



## Richmond Hill Heritage Centre Advisory Committee

### Minutes

**HCAC#01-21**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting**

Committee Members Present: Weibo Cheng  
Samir Dossal  
Dan Kelly  
Jim Vollmershauser – arrived 7:22pm  
Councillor West – depart 7:35pm

Regrets: Simon Cui  
Tina D'Acunto  
Nancy Spinks  
Karin Ash, Manager of Recreation and Culture Services

Staff Member Present:  
Maggie MacKenzie, Heritage Services Coordinator

### **Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by: Maggie MacKenzie at 7:00p.m.

### **Land Acknowledgement:**

Councillor West delivered the Land Acknowledgement for this meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor West  
That the agenda be adopted as distributed

### **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

HCAC#02-20 held on October 28, 2020.  
Moved by: Dan Kelly that the minutes be adopted as distributed

## **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*.

## **New Member:**

Maggie MacKenzie reported that Simon Cui the recently elected York Region District Board of Education Trustee will be joining the Heritage Centre Advisory Committee. He was able to attend this meeting, however, we hope to have him attend the March Meeting.

## **Renovation/Exhibit Update:**

- Maggie MacKenzie reported that the renovation at the Heritage Centre is well underway and shared a couple of photos.
- The exhibition has not yet been installed and we have been continuing to update text panels to fit into altered areas.
- Maggie MacKenzie has been working at the Artifact Storage Facility preparing the artifacts that will be going on exhibit.
- The City has anticipated re-opening the Heritage Centre in June.

## **Heritage Services Update:**

### **Programs and General Operations:**

- Maggie MacKenzie update the committee on the impact of COVID-19 on the Heritage Services programs.
  - The fall session ended with the grey zone lockdown and all in-person programming was cancelled. Fortunately all scheduled in-person programming for Heritage Services/DDO had been completed.
  - Successful DDO Activity Kits, DDO Mugs and tea sales for December.
  - All winter in-person programming has been cancelled up to February 11 as we await further instructions from Public Health.
  - All winter programming that was able to be adapted to virtual was re-scheduled.
  - Heritage Week social media launch with “Interesting Facts and photos”.
  - Currently working on preparing March Break that will be a virtual delivery only.
  - Spring and Summer Programs will have an outdoor focus: Walking Tours, Historic Nature Hikes, camp fire chats and potentially a porch theatre program at city owned designated sites.
  - Summer Camp will be relocated to the DDO with an outdoor focus and small cohorts.
  - Working on summer student grants to support summer camps and programs.

- Preparing the exhibition for the changing exhibit room
- Preparing for the re-opening: Updating all branding, the Walking Tour brochures, designation Pamphlets projects will continue and will be offered on line.

## **New Business:**

### **David West:**

- Virtual Winter Carnival will be offered and buttons are available for purchase on-line for \$3.00.
- Maple Syrup festival will be offered virtually in March.

### **Samir Dossal:**

- Rotary Club provides support for the Out of the Cold Program for York Region. Samir was able to secure a donation from Paramount foods to support the shelter at the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church.

### **Jim Vollmershauser:**

- Historical Society continues with monthly Zoom meetings. AGM was held Monday January 18, 2021 with 25 people attending. The executive will remain the same with a one new member joining.

### **Dan Kelly:**

- Dan is working on a more disciplined approach to the process of adding/removing properties on the registry. Currently, there are properties that should be removed as they have been altered beyond their heritage value. Properties that are 1930 and newer need to be included. Dan completed a draft of plan to start the process. Jim Vollmershauser added that the Historical Society is agreeable to make this process more disciplined but easier.
- Heritage Richmond Hill continues to be challenged at meetings with demolition permits. Committee will proceed with reviewing Bylaws for owner's responsibility to maintain designated buildings that deteriorate.
- Heritage Strategy as part of the Official Plan is up for renewal and Heritage Richmond Hill had requested that they are to offer input.

### **Weibo Cheng:**

- Weibo indicated that she is a member of the Oak Ridges Trail Association Hiking Group. The trails are closed at this time; however, the group may be interesting assisting with our historic nature hikes.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday March 24, 2021 7:00 p.m. Location: TBD

**Adjournment:**

Moved by: Jim Vollmershauser  
That the meeting be adjourned.8:16p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.