



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#01-22

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 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, February 15, 2022 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
James Counter (Ward 1)
Kidambi Raj (Ward 3)
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)
Tom Pechkovsky (Education Community)
Jenica Veenstra (Richmond Hill Public Library)

Regrets:

Mayor West
Councillor Cilevitz
Helen Lu (Ward 3)

The following members of Staff were present via videoconference:

J. Leung, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
D. Harrietha, Parks Planning Technician
P. Vega, Heritage and Urban Design Planner
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: K. Raj

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

3. 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*.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#09-21 held on December 7, 2021

Moved by: J. Counter

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#09-21 held December 7, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 SRPI.22.007 - Heritage Permit Application for 19 Church Street North (The Amos Wright House) - City File D12-07136

Committee members did not have any questions or comments regarding staff report SRPI.22.007, Heritage Permit Application for 19 Church Street North (The Amos Wright House), City File D12-07136.

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the Heritage Permit Application to repaint and repair the exterior of the building and replace the barrier-free ramp at 19 Church Street North (The Amos Wright House), as described in staff report SRPI.22.007, be approved.

Carried

6.2 Definition of Minor Alterations to Properties Designated under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act - Verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, advised that after consulting with the HRH Committee and reviewing the comments that were received at the December 2021 meeting, a revised draft definition of Minor Alterations to Properties Designated under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* would be brought forward to Council for consideration. J. Leung noted that the draft definition was compared with the definition used by other municipalities, and would be included as a definition in the Delegated Authority staff report to be brought forward in April. Committee members concurred that the draft definition reflected the comments that were made at the last meeting.

An inquiry was made for clarification purposes asking if the previous staff report and recommendations related to a Heritage Permit application, Item 6.1, would go through this new process or would come to the HRH Committee for consideration. Staff confirmed that if a project was contentious, or where staff did not support the proposed work, the alteration would be referred to the HRH Committee for review and would require Council approval.

Moved by: B. DiMambro

a) That the verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design, regarding Definition of Minor Alterations to Properties Designated under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, be received.

Carried

6.3 Mapping - Verbal update by Joanne Leung, Manager, Urban Design and Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, displayed the new Richmond Hill Culture Map on the City's website and provided an online tour of the interface to demonstrate its functionality and the type of information that users could obtain through the Map. She noted that not all properties had photographs associated with them yet but over time they would be uploaded, and advised that whenever there was a change to the Register that the information would be reflected in the online Map. P. Vega advised that Dan Harrietha, Parks Planning Technician, was in

attendance at tonight's meeting to answer any questions that the Committee may have about the new Richmond Hill Culture Map.

D. Harrietha provided additional details related to the first phase of the Richmond Hill Culture Map and the long term plan to make it more user friendly and interactive. He noted that the Map had the ability to layer information, and highlighted "story maps" used by other municipalities for heritage and culture information that would provide a more immersive experience for users, including additional data such as videos and text, and advised that staff welcomed any input from the Committee regarding specific information and data that they wanted to see included.

Committee members thanked staff for the update and for the work that went into the development of the Richmond Hill Culture Map. General discussion ensued regarding whether Committee members were able to share the Culture Map with others, including the local School Boards, to be able to promote and provide an educational resource regarding the municipality's heritage and culture. Staff confirmed that as the Culture Map continues to develop, that they would work with the Communications Division to promote the Richmond Hill Culture Map as an educational resource to the community as they have done in the past with the Gormley Heritage Conservation District.

The Committee discussed the possibility of including heritage and culture information from neighbouring municipalities within the Richmond Hill Culture Map. D. Harrietha addressed this feedback by advising that there was a data sharing agreement within York Region for other data projects, and discussed pros and cons of potentially including other municipalities heritage and culture information on Richmond Hill's maps.

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the verbal update by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding Mapping, be received.

Carried

6.4 Designation Sub-committee - Verbal Update and 2021 Activity Review

Dan Kelly, on behalf of the Designation Sub-committee, provided a review of the Heritage Richmond Hill Designation Sub-committee's activities. He highlighted key events from 2020 and 2021 that included:

- Work plan with a focus on changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* specifically in two areas: listings and demolitions;
- Proposal on the listing process in May and June 2021, which included a preliminary staff assessment that was presented in September 2021;
- Demolition by Neglect discussion paper circulated in July 2020, and a presentation by Community Standards staff in January 2021; and
- Facilitation and utilization of various GIS tools in May, June and July, 2021.

D. Kelly summarized the results that were direct outcomes from discussion and feedback at the Committee level regarding listings and demolitions, as further detailed in the copy of their presentation distributed as Item 6.4 on the agenda.

D. Kelly concluded the presentation by providing an overview of the supplementary slides that were prepared and included as part of Item 6.4 related to:

- Basic information on the 2021 Heritage Inventory;
- What is the Heritage inventory by Ward in 2021;
- What has the trend been since 2008;
- The mandate of the Richmond Hill Heritage Committee, including responsibilities;
- Fundamental Questions and Principles; and
- Excerpts from the Protecting Heritage Properties presentation (January 19, 2021).

Committee members thanked Dan for all of his work and discussed how the focus has been on the listing and de-listing processes, the impact of the amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and the need for a broader heritage strategy.

Moved by: J. Veenstra

a) That the verbal update and 2021 Activity Review by the Designation Sub-committee be received.

Carried

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.