



## Heritage Richmond Hill

### Minutes

HRH#02-23

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz (Chair)  
Barbara Di Mambro (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Davidson  
Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)  
Barbara Maher-Erwin  
Bob Berube  
Dianne McLeod  
Jenica Veenstra (Richmond Hill Public Library)  
Joanne Schreiber  
Nancy Spinks  
Natasha Khan  
Timothy Cheng

Regrets: Tom Pechkovsky (Education Community)

The following members of Staff were present via videoconference:

S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design  
A. Beshay, Project Manager, Infrastructure Delivery  
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Cilevitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: A. Parr

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

**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#01-23 held February 28, 2023**

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#01-23 held February 28, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**4.2 Extract - Council Meeting C#11-23 held March 8, 2023**

Moved by: N. Spinks

a) That the extract from Council meeting C#11-23 held March 8, 2023, regarding SRPI.23.012 - Heritage Permit - DDO Park Multi-Use Path and Nature Trail Project D12-07228, be received.

Carried Unanimously

**5. Delegations**

None.

**6. Scheduled Business**

**6.1 SRPI.23.035 - Heritage Permit - 1370 Elgin Mills Road East (Richmond Hill Railway Station)**

Committee members extended their appreciation to staff for the informative report and noted their support of staff's recommendations outlined in staff report SRPI.23.035.

Staff responded to questions of Committee members by confirming the soccer club was the only group occupying the facility, and reviewed the

procurement process and the budget amount allocated for the roof replacement. Staff advised that the soccer club, as well as Committee members, would be kept informed on facility updates and construction progress.

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That the Heritage Permit Application to replace the roof of the Richmond Hill Railway Station located at 1370 Elgin Mills Road East, as described in staff report SRPI.23.035, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**6.2 Bill 23: Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act - Presentation by Steven Bell, Manager, Urban Design, and Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner**

Steven Bell, Manager, Urban Design, provided introductory remarks regarding recent changes to Bill 23: Changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, noting that the changes were significant to municipal heritage planning in Ontario, specifically to Heritage Registers and designations.

Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner provided an overview of the main functions of the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)* by reviewing the powers convened to City Council by the *OHA*, and explained the purpose and function of the Municipal Heritage Register. She reviewed key Bill 23 *OHA* changes, and highlighted implications for Heritage Registers and for the City. J. Smith concluded the presentation by outlining staff's next steps with respect to the Heritage Register, noting that they would report back to Committee on May 11, 2023 on the designation strategy process.

Committee members extended their appreciation to staff for the presentation, acknowledged that the 2 year timeline to preserve the listed properties in the Heritage Register was inadequate, and offered their support and assistance with the preliminary review process, so that City staff could focus on other areas of the designation process.

Committee members queried if there was opportunity for Council to protect the properties on the City's Heritage Register; if there was a provision in the *OHA* to request for an extension; and whether staff in the Legal Department were involved in the process. Further queries of Committee included whether consultation with heritage property owners was going to take place; if it was possible to formulate Heritage

Conservation Districts in the City to expedite the process; if there was budgeted funds available to retain a consultant to assist with the process; and how much time was required to undertake a designation review for each property. Committee members expressed their support in creating a sub-committee to assist staff in the process.

Staff responded to questions of Committee and advised that they were in the preliminary stages of planning a strategy on how to protect the listed properties in the Heritage Register; reviewed designating attributes of landscape; acknowledged the limited staff resources available and their intent to working collaboratively with the Committee members, including establishing a sub-committee; and that more information would be available at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Heritage Richmond Hill meeting.

Moved by: N. Spinks

a) That the presentation by Steven Bell, Manager, Urban Design, and Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding Bill 23: Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act, be received.

Carried Unanimously

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by: N. Spinks

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.