



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#01-23

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 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:

M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
M. McCallum, Project Manager, Infrastructure Delivery
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
B. Inglis, Legislative and Special Projects Officer
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

1. Call to Order

1.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

In the absence of a duly appointed Chair and Vice-Chair, Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called upon members of the Committee to appoint a Chair of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Office.

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

- a) That Councillor Cilevitz of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee be elected as Chair for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council;
- b) That Barbara Di Mambro of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee be elected as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Cilevitz assumed the Chair at 7:02 p.m. She congratulated B. Di Mambro on her appointment as Vice-Chair, thanked all Committee members for their support, and invited all Committee members and staff to introduce and share a little about themselves.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: N. Spinks

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#07-22 held September 6, 2022

Moved by: J. Veenstra

- a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#07-22 held September 6, 2022, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Extracts - Council Meeting C#34-22 held September 14, 2022

Moved by: B. Berube

a) That the extracts from Council meeting C#34-22 held September 14, 2022, regarding staff reports SRPI.22.092 [Review of the Cultural Heritage Value of 6 Greywacke Street (formerly 630 King Road)] and SRPI.22.104 (Review of the Cultural Heritage Value of 1621 Major Mackenzie Drive East), be received.

Carried Unanimously

5. Delegations

None

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 Heritage Richmond Hill Orientation - 2022 to 2026 Term of Office

Brian Inglis, Legislative and Special Projects Officer, reviewed the composition, purpose, mandate, and the authority of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference. He provided an overview of the Committee members' roles, responsibilities, and duties, and reviewed the importance of the Procedure By-law, members' rights at meetings, rules and etiquette of discussion, and the role of the Chair.

Staff addressed questions regarding absences from Committee meetings, and if additional training was required. Committee members also highlighted that only matters on the agenda were open for discussion during the meeting.

Moved by: A. Parr

a) That the presentation by Brian Inglis, Legislative and Special Projects Officer, regarding an orientation for Heritage Richmond Hill members for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Office, be received.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 Introduction to Heritage Planning and Processes at the City of Richmond Hill

Steven Bell, Manager, Urban Design, provided welcoming remarks to members of the Committee and introduced Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner.

J. Smith provided introductory remarks regarding her personal background, defined heritage and heritage planning, and highlighted a few of Richmond Hill's achievements. She outlined the roles of a municipal heritage committee, Council, and staff, and reviewed heritage planning and conservation documents. J. Smith reviewed key components of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the City's cultural heritage process and its relationship to the development review process, and commented on Bill 23 and other Heritage Richmond Hill activities.

Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk, addressed questions regarding the Committee's composition, meeting structure, quorum, staff reports and agenda distribution. Committee members asked questions regarding the process used to evaluate heritage properties, heritage attributes, consequences of demolishing a heritage building without a permit, escalating concerns regarding heritage properties, and discussed demolition by neglect.

Moved by: D. McLeod

a) That the presentation by Steven Bell, Manager, Urban Design; and Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 SRPI.23.012 - Heritage Permit – DDO Park Multi-Use Path and Nature Trail Project D12-07228

Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner provided introductory remarks regarding the David Dunlap Observatory Park (DDOP), including reviewing the site location and its heritage status and attributes. She highlighted the importance of the DDOP Master Plan, reviewed the Heritage Permit Application to implement a new Multi-Use Path and Nature Trails, and possible impacts to heritage attributes within the DDOP lands. J. Smith concluded by reviewing the recommendation within the staff report.

Committee members shared their concerns regarding loss of trees, noise, light control, wayfinding signs and questioned when construction of the multi-use path would begin. Committee members also commented on the need to respect wildlife on the DDOP lands and were pleased that the proposal would elevate the heritage value of the property.

Moved by: B. Berube

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That the heritage permit application to implement the proposed Multi-Use Path and Nature Trail as described in the *David Dunlap Observatory Park Heritage Permit Application* (attached as Appendix A), be approved.

Carried Unanimously

6.4 Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Format for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council

Committee members shared their opinions and preferences on the meeting format they preferred. Councillor Cilevitz noted that the meeting format for next year will be revisited.

Moved by: N. Spinks

a) That the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee confirm the format of meetings going forward to be electronic, for the 2023 calendar year.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (8): Councillor Cilevitz, N. Spinks, B. Maher-Erwin, T. Cheng, J. Schreiber, Councillor Davidson, N. Khan, B. Berube

Opposed: (3): B. Di Mambro, A. Parr, D. McLeod

Absent: (2): T. Pechkovsky, J. Veenstra

Carried (8 to 3)

6.5 Proposed 2023 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule

Committee members shared their preferences on meeting dates and times that worked best for their schedules.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the proposed 2023 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting schedule be approved as follows to be held on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM Videoconference:

Thursday, March 23

Thursday, April 13

Thursday, May 11

Thursday, June 15

Thursday, July 6

Thursday, September 14

Thursday, October 12

Thursday, November 9

Thursday, December 7

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (9): Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Davidson, A. Parr, B. Di Mambro, B. Maher-Erwin, B. Berube, J. Schreiber, N. Spinks, N. Khan

Opposed: (1): T. Cheng

Abstained: (1): D. McLeod

Absent: (2): T. Pechkovsky, J. Veenstra

Carried (9 to 2)

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill is scheduled on Thursday, March 23rd at 3:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: B. Berube

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.