



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#07-21

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 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 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Marj Andre (Richmond Hill Historical Society) Chair
Barbara DiMambro (Ward 5) Vice-Chair
Councillor West
Councillor Cilevitz
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Jenica Veenstra (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Tom Pechkovsky (Education Community)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)

Regrets: James Counter (Ward 1)
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)

The following members of Staff were present via videoconference:

P. Vega, Heritage and Urban Design Planner
G. McCallum, Community Liaison Officer
S. Huycke, City Clerk
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
L. Sampogna, 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 changes:

- a) Presentation by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act - (Item 5.4)
- b) Withdrawn - Proposed 2022 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule - (Item 5.2)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 Extract - Council meeting C#35-21 held September 13, 2021

Moved by: Councillor West

- a) That the extract from Council meeting C#35-21 held September 13, 2021, regarding staff report SRCM.21.09, Delegation of Authority for Summer Recess Accounting, which included approval of staff report SRPI.21.082, Heritage Permit Application for 103 Richmond Street (The Eliza Gaby House), File D12-07362, be received.

Carried

3.2 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#06-21 held September 14, 2021

Moved by: J. Veenstra

- a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#06-21 held September 14, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Scheduled Business

5.1 SRPI.21.093 - Heritage Permit Application for 10155-10157 Yonge Street; Hewison-Skeele House and Shop – File D12-07458

Members of the Heritage Committee expressed their support regarding the Heritage Permit application to modify the storefront façade for the Hewison-Skeele House and Shop located at 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street, and acknowledged that the modification was part of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grant program that encouraged restoration to some of the properties in the Historic Village Area.

Committee noted that over the past two years several property owners within the Historic Village Area had invested in upgrading building facades, and that future enhancements were being planned, exemplifying that improvements were starting to gather some momentum in the area. Committee expressed hope that the restoration in the area would attract interesting business and enhance the vibrancy for the downtown area.

Committee members requested clarification on whether there was any work planned for the sides of the building and, if aluminum siding was an appropriate material to be used given the historical significance of the building. P. Vega confirmed that the grant was limited to changes to the front façade which fronted onto Yonge Street, and explained how aluminum siding was in keeping with the heritage attributes of the building.

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee recommends to Council:

a) That the Heritage Permit application to modify the storefront façade of 10155-10157 Yonge Street, as described in Appendix A to Staff Report SRPI.21.093, be approved.

Carried

5.2 Proposed 2022 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2022 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting schedule was withdrawn at the request of the City Clerk and would be presented at the next scheduled Committee meeting for consideration.

5.3 Designation Sub-committee - Verbal Update

Doris Dumais, on behalf of the Designation Sub-Committee, advised that they did not have anything to report.

5.4 Presentation by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act

Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, made a presentation to Committee regarding changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA), effective July 1, 2021. She provided background information relating to the OHA, reviewed the Ontario Heritage Tool Kit, and outlined the Regulation 385-21, which enacted the changes to the Act. She provided a detailed summary of changes, highlighting how the new policy compared to the old policy, in the following categories:

- Listing Properties: Notification
- Listing Properties: Objection
- Part IV Designation: Timelines, Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID)
- Part IV Designation: Objection
- Part IV Designation: Timelines, Passing of By-law
- Part IV Designation: Designation By-law Standards
- Part IV Designation: Amending and Repeal Process
- Part IV Designation: Alterations and Demolitions
- Part IV Designation: Appeals and Tribunals
- Digital Documents; and
- Transition

P. Vega reviewed how the changes impacted the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee, and concluded by reviewing areas where information remained unclear with respect to the OHA changes.

Committee Members extended their thanks for the comprehensive presentation and expressed concerns with the change in the Notice of Intention to Designate, and inquired if the Conservation Review Board was defunct. P. Vega clarified that the Notice of Intention to Designate procedure had not changed and would still be considered by Committee. She also confirmed that the Conservation Review Board was absorbed into the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Committee members inquired as to what communication was being planned to inform property owners of the changes and new requirements under the OHA, and whether there was an education plan to educate

property owners. P. Vega clarified that there were no changes to listed property owners and that the changes were applicable to new permit application processes for designated properties. She elaborated on the steps that City staff would take upon receiving an inquiry, and indicated that an education plan would be considered if there were continuous issues of misunderstanding. Committee expressed the need to educate the property owners of the OHA changes, and further requested that since the Province was requesting for digital records, that staff provide an update on digital records at a future Committee meeting.

Members inquired how to determine when the research to listing a property needed to be conducted earlier, if there were any demands on staff, who would conduct the research, and if there were any implications when a designated property was sold. P. Vega advised that the new process was still being determined by staff, and explained the process for the sale of a designated property.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the presentation by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding changes to the Ontario Heritage Act, be received with thanks.

Carried

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.