



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#05-23

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz (Chair)
Barbara Di Mambro (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Davidson
Bob Berube
Natasha Khan
Dianne McLeod
Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)
Joanne Schreiber
Nancy Spinks

Regrets:

Timothy Cheng
Barbara Maher-Erwin
Jenica Veenstra (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Tom Pechkovsky (Education Community)

Council Member in attendance via videoconference:

Councillor Thompson

Staff Members present via videoconference:

S. Bell, Manager, Urban Design
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
A. Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations
M. Maugeri, Heritage Planning Intern
J. Pullella, Strategy and Transformation Intern
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Daniel Blazekovic, Senior Consultant, and Hanna Tobias-Murray, Intern, StrategyCorp was also in attendance via videoconference.

1. Call to Order

Chair Cilevitz called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following additions:

1. Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan – (Item 6.2);
2. Delegation from Saim and Yan Mumal, 103 Richmond Street, regarding the Heritage Permit and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement for 103 Richmond Street – (Item 5).

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#04-23 held May 11, 2023

Moved by: A. Parr

- a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-23 held May 11, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Extract - Council Meeting C#20-23 held May 24, 2023

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

- a) That the extract from Council meeting C20-23 held May 24, 2023 regarding staff report SRPI.23.037 - 2023 Heritage Grant Applications - Six properties, and staff report SRPI.23-045 - Heritage Permit - 10066 Yonge Street Roof Replacement D12-07438, be received.

Carried Unanimously

5. Delegations

Saim and Yan Mumal, 103 Richmond Street, regarding the Heritage Permit and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement for 103 Richmond Street, did not address Committee but was in attendance to answer questions.

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 SRPI.23.061 - Heritage Permit and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement– (Eliza Gaby House) - 103 Richmond Street

Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, reviewed the site location and provided details on the heritage status of the Eliza Gaby House located at 103 Richmond Street. She provided an overview of the Heritage Permit application noting the scope of work for the proposed addition and alterations, and advised of the impacts and conservation rationale the proposed work would have on the heritage building. She concluded by outlining the recommendations within the associated staff report.

Committee members requested clarification on whether the house was currently occupied and if the City was providing funding for the proposed restoration work. Committee members advised they were in support of the Heritage Cultural Brief and the Staff Report, and expressed their excitement for the renovations, as the proposed work would help preserve the longevity of the historical home. Committee members extended their thanks to the homeowners for maintaining the heritage home, and indicated they looked forward to the completion of the project.

Saim and Yan Mumal, property owners of 103 Richmond Street, expressed their thanks to Committee for supporting the proposed addition and alterations, and advised that they looked forward to the completion of the renovations for their family's enjoyment.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That the Heritage Permit Application to allow alterations to the Part IV designated heritage property at 103 Richmond Street, as generally described in the plans and drawings prepared by The Gregory Design Group dated May 4, 2023, and the Conservation Brief prepared by Common Bond Collective dated May 17, 2023, be approved subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the owner of 103 Richmond Street enter into a Heritage Conservation Agreement in accordance with the plans and drawings prepared by The Gregory Design Group dated May 4, 2023, and the Conservation Brief prepared by Common Bond Collective dated May 17, 2023, containing provisions to ensure insurance coverage for protection of the heritage house during construction and restricting any site works until building permits have been issued;

b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Heritage Conservation Agreement with the owner of 103 Richmond Street, upon written recommendation of the Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Ashley Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations, provided introductory remarks regarding the Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. She advised that the City was embarking on a new five year Strategic Plan that would set the City's vision and goals through to 2027, and indicated that as a Committee of Council, they were addressing the Committee for feedback. A. Dickinson advised that StrategyCorp was the consultant retained to assist with the community engagement component of the Plan, and introduced Daniel Blazekovic, StrategyCorp, who would be making the presentation.

Daniel Blazekovic, StrategyCorp, made a presentation to Committee highlighting the meeting objectives, participation principles, and acknowledged the consultant project team for the Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. He provided an overview of the project by reviewing what a strategic plan was, the timeline of the strategic planning process, outlined the different stakeholders, community members and group engagements, and noted how the community could participate through a variety of engagement options. He concluded the presentation by providing some questions for Committee's consideration that could initiate discussion and feedback.

Committee members provided feedback to the consultants which included consideration of reducing barriers to heritage property homeowners by providing financial resources for maintenance purposes, and to the City's Heritage Centre to help support and promote events; reducing property

taxes for heritage property owners; and prioritizing developers who are serious about conserving and transforming heritage properties. Committee encouraged the consultants to participate in the Heritage Summit taking place in the Fall of 2023, noting that they engaged with the different community groups; and suggested creating a self-guided walking podcast tour of the City's designated heritage properties and district where individuals could explore the history.

Moved by: N. Spinks

a) That the presentation by Ashley Dickinson, Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations, and Daniel Blazekovic, StrategyCorp, regarding the Richmond Hill 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, be received and all comments referred back to staff.

Carried Unanimously

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Heritage Richmond Hill was scheduled on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: N. Spinks

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.