

Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#03-24 Thursday, March 7, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz (Chair)

Barbara Di Mambro (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Davidson

Timothy Cheng

Barbara Maher-Erwin

Dianne McLeod

Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)

Joanne Schreiber

Anete Ivsina (Richmond Hill Public Library)

Regrets: Bob Berube

Natasha Khan Nancy Spinks

Also in attendance:

Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Councillor Thompson

Staff Members present via videoconference:

- K. Chaudhry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
- J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
- P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
- R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
- K. Hurley, 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: Councillor Davidson

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

- a) Delegation by Rosanna Punit, Evans Planning Inc., regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 18 Arnold Crescent – (Item 5.1);
- b) Delegation by Marina Van Halteren, 90 Centre Street East, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 90 Centre Street East (Item 5.2);
- c) Delegation by Liz Bick, 39 Centre Street West, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 37 and 39 Centre Street West (Item 5.3);
- d) Delegation by Rosanna Punit, Evans Planning Inc., regarding the Notice of Intent to Demolish Garage at 34 Roseview Avenue (Item 5.4).

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. Adoption of Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-24 held February 15, 2024

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#02-24 held February 15, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

5. Delegation(s)

5.1 Rosanna Punit, Evans Planning Inc., regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 18 Arnold Crescent - (refer to Item 6.1)

Rosanna Punit, Evans Planning Inc., on behalf of the property owner, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 18 Arnold Crescent. She advised that her client received the letter in the mail from the City advising of the intention to designate their property and that she would like additional time to discuss the proposed designation with her client. R. Punit further advised that she would like to meet with staff to

obtain additional information, including their options and the difference between a property being listed versus designated, so that they had a better understanding of the process as it moved forward.

5.2 Marina Van Halteren, 90 Centre Street East, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 90 Centre Street East - (refer to Item 6.2)

Marina Van Halteren, 90 Centre Street East, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate her property located at 90 Centre Street East. She relayed how long their family has lived in Richmond Hill and in their home and advised of the addition they put on in 1999 which received an award from the Town for maintaining the character of the house. She requested that the proposed heritage designation not be applied to 90 Centre Street East as there were very few original features left on the structure that would merit cultural heritage significance, advising that the majority of the features were the result of renovations they had undertaken to preserve the look and historical feel of the home. M. Van Halteren also expressed her concerns with the potential restrictions and negative financial impacts that would result if their home was designated.

5.3 Liz Bick, 39 Centre Street West, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 37 and 39 Centre Street West - (refer to Item 6.4)

Liz Bick, owner of 37 and 39 Centre Street West, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate her properties located at 37 and 39 Centre Street West. She shared historical information regarding the properties and how long their family has lived there, noting that it was their intent to preserve the homes and hand them down to future generations of their family. She further advised that many of the original historical features of the homes had been replaced and no longer exist. L. Bick expressed her concerns with the potential difficulties that would result if their homes were designated and advised that they were not in favour of the 37 and 39 Centre Street West being designated.

5.4 Rosanna Punit, Evans Planning Inc., regarding the Notice of Intent to Demolish Garage at 34 Roseview Avenue - (refer to Item 6.11)

Rosanna Punit, Evans Planning Inc., on behalf of the property owner, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intent to Demolish the Garage at 34 Roseview Avenue. She provided additional details regarding the site location and advised that a severance of the property had recently been approved with one of the conditions being the

demolition of the framed garage. R. Punit clarified that the only matter being considered in the staff report was the demolition of the garage which was not considered a significant building within the Heritage Evaluation submitted to the City for 34 Roseview Avenue, and that once approved, they would continue to fulfill the remaining consent conditions for the property.

6. Scheduled Business

Committee consented to separate Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.11 for discussion.

On a motion of B. Maher-Erwin, Committee adopted unanimously those items not identified for separate discussion.

6.1 SRPBS.24.009 - Notice of Intention to Designate 18 Arnold Crescent - City File D12-07001

It was acknowledged that the request by the delegate for additional time to address the proposed designation of 18 Arnold Crescent with her client, as well as with staff, was fair and that there was time for further discussion as the recommendations from today's Heritage Richmond Hill meeting would be going to the March 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, followed by the March 27, 2024 Council meeting for consideration.

Moved by: A. Parr

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.009 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 18 Arnold Crescent be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 18 Arnold Crescent under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 18 Arnold Crescent included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.009;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 SRPBS.24.019 - Notice of Intention to Designate 90 Centre Street East - City File D12-07097

Committee members discussed the concerns raised by the delegate that there would be negative impacts to the homeowner as a result of designating 90 Centre Street West, specific to the real estate value of the property and any legislative restrictions regarding renovations to the home.

Further discussion ensued regarding the authenticity of the heritage attributes of the subject property as listed in the staff report and appendix, the process and timeframe leading up to the designation by-law being adopted by Council, the general process that would be undertaken by a homeowner of a designated property to repair or renovate their home, whether there were specific property standards for a designated property within the municipality to be upheld by the owner, and the opportunity for homeowners of a designated property to apply to the Heritage Grant Program for financial assistance.

Staff provided information and clarification in response to the questions and concerns identified by the delegate and Committee members related to the Notice of Intention to Designate 90 Centre Street East, and elaborated on the work that has been undertaken by staff to identify properties intended for designation in response to the Province's Bill 23 and the associated timelines. Staff provided additional information regarding the City of Richmond Hill's Heritage Grant Program and reiterated that they were available to assist the homeowners with the designation process and answer any questions.

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.019 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 90 Centre Street East be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 90 Centre Street East under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the

Statement of Significance: 90 Centre Street East included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.019;

- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 SRPBS.24.020 - Notice of Intention to Designate 11 Centre Street West - City File D12-07103

Moved by:

B. Maher-Erwin

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.020 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 11 Centre Street West be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 11 Centre Street West under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 11 Centre Street West included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.020;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.4 SRPBS.24.021 - Notice of Intention to Designate 37 and 39 Centre Street West - City File D12-07108

Committee members acknowledged the delegate and the request that her properties located at 37 and 39 Centre Street West not be designated; encouraged her and all of the property owners that were advised of the intention to designate their homes under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to reach out to staff for further discussion and with any questions that they may have so as to learn more about the process; and reiterated that the recommendations from today's Heritage Richmond Hill meeting would be going to the March 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, followed by the March 27, 2024 Council meeting for consideration, should they wish to appear as a delegation at those meetings.

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.021 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 37 and 39 Centre Street West be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the properties at 37 and 39 Centre Street West under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 37 and 39 Centre Street West included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.021;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.5 SRPBS.24.022 - Notice of Intention to Designate 13076 Leslie Street - City File D12-07289

An inquiry was made regarding the style and current state of the house located at 13076 Leslie Street. Staff confirmed the architectural details of the home, its location and surrounding landscape, and why they sought

designation of the property, as detailed in the staff report and appendix. Staff also advised that they have had discussions with the owner regarding the redevelopment and fixing up of the property.

Moved by: T. Cheng

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.022 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 13076 Leslie Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 13076 Leslie Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 13076 Leslie Street included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.022;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.6 SRPBS.24.023 - Notice of Intention to Designate 32 Richmond Street - City File D12-07354

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.023 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 32 Richmond Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 32 Richmond Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 32 Richmond Street included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.023;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.7 SRPBS.24.024 - Notice of Intention to Designate 42 Richmond Street - City File D12-07356

Moved by:

B. Maher-Erwin

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.024 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 42 Richmond Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 42 Richmond Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 42 Richmond Street included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.024;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.8 SRPBS.24.025 - Notice of Intention to Designate 111 Richmond Street - City File D12-07365

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.025 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 111 Richmond Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 111 Richmond Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 111 Richmond Street included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.025;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.9 SRPBS.24.026 - Notice of Intention to Designate 124 Richmond Street - City File D12-07368

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.026 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 124 Richmond Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 124 Richmond Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 124 Richmond Street included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.026;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that Staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.10 SRPBS.24.027 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10350 Yonge Street - City File D12-07476

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.027 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10350 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10350 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 10350 Yonge Street included as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.027;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.11 SRPBS.24.035 - Notice of Intent to Demolish Garage at 34 Roseview Avenue - City File D12-07380

Committee members acknowledged the delegate and extended their thanks to the applicant for submitting the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for 34 Roseview Avenue.

General discussion ensued regarding the responsibility of a property owner whose home has been designated versus one whose property has not, and the importance of preserving heritage while taking into consideration the impact heritage designation has on the homeowner.

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.035 regarding Notice of Intent to Demolish Garage at 34 Roseview Avenue be received;
- b) That the frame garage at 34 Roseview Avenue does not merit cultural heritage designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and consequently, that the owner's request to demolish proceed through the applicable permit process.

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.