



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#07-22

Tuesday, September 6, 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, September 6, 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
Councillor Sheppard
Councillor Cilevitz
Kidambi Raj (Ward 3)
Dan Kelly (Ward 4)
Doris Dumais (Ward 6)
Jenica Veenstra (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Tom Pechkovsky (Education Community)

Regrets: James Counter (Ward 1)
Helen Lu (Ward 3)
Al Itwar (Member at Large)

The following members of Staff were present via videoconference:

P. Vega, Heritage/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 7:01 p.m. and provided opening remarks with respect to tonight's electronic Heritage Richmond Hill meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: D. Dumais

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#05-22 held June 14, 2022

Moved by: K. Raj

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-22 held June 14, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

4.2 Extracts - Council meeting C#27-22 held June 22, 2022

Moved by: D. Dumais

a) That the extracts from Council meeting C#27-22 held June 22, 2022, regarding staff reports SRPI.22.067 (Request to Demolish the David Hislop House at 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East), and SRPI.22.074 (Request for Demolition of the John Love House at 6 Greywacke Street - formerly 630 King Road), be received.

Carried

4.3 Minutes - Special Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#06-22 held July 26, 2022

Moved by: B. DiMambro

a) That the minutes of Special Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#06-22 held July 26, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 SRPI.22.092 - Review of the Cultural Heritage Value of 6 Greywacke Street (formerly 630 King Road) - City File D12-07232

Committee members discussed the situation of having to repeal the by-law that designated 6 Greywacke Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and subsequent demolition of the John Love House, and the impact this would have on the cultural heritage value of the property as well as the neighbourhood.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPI.22.092 be received;
- b) That the property located at 6 Greywacke Street (formerly known as 630 King Road) no longer has cultural heritage value or interest;
- c) That a by-law be passed to repeal By-law 95-13, amended by By-law 66-18, which designates 6 Greywacke Street (formerly known as 630 King Road) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- d) That the Clerk:
 - i. Serve a copy of the repealing by-law on the owner of 6 Greywacke Street (formerly known as 630 King Road);
 - ii. Publish notice of the repealing by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;
 - iii. Cause the repealing by-law to be registered against the property;
 - iv. Serve a copy of the registered repealing by-law on the Ontario Heritage Trust; and,
 - v. Delete any reference to 6 Greywacke Street (formerly 630 King Road) from the municipal heritage register.

Carried

6.2 SRPI.22.104 - Review of the Cultural Heritage Value of 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East - City File D12-07323

A general inquiry was made as a result of the approved development of this land being under a Minister's Zoning Order in terms of how these types of situations are addressed, and how it would impact a property that

had heritage value. Committee members and staff discussed this scenario as it would have applied to the subject lands and the David Hislop House if the owner hadn't requested to demolish it.

Discussion took place regarding information in the staff report specific to the owner providing a plan that identified the ways in which the David Hislop House would be commemorated and how that process would unfold, including what municipal mechanisms were in place to ensure that the commemoration would occur.

Moved by: B. DiMambro

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPI.22.104 regarding the Review of the Cultural Heritage Value of 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East be received;
- b) That the property located at 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East (also known as 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East) no longer has cultural heritage value or interest;
- c) That a by-law be passed to repeal By-law 143-97, amended by By-law 68-06, which designates 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East (also known as 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That the Clerk:
 - i. Serve a copy of the repealing by-law on the owner of 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East (also known as 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East);
 - ii. Publish notice of the repealing by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;
 - iii. Cause the repealing by-law to be registered against the property;
 - iv. Serve a copy of the registered repealing by-law on the Ontario Heritage Trust; and,
 - v. Delete any reference to 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East (also known as 1577-1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East) from the municipal heritage register.

Carried

6.3 Draft Proposal regarding Promoting Heritage Preservation in Richmond Hill dated July 2022 - Discussion Item submitted by Doris Dumais

Doris Dumais, Heritage Richmond Hill Committee member, provided introductory remarks regarding the work that was done by the Promotion and Marketing Sub-Committee, and made a presentation to report back on Committee Development and Heritage Promotion.

D. Dumais discussed the importance of developing the Heritage Committee and highlighted ways in which this could be done beginning immediately with the orientation of the Committee, followed by ongoing learning opportunities throughout the term. She then highlighted ways in which the municipality and the Heritage Committee could preserve heritage including:

- Develop a strategy for Heritage Promotion;
- Focus on public education and encouraging Heritage Site preservation via a virtual museum;
- Cultural Heritage Planning site and social media to be leveraged;
- Collaboration with partners to enhance promotion efforts;
- Resources for public and heritage site owners;
- Review of current grant program;
- Communication Strategy; and
- Outreach Activities.

Members thanked the Promotion and Marketing Sub-Committee for their work and efforts, and acknowledged the great ideas that were presented regarding Committee Development and Heritage Promotion. A thorough and detailed discussion ensued regarding the various ideas that were presented, such as having a Heritage Promotion Strategy and Communication Strategy, and how these ideas could be implemented for the next term of the Committee.

Moved by: K. Raj

a) That the Draft Proposal regarding Promoting Heritage Preservation in Richmond Hill dated July 2022, submitted by Doris Dumais, Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Member, be received.

Carried

6.4 Roadmap to Addressing Demolition by Neglect in Richmond Hill - Presentation by Dan Kelly

Dan Kelly, Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Member, made a presentation to the Committee regarding a Roadmap to Addressing Demolition by Neglect in Richmond Hill. He noted that the purpose of the presentation was to circle back to the number of discussions that the Committee has had over the years regarding demolition by neglect, and that tonight's presentation was to make recommendations regarding specific actions that could be taken by the new Committee during the next term.

D. Kelly reviewed the state of the heritage inventory, addressing the trend since 2008 where there has been a reduction in the number of designated properties, listed properties and City owned properties, and advised of his predicted outcome if the trend were to continue. He highlighted major influences that contributed to and impacted the heritage inventory including current and future legislation at both the provincial and municipal levels, as well as the economic environment, and addressed what could be done to manage the heritage inventory and protect vacant cultural heritage properties so that the Committee could carry out their mandate effectively and provide valuable advice to Council. D. Kelly noted that the City had an opportunity to establish principles and policies that would impact the direction taken when protecting cultural heritage, and outlined action items that could be taken including the establishment of a HRH Vacant Properties of Cultural Heritage Significance Sub-Committee, as further detailed in his presentation included as Item 6.4 on the agenda.

Committee members thanked D. Kelly for the presentation regarding a Roadmap to Addressing Demolition by Neglect in Richmond Hill. A detailed discussion ensued regarding the role of municipal heritage committees and the framework for which they and municipal staff work within regarding heritage matters.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the presentation by Dan Kelly, Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Member, regarding a Roadmap to Addressing Demolition by Neglect in Richmond Hill, be received.

Carried

6.5 Designation Sub-Committee - Verbal Update

Dan Kelly advised that the Designation Sub-Committee did not have an update to provide at this month's meeting.

6.6 Promotion and Marketing Sub-Committee - Verbal Update

Doris Dumais advised that the Promotion and Marketing Sub-Committee provided their update during consideration of Item 6.3.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Heritage Richmond Hill Committee meeting will be determined once the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council is underway and the citizen appointment process for Heritage Richmond Hill has been completed.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dumais

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.