regarding the Heritage Permit Application for 158 Gormley Road West. He advised that the one-storey side addition to extend the master bedroom had already been built, but they were issued a stop work order as the house was

located within the Gormley Heritage Conservation District (HCD) and they were not aware that alterations to the property required a Heritage Permit and Council approval. He advised that although the house was a non-heritage building within the HCD, they were sensitive to the materials being used on the addition, matching the stone façade on the addition to the existing house, and noted that the Site Plan Application had been verbally approved with the exception of the heritage component. Mr. Loccisano confirmed that the addition did not affect any existing trees on the property, had low visibility to the public from the street, and they felt the addition was consistent with the current architectural style in the neighbourhood.

Committee members inquired if there were any pictures of the addition and materials used. Staff confirmed that the elevation drawings and picture of the stone façade were included as appendices to the staff report, and reiterated that the house had no historical significance within the HCD.

## **5. Scheduled Business**

### **5.2 SRPI.20.024 - Heritage Permit Application for 158 Gormley Road West**

Committee members requested clarification as to why the Heritage Permit Application for 158 Gormley Road West was being brought forward at this time to Heritage Richmond Hill when the addition was already underway. Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, provided additional background information related to the property and the Application, advising that the property owner was not aware that because their house was within the Gormley Heritage Conservation District (HCD) that they required a Heritage Permit. J. Leung noted that a stop work order was issued on the property mid-way through the addition being built and the property owner was now looking for Site Plan approval, including approval of the Heritage Permit. Committee members discussed that the house had low visibility from the street and that the property owner was maintaining the architectural style of the house; and therefore were in agreement with the staff report recommendation to approve the Heritage Permit Application for 158 Gormley Road West.

Moved by: D. Kelly

### **Recommendation 1**

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

- Approved at the  
November 25, 2020  
Council meeting

**a) That the Heritage Permit Application to allow the addition to the house located at 158 Gormley Road West, which is within the Gormley Heritage Conservation District, as generally described in the drawings prepared by ARCH.DWG Inc. and submitted to the City on October 13, 2020 (attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRPI.20.024) be approved.**

Carried

**5.1 SRPI.20.023 - Removal of 11061 Bayview Avenue from Heritage Register - City File D12-07049**

Clarification was requested whether the farmhouse located at 11061 Bayview Avenue was going to be demolished, and if it was, whether some of its attributes were going to be retained as has been done in the past with a heritage property. Joanne Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design, advised that to her knowledge, the farmhouse was going to be demolished and that there were no discussions with the property owner regarding salvaging any of its features or materials as typically the municipality generally does not follow that practice due to storage requirements.

Committee members discussed the recommendations contained in the staff report that the property located at 11061 Bayview Avenue does not merit cultural heritage designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and how it is unfortunate that the properties included on the Municipal Heritage Register are losing their value over time and are subject to demolition as they are not being maintained, highlighting the importance of having a process in place that reviews properties before they are listed. J. Leung shared examples of developers that have worked with City staff to restore heritage properties to demonstrate that heritage homes are being preserved, but those discussions and decisions are made at the staff level rather than being brought forward to the Committee.

General discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of retaining heritage homes digitally through a type of archival system if they could not be retained physically to preserve the history, specifically in relation to homes that are associated with a family name. Staff advised that recommendations could be made by the Committee for consideration by Council that the attributes of a building be measured and/or documented before it has been demolished if it has architectural importance, or Council could request that a plaque be provided to commemorate the family. Partnerships with other organizations to create digital archives of heritage

properties, outside of the municipality to alleviate the workload of staff, was discussed including partnering with the Heritage Centre Advisory Committee, Richmond Hill Then and Now group, and the Richmond Hill Historical Society.

Moved by: A. Itwar

## **Recommendation 2**

- Approved at the  
November 25, 2020  
Council meeting

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

**a) That the property located at 11061 Bayview Avenue does not merit cultural heritage designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;**

**b) That 11061 Bayview Avenue be removed from the Municipal Heritage Register.**

Carried

## **5.3 Proposed 2021 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule**

Committee members inquired if any of the proposed 2021 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting dates conflicted with religious holidays. Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk, confirmed that there were no conflicts.

Moved by: Councillor West

a) That the proposed 2021 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting schedule be approved as follows:

Tuesday, January 19

Tuesday, February 9

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, April 13

Tuesday, May 4

Tuesday, June 8

Tuesday, July 6

Tuesday, September 14

Tuesday, October 12

Tuesday, November 9

Tuesday, December 7

Carried

**5.4 Designation Sub-Committee - Verbal Update**

Dan Kelly, following up on the Designation Sub-Committee update at the October Heritage Richmond Hill meeting, advised that the draft new process for listing a heritage property was circulated to staff and to the Richmond Hill Historical Society for their comments. He noted that he hoped to bring forward all comments received to a future Committee meeting for consideration, and would potentially require the assistance of staff in relation to the education component of the new process either through a presentation or discussion. D. Kelly advised that the Designation Sub-Committee would put further thought into partnering with other Committees and/or persons of interest to work with staff regarding heritage properties and would report back to the Committee.

Moved by: B. DiMambro

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, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by: H. Lu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.